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Richard Zinzan of ARCH-angels architects reflects on a successful 2013

How, it's been a busy old year. Twelve months ago we were just at the beginning of our *Latest Home* journey and now it's already time to recap the year's events as this is our last column for 2013. It's fair to say there's been a few surprises, interspersed with a handful of trade shows, the chance to meet some great Brighton businesses and a few exciting new clients to boot – can't complain!

This summing-up is also timely as it gives us a chance to blow our own trumpet. Regular readers will know by now that shouting from the rooftops is not our style but, heck, let's sign off on a high note. We're delighted to announce our recent nomination for four awards.

We're really proud of where we work and live, so it's a great honour to be nominated for two Sussex Business Awards: Entrepreneur of the Year and Small Business of the Year. To be recognised alongside a host of excellent local businesses is more than we expected, but to also be acknowledged on the national stage is the icing on the cake for our hardworking team.

It certainly came as a surprise when the news broke that we'd been shortlisted for the Self Build Architect award at the Build It Awards and in the Building of the Future' category in the ACUMEN Commercial Property Awards.

We've covered some pretty broad topics in the last year, addressing key issues in the trade, whilst striving to be as educational and client focused as possible. We've tried to dispel a few myths about what us architects are really like too. We're a friendly bunch and our aim is to make architecture and design as accessible as possible to those you who love their homes as much as we do and want to make them better.

You might have guessed it already, but eco building is a bit of a passion of ours and over the last year we've covered a fair few of the most pressing issues in green building, from Low Energy Building and Permaculture to sustainable insulation.

The legal side of things can be a minefield at the best of times so we hope our discussions on Permanent Development (building without planning permission) and replacement dwellings offered some insight into how best to approach your own build. Whilst we're happy to talk all day about these topics, and numerous others close to our heart, a column is only so long.

Remember, if you want to refresh your minds – perhaps you're passionate about low energy buildings and want to go over the finer points – all of our columns are available online. If you'd prefer to chat in person, give us a call or pop by and see us anytime. Ciao for now!



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ARCH-angels Architects has been shortlisted for the following awards:

Best Self Build Architect, Build It Awards 2013

<http://www.builditawards.co.uk/default.html>

Entrepreneur of the Year, Sussex Business Awards 2013

http://www.sbawards.org.uk/?page_id=12

Small Business of the Year, Sussex Business Awards 2013

http://www.sbawards.org.uk/?page_id=12

Building of the Future ACUMEN Commercial Property Awards

<http://acumenbusinesslaw.co.uk/ACUMEN-Commercial-Property-Awards>

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