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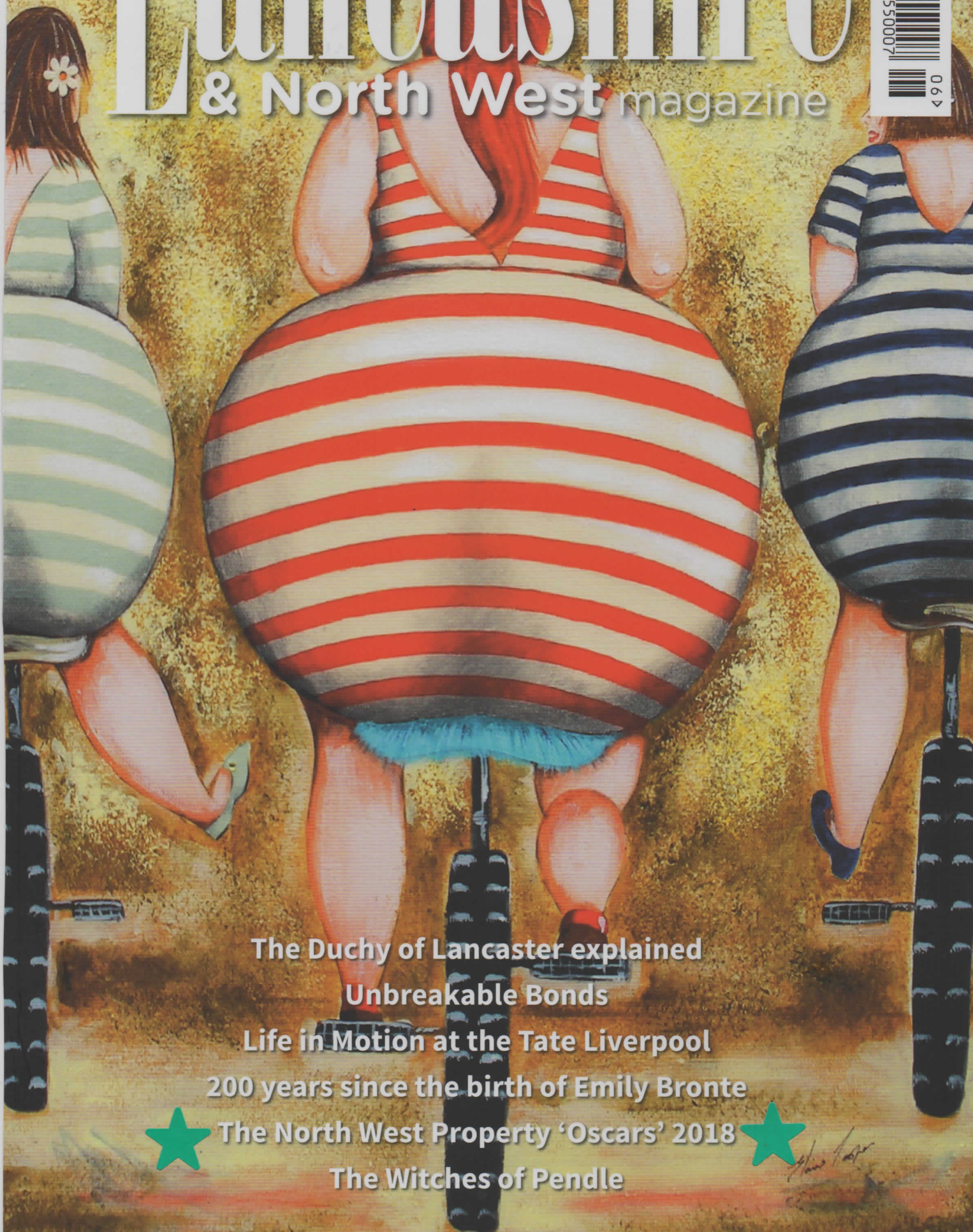
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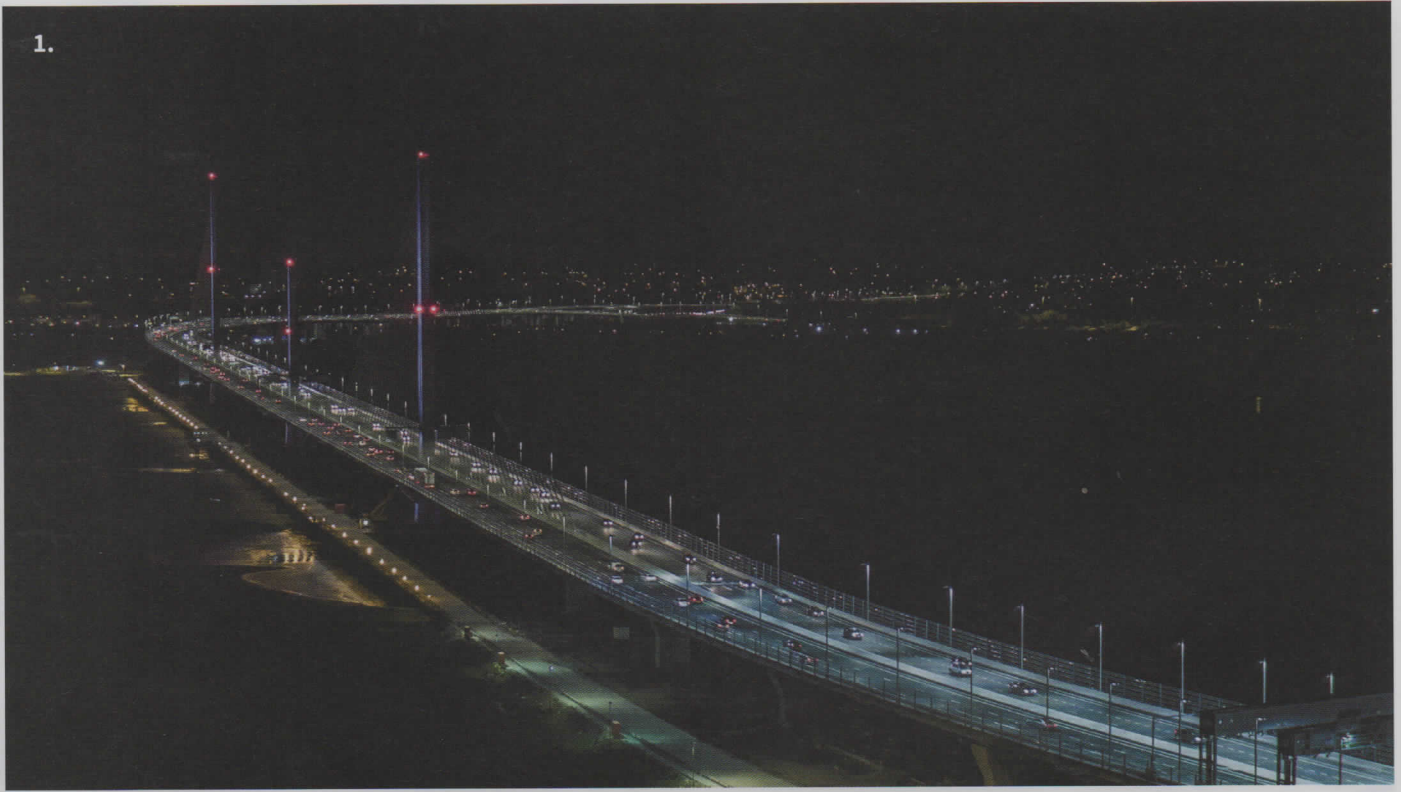
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# The North West's Property 'Oscars' 2018

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Nearly 50 of the North West's most impressive property schemes which benefit the community have battled it out for top awards which were presented at a glittering event in Manchester's Principal Hotel on the 27th April. The annual awards by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors celebrate and reward inspirational initiatives in the region's land, property and construction sectors across eight categories. The event was hosted by the BBC's Clive Myrie in front of a sold-out audience. The following were the winners in each of the categories. They are illustrated by the numbered pictures:

1. The 'North West Project of the Year' and winner in the infrastructure category: The Mersey Gateway Project, Widnes

2. Building Conservation Winner: The Moor Hall Restaurant & Rooms, Ormskirk

3. Commercial Category Winner: The Stockport Exchange, Stockport

4. Winner of the Community Benefit Award: The Sunbeam Music Centre, Penrith

5. This picture provides a revealing

internal view of the Sunbeam Music Centre

6. The Design through Innovation Winner is the Materials Innovation Factory, Liverpool

7. Winner in the Regeneration Category: The Space Studios, Manchester

8. The Residential Category Winner is Timekeepers Square, Salford

9. The Tourism & Leisure Award went to Galloways, Morecambe

The highly acclaimed 'North West Project of the Year' accolade is presented to the category winner which demonstrates overall outstanding best practice and an outstanding commitment to adding value to its local area. This title went to the £1.86 billion Mersey Gateway Project which also won the infrastructure award on the night. The project's new six-lane toll bridge over the Mersey in Halton and hugely upgrades the area's highway network has removed a notorious traffic bottleneck in the region. The economic benefits are estimated to be four times greater than the initial cost of the project.

The chair of the judging panel was Will Rees who is a director at chartered surveyors Rees Straw. He commented "The Mersey Gateway is so much more than a bridge; it is a unique green project that has set a new benchmark for sustainable construction. Its Mersey Gateway Environmental Trust will create a nature reserve around the bridge and help fund other environmental initiatives in the area in the next 30 years."

All category winners go on to compete against other regional winners for national awards at the RICS Awards Grand Final in London in November.



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