

Bernard Dickinson and award winning Hill House – perfectly connected.



Bernard Dickinson – the leading Bang & Olufsen Dealer in the North West, has recently completed a unique project, incorporating multi room entertainment and home cinema, as well as automated lighting, curtain and blinds control systems, within the extensive refurbishment and development of Hill House in Preston. The property has since won the Best Redesigned House of the year, voted by the public on Channel 4's highly acclaimed, Grand Designs programme.

The house built in 1956 was designed by pioneering Preston born Architect, Sir George Grenfell - Baines. When the current

owners David and Brenda Taylor decided to update, they were adamant that the building particularly its facade should be retained whilst the interior required a total redesign to create a luxury, open plan modern living space. They commissioned Preston based Architects – Frank Whittle Partnership.

The couple were already Bang & Olufsen devotees, enjoying B&O audiovisual entertainment in various areas of their home. They now decided to take this opportunity to link and extend their pleasure, throughout the entire property.

Bang & Olufsen's Beolink system was the ideal choice for an audiovisual system throughout the whole house. It provided seamless operation at each source and allowed for the integration of existing B&O equipment within the scheme. Bang & Olufsen's Beoliving room created a stunning home cinema, which Bernard Dickinson, cleverly integrated, within an everyday living area, not a separate dedicated room. Based around the architects and interior designer's plans, Bernard Dickinson also specified an automation control solution which effectively provides remote touch access control of all interior and exterior lighting, as well as all blinds and curtains. Hi-Tech Lutron HomeWorks is at the heart of the system.

Partner John Dickinson, oversaw the Hill House project. He says:

'This was an excellent opportunity for us to provide guidance and to demonstrate our strengths and knowledge, not just of Bang & Olufsen but also about connectivity and automation. For a period of 18 months, we worked closely with the architects, the interior designer and the on site electricians and craftsmen. We were delighted with the results. The Channel 4 Grand Designs award, says it all. I know our clients plus all involved on the project are justly proud of the achievement'.

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