

CPRE Kent Historic Buildings Committee Report - October 2018

KHBC was pleased to partner Kent School of Architecture for the Gravett Award for Architectural drawing. The judging panel, chaired by Ptolemy Dean, made the award to Jake Obichere.

The committee has participated in a campaign to save from demolition Hextable Heritage Centre, the former botany laboratory of Swanley Horticultural College, which was the first institution in England to admit women horticultural students. The College was taken over by Wye College after the Second World War, and the botany laboratory is the only surviving college building.

The committee visited Queen Court at Ospringe, an outstanding Wealden house with fine barns and outbuildings, largely unmodernised and with much deferred maintenance required to the structure and fabric. The house is empty after the ending of an agricultural tenancy, and it is possible that developments will be proposed on the site. The committee will monitor the situation.