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### CORK COUNTY PROJECTS SCOOP TOP AWARDS

Two county Cork projects came second and third in the **RIA** People's Choice Award 2016, announced yesterday. Hollyhill Library and Mallow Urban Heritage Masterplan took second and third place respectively and Public Space & Sculpture, Westport, designed by its Town Architect, Simon Wall, took the top prize in the award, the result of an online vote.

Hollyhill Library, designed by Cork City Council's Architect's department came second in a field of 180 entries, the longest-ever list in the history of the open-vote accolade.

The building, which comprises 887 square metres, was designed by the City Architect's office team led by Kevin Cullen and Neil Purkiss, and opened to the public in July of last year at a cost of €4.1 million. The Lightwell— a feature of the building, has wide-ranging views over the city and is one of a number of community spaces available to hire by the public. Mallow's Thomas Davis Square, (Phase 1), designed by architect, Giulia Vallone and Cork County Council Architects Department, came third. Giulia Vallone also led the design team that scooped a number of awards for the re-design of Emmet Square in Clonakilty in 2014 — including a People's Choice award.

Considering the strong field and the number of entries from all over the country and internationally, Cork City Council and Cork County Council have demonstrated a strong commitment to quality architecture in their projects.

