

THE SPIRIT OF SPAN HOUSING

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span built thirty housing estates between 1948 and 1984. The estates have received a quiet, but constant, stream of appreciation; a steady flow of magazine and newspaper articles and television programmes to express an ongoing interest.

The estates were designed by the architect Eric Lyons and built, speculatively, by span Developments.

The estates won 11 Housing Design Awards (sponsored by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, and the Royal Institute of British Architects) and 7 Civic Trust Awards.

This small book aims to capture the spirit of span housing. It explores the architecture and landscape of the houses, the social benefits and sense of community in the span estates, and the legal arrangements that made it possible.

This book schedules all the span estates and concentrates on one site, Fieldend, Twickenham, for full details of the houses, landscape and residents of a typical span community.



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