



# Icklesham Joinery refurbishment of Georgian Gem wins technical award

The UK joinery industry's highest technical award was announced at the annual dinner of the British Woodworking Federation (BWF) at Lord's Cricket Ground last Friday, and presented to Icklesham Joinery for its outstanding renovation of the

Robert Adam designed RSA House off the Strand in London.

Family-owned Icklesham Joinery in East Sussex was tasked with supplying the specialist joinery items for the House's refurbishment including air conditioning unit housings, fire-rated doorsets and shutters, roof lantern mouldings, oak wall panelling, oak speaker enclosure units, cloakroom storage and the double entrance doors into the Great Room which also had to incorporate a hidden projector.

Marc Horsman, Contracts Manager, Ross Horsman, Purchasing Manager, and Joint MDs Robert and Jim Horsman, collected the award trophy from Wendy Trott, MD of Timbmet which sponsored this year's award.

Marc Horsman said:

"This award is an absolute honour, and testament to the whole workforce at Icklesham Joinery.

The project was technically very demanding. We had to deliver a wide range of specialist items using modern materials to meet all today's rigorous fire safety requirements, while remaining entirely sympathetic to the original building. It is actually four separate houses linked together, not just one, so we needed to get a consistent appearance and continuity of detailing throughout.

"Contemporary solutions had to be found to the client's exacting specification. It has been challenging in terms of innovation, client satisfaction and attention to detail, but worth every minute. We are very proud to be part of this great house's heritage." Iain McIlwee, Chief Executive of the BWF, commented:

"The risks associated with this project were very high. Icklesham's designers and tradesmen made what could have been a complete mismatch, look and fit together enhancing the elegance and grandeur of the building. To work with a demanding architect and main contractor to achieve such an innovative outcome calls for all-round good management, excellent technical skills and individual craftsmanship."