



Poundstock Gildhouse wins award



On 1st June at a prestigious ceremony in Lisbon with Placido Domingo in attendance it was announced that Poundstock Gildhouse has won a Grand Prix in the Conservation category of the Europa Nostra Cultural Heritage Awards for 2012.

This follows on from the announcement on 20th March that the Gildhouse had been selected as one of 16 laureate winners of the 2012 European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage /Europa Nostra Awards.

The Europa Nostra awards celebrate excellence in cultural heritage conservation, ranging from the

restoration of buildings and their adaptation to new uses, to urban and rural landscape rehabilitation, archaeological site interpretations, and care for art collections. At the announcement, Androulla Vassiliou, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, said

"Europe's cultural heritage is unique in the world. The European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage highlights excellence in conservation, research, education, training and awareness raising, as well as dedicated service by individuals and groups. I would like to warmly congratulate this year's winners for reminding us of our wonderfully rich and varied heritage that we should never take for granted. It is in our trust for future generations,"

In awarding the laureate to the Gildhouse the Jury said "Among the many sophisticated and palatial projects they were invited to consider, the Jury were excited to discover this modest but meticulously restored example of the vernacular.....The Jury expressed unqualified admiration for the traditional techniques adopted in giving the cob walls, windows and timber-cruck roof a renewed lease of life."



For more details of the Europa Nostra award for the Gildhouse see their website at www.europanostra.org

More details of Poundstock Gildhouse can be found at www.poundstockgildhouse.co.uk

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