

Top Award for Aber Property Developers

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A property developer which is headed by an Abergavenny couple has collected a top international architecture award for an environmentally friendly residential property scheme underway in Murcia, Spain.

Harrial Group, headed by Linda and Andrew Jones (pictured above), has won the prestigious Best Architecture (Single Development) category in the 2005 Bentley International Property Awards – one of Europe's most important residential property competitions.

Linda and Andrew Jones collected the award at a glittering dinner at London's Grosvenor House Hotel in front of several hundred industry leaders and representatives of the Spanish region where their latest development is taking place.

Harrial, which has extensive experience of development in the Spanish property market recently began its most ambitious project to date, Las Torrentas, a 150 home development in the Spanish countryside town of Calasparra.

The Mayor of Calasparra, Jesus Navarro Jimenez, was present at the awards and later visited South Wales as a guest of Linda and Andrew Jones, where he also held talks with Abergavenny Town Council with a view to establishing a new twinning relationship between the Spanish and Welsh towns.

Linda Jones said, "It was a fantastic honour to have our scheme named for its architectural standard, of which we are extremely proud.

"This is a major new development for Harrial Group and this award reinforces our reputation as a developer that puts design and high standards at the forefront of our work.

"It was also an honour for us to have the Mayor of Calasparra with us, who has been a great supporter of our efforts.

"His meetings in Abergavenny went extremely well and we hope will help forge a new relationship between these two very beautiful communities."