

Pub is ale and arty after winning design accolade

A THREE-year project to restore and extend an arts and crafts pub in Prestonpans has been rewarded with a design award from the Campaign for Real Ale.

The Prestoungrange Gothenburg was the winner in the Conservation category of the Pub Design Awards.

The pub was one of many Gothenburgs built in the early 1900s as part of a unique social experiment in temperance.

The philanthropists responsible wanted to create a place of beauty for the local miners where, although alcohol was available, soft drinks and food were actively promoted and families encouraged.

Although the Prestoungrange Goth had gradually become run down and eventually closed for several years, it retained many of its original features when it was bought by Baron and Lady Prestoungrange in 2001. Over the next three years, it was meticulously restored and also extended to provide modern kitchen facilities, flexible function suites and its own microbrewery.

The latest award comes weeks after it was awarded the "Best New Enterprise" accolade at the East Lothian Business Awards 2005.

Anne Taylor, of the Prestoungrange Gothenburg, said: "The Camra award is a fantastic endorsement of the hard work of everyone involved in the re-birth of the Goth.

"It's been a team effort all the way. The old Goth used to be a real hub of the community here in Prestonpans and the brilliant thing is that since it reopened in 2004, the new Gothenburg has quickly become the same.

"We are providing something unique for the local community."

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Pub revamp best bar none in UK design awards

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Philanthropists wanted to create a place of beauty for the local miners where, although alcohol was available, soft drinks and food were actively promoted and families encouraged. In this way it was hoped that the worst excesses of alcohol abuse could be reduced.

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The judging panel, which included Steven Parissien, Dean of Arts and Professor of Architectural History at the University of Plymouth, said: "Here is a pub which celebrates, not hides, its colourful history and which makes excellent use of its unusual floor plan. The differing bars, each with their own sense of tradition, have been admirably restored."

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Pub is toast of real ale group

A PUB which has retained most of its original features has won a top heritage award.

The Prestoungrange Gothenberg, which was built in 1908, has won the Campaign for real Ale (Camra) award for Heritage Conservation. The Prestonpans pub is one of only three surviving "Gothenburg" pubs, which were created to tackle alcohol abuse by limiting the amount people are allowed to drink.

A Camra spokesman said: "Here is a pub which celebrates its colourful history, and makes excellent use of its unusual floor plan. Congratulations to Steve Larcombe of Purple Design for a gutsy conservation success."

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