



# AUTUMN WINTER 2018 E-NEWSLETTER

# ARCHITECTS

## PLUS



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**PRACTICE** This year the practice received several LABC Building Excellence Awards, obtaining the accolade of Regional Winner for Linstock Barn, Cumbria and Regional Finalist for both The Lodge at Solent Hotel, Southampton and Houghton C of E Primary School Extension, Carlisle. In April, the entire office visited the City of Amsterdam for a weekend tour. The weather was lovely and warm and encouraged the staff to visit some of the most recently built contemporary architecture alongside some of Amsterdam's most famous historic buildings and artwork. On the 13th August the practice celebrated 30 years in business. To help celebrate this achievement the website has been updated and enhanced. If you haven't visited our website recently we invite you to do so! As 2018 draws to a close we have chosen not to send Christmas Cards and instead made donations to some of our local charities. We wish you a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year!

**RESIDENTIAL** The practice has recently completed a new build private house for a local ecologist who was keen to ensure that sustainable design principles were adopted for the approach to the design. The completed result is a home that not only achieves a very high level of energy efficiency but is built with a focus on locally sourced natural materials. As qualified SAP Energy Assessors, the practice were able to simulate various options to find the optimal energy efficient solution. The construction comprised a timber frame including use of green oak, natural woodfibre insulation, lime render, lime plaster, natural slate, natural stone with locally made timber windows and doors. The technologies included a bio-mass wood chip boiler alongside photovoltaic solar panels.



▲ *Bluebell House, a new eco-sustainable home.*



▲ *Proposed Offices, for DSD Construction*

**COMMERCIAL** The practice has been working with contractors to build a series of new industrial business units on the new business park at Kingmoor Park, Carlisle. This included Units N and R at Kingmoor Central for speculative letting purposes, alongside Unit K at Kingmoor North for DSD Construction. These are the latest projects that Architects Plus have undertaken with Kingmoor Park Properties throughout their 12 year association, which numbers in excess of 130 individual commissions. On other commercial sites, Architects Plus have successfully secured Planning Approval for a new rubber compound mixing extension to the Pirelli Factory in Carlisle. This is helping to ensure investment in the roll out of new tyre manufacturing technology whilst opening up new possibilities in tyre design as the global shift continues toward new hybrid and electric vehicles. In other manufacturing news, the practice are continuing to work with Bells of Lazonby at their Edenholme Bakery site. We have recently helped them design and construct a new workshop with a separate staff canteen facility. The next phase on the site will include the creation of an extension to their existing gluten free factory.



▲ LABC Building Excellence Award Winner, Linstock Barn, Linstock.

Architects Plus has also been working to build a new Veterinary Practice in Carlisle for Craig Robinson Vets. The building will include a state of the art small animal operating theatre with associated spaces and a welcoming reception area linked to a series of consultation rooms. The building will also include separate residential accommodation which will enable the practice to provide 24 hour staff cover for the animals in care.



▲ Acoustic ceiling panels, Houghton School.



▲ LABC Finalist, Houghton School, Carlisle.

## EDUCATION

The practice recently oversaw the design and construction of two additional classrooms which opened for the Autumn term at Kingmoor Junior School, Carlisle. Local contractor, Lambert-Gill Limited, worked tirelessly over the 6 week school holiday to ensure the project was completed on time. The practice has also been working as Client Advisor for Cumbria County Council on a Design and Build Contract for the new 80 place Sandside Lodge Special Educational Needs School in Ulverston, Cumbria. This was based on earlier work by the practice to establish the brief and produce the feasibility study. The County Council chose a design and build procurement route with Seddon Construction as main contractor to complete the project. The building works are expected to be complete for July 2019 when it is anticipated the School will be ready to open in September. A soft transition is planned for the pupils to allow them to gradually become accustomed to their new school surroundings.



▲ New Classroom, Kingmoor School, Carlisle.



▲ Indicative image for a new club house for The Rock Youth Project.

## COMMUNITY

The practice recently obtained Planning Approval for a replacement club house for The Rock Youth Project. The established youth club has aspirations to provide quality youth work to meet the needs of local children and young people in the Currock and Upperby areas of Carlisle. The proposals include demolition of the existing dilapidated club huts ready to receive a series of modular 'containers' to be positioned on the site. The spaces will include new offices, activity spaces and teaching kitchen. It is hoped the success of the Planning Approval will help raise the profile to achieve the fundraising goals.