

FIFE COUNCIL

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Civic Business Bulletin

10th Scottish Empty Homes Awards

Congratulations to Joanne Saurin for winning the 'outstanding individual' award at the 10th Scottish Empty Homes. Joanne, Housing Professional in the Private Sector Team, has been bringing empty homes back into housing use across Fife since 2014. Her successes with voluntary sector partners in Glenrothes and through the 'matchmaker' scheme were recognised during the ceremony.

Chartered Institute of Housing's Scotland Awards

Fife Council's Housing Team won Team of the Year at the Chartered Institute of Housing's Scotland Awards recently. This is the first time we have won a CIH Award. The award was for the Covid response to managing housing access and homelessness services working in conjunction with Building Services and Business Support.

Marsh Awards Nomination

The Inverkeithing Heritage programme's Burgh Survey work, supported by the Town Centre Development Unit, Planning, Fife Historic Buildings Trust and Communities & Neighbourhoods, was nominated for the Marsh Awards, recognising excellence in community archaeology projects. In the paid support category, one of only two this year, the project was in a shortlist of only 3, and the only Scottish project. At the Council for British Archaeology AGM yesterday, the project was Highly Commended by the CBA judges (the runner up award).

Scottish Photography Awards

Congratulations to Ben Marshall, a modern apprentice Youth Worker who was chosen for the Young Photographer of the Year award at this year's Scottish Portrait Awards. He also won the UK-wide Wex student Photographer of the year while he was studying at Dundee and Angus college for a Diploma in Creative and Digital Media as part of his Modern Apprenticeship with Fife Council .