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## **DREADNOUGHT TILES WIN BEST SELF BUILD CLAY ROOF AT 2006 CLAY ROOFING AWARDS**

Dreadnought Tiles dominates the best "Self Build Clay Roof" category at the "2006 Clay Roofing Awards" held in London on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, with their Staffordshire Blue plain clay tile. A stunning property in Branksome Park Poole, took first prize with second place going to a property in Bedworth entirely built by the owners, both houses were tiled with Dreadnought Staffordshire Blue "natural" plain clay roof tiles.

Seen as the "Oscars of the Clay Roofing Industry" this prestigious award demonstrates the quality and value imparted to a building with plain clay tiles. Richard Davenhill Managing Director of Dreadnought Tiles commented, "We are delighted to have won this category as it reflects Dreadnought's commitment to the Self Build market. The winning roof is a fantastic showcase for what we do best". The roof on the Branksome Park property incorporates extensive detail and special features, as the Owners were keen to break up large expanses of roof and create visual interest for their substantial property.

What makes this house so special are the special roofing features which also serve to clearly demonstrate the versatility of plain tiles and how different roofing detail can be seamlessly incorporated together. The roof mixes the staggered outline of the bonnet hips with the gentle curves of a nine course sprocket and introduces a variety of pitches (between 40° and 60°). Contributing to produce this distinctive and elegant style there are also two octagonal sections with bonnet hips, dormer windows, ornamental banding and hidden gutters.

The house is built in a conservation area and the planners there were extremely strict about the choice of external materials. Blue Plain Tiles are enduringly popular in Dorset and the South Coast and on this property, they compliment the mixed shades of the multi-coloured brickwork. Speaking of the roof the Owner said "I have been developing property for 30 years and this is the first time I have used clay tiles. As I was planning to live there myself, I wanted to use the best"!

Charlie Luxton, architectural designer and presenter of BBC2's "Restored to Glory" observed that "these awards demonstrate how a well designed and laid roof, featuring good quality materials can have a major impact on how a building looks and its surrounding environment."

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