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Latest News



Contemporary restoration transforms highland farmhouse

Moxon Architects has breathed new life into Coldrach, a formerly derelict farmhouse in the Cairngorms National Park in the Scottish Highlands.

Situated at Craithie in the Lochnagar National Scenic Area, Coldrach is an 18-century farmhouse that has been sensitively restored as a private home with an extension that draws on the ad-hoc tin shed typology of farm buildings. Moxon strove to evoke the charm and simplicity of the 'but and ben' cottages typical of the Highlands whilst creating a flexible family home.

As part of the regeneration, the granite farmhouse has been restored using traditional craft techniques. A low-impact extension is positioned to the rear of the existing building, minimising impact on the topography of the site. The addition creates a 'U' form plan similar to that of vernacular steadings in the area. This gives a sheltered external space between the original farmhouse and the extension which acts as a micro-climate in the otherwise exposed site.

The extension is nestled slightly below ground level, giving it a natural relationship with the surrounding landscape. Replicating the volume of the existing farmhouse, the 120sqm addition is connected to the original by a low-slung link volume with a fully planted meadow roof. The new is connected to the old by a frameless band of glass, with the remainder of the addition clad in untreated European larch and finished in red-oxide corrugated metal sheets. The sinuous profile of the sheeting is used in horizontal and vertical directions to distinguish between fixed and moving panels – fifty percent of the courtyard wall area can be opened up. The result aims to not only reflect the austerity of the existing granite architecture but also continue the use of vernacular materials – honest and elementary.

The extension's larger windows help take in views of the surrounding summit of the mountain of Lochnagar and its sliding doors allow the home to open onto the courtyard.



Derelict windmill is transformed into a cutting-edge and carbon negative contemporary home

A ruined 19th century windmill in Cambridgeshire has been given a smart eco-makeover with the help of efficiency specialists Eco Installer.

The Grade II listed Tower Mill in Little Downham, had fallen into disrepair, with no sails, windows or cap, but has now been sympathetically developed into a stylish and modern eco-friendly home while retaining the beauty of its wind-powered past.

The team at Eco Installer worked hand-in-hand with Freeman Bear Architects who developed the initial design and details such as a glazed viewing area and mezzanine which provide uninterrupted views over the surrounding countryside and allows night-time observation of the big Fenland skies. As well as its architecturally-stunning exterior, it has been designed with energy efficiency at its core with a biomass boiler, rainwater harvesting system, and a mechanical ventilation system keeps the house warm in the winter and cool in the summer and re-uses up to 95% of the heat that would have otherwise have been lost.

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"Its 10-kilowatt photo-voltaic roof panels – which charge a state-of-the-art storage battery system – triple-glazed windows and heavily insulated walls all increase the mill's energy efficiency and prevent unnecessary waste."

The mill's owner Henry Martin said: "I was keen to invest in various renewable technologies to produce a property with the lowest possible carbon, running and maintenance costs. The team at Eco Installer really exceeded themselves. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend them for future work and have every intention of using them to help build my daughter's house."

Architect Judith Breen said: "We worked closely with Henry – and Eco Installer, who are responsible for many of the clever, energy-saving installations at Tower Mill – to create the home of his dreams – an exciting, contemporary, comfortable house which costs little to run and which requires minimum maintenance."

Latest News

West London's Bush Theatre re-opens after a year-long major redevelopment by Haworth Tompkins Architects

The Bush Theatre reopens this week following the biggest capital project in the theatre's history. The £4.3million, year-long revitalisation of the venue by award-winning architects Haworth Tompkins has turned an old library built at the turn of the 20th Century into a fully accessible, modernised cultural building.

Haworth Tompkins' latest project at the Bush Theatre concludes the practice's gradual transformation of the former public library building for performance use. The scope of their most recent work included a new accessible entrance, establishing a more distinct public identity for the theatre, connecting the reconfigured interior spaces more directly to the street and garden terrace, and realising Artistic Director Madani Younis's vision of a porous building and a theatre that reflects and invites in the world around it.

The interior additions comprise enlarged foyer spaces, an attic rehearsal room, a new workshop, two dressing rooms, and a new performance studio, which will allow the Bush to work with a further 200 artists each year and allow over 50% increase in produced, co-produced and commissioned productions. The existing offices on the first floor have also been reconfigured and upgraded to rationalise the existing space.

The interior fit out is a collaboration between Haworth Tompkins, scenic designer Chiara Stephenson and the Bush Theatre in-house production team, continuing a pattern of shared authorship and informal intervention established during the original phase of work.

Steve Tompkins, Director of Haworth Tompkins said:

"Working with the Bush Theatre team over the past few years to make a welcoming, open-hearted theatre has been a real pleasure. We're looking forward to the building coming back to life as audiences, artists and staff make themselves at home again."

Madani Younis, Artistic Director of the Bush Theatre, said:

"Following this landmark capital project, we couldn't be more excited to re-open our building to the world. We're looking forward to welcoming audiences old and new to a space that has been the centre of its community for over 100 years. With the expansion and reconfiguration of our home, we are proud to embrace even more new voices who will breathe life into this remarkable building. They will define it for the next generation."



More than 80 new homes delivered in Regeneration Project

THE MUCH anticipated £13 million scheme to transform Leamington Spa's social housing offering is now complete, thanks to Pick Everard, BMS Architecture, Willmott Partnership Homes and Scape Group.



As the need for more high quality, sustainable homes for the over 55s increases, given an ageing population, the project was important in meeting the requirements of local residents in Leamington Spa.

Pick Everard project managed the scheme, delivering 81 quality new homes at the new Sayer Court, which replaced the previous 1960's building.

Work began onsite in May 2015 as Warwick District Council prepared to give its tenants energy efficient 'Lifetime Homes' – marking its first housing scheme in more than 30 years.

Adrian Coney, national director at property,

construction and infrastructure consultancy Pick Everard, said: "The previous development only had provision for 29 homes so the new Sayer Court has completely transformed the site and is already at full capacity."

"The modern complex – comprising 76 apartments and five bungalows – has been designed to complement the town, being located on one of the primary routes into and out of Leamington Spa.

"There was a collaborative approach to working which became particularly important when faced with issues on-site," said Adrian.

Pick Everard provided project management >>>

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110 Bespoke Terracotta Pieces Add Finishing Touches to Wigan Town Hall Restoration

As part of the Wigan Town Hall refurbishment, restoration specialists Darwen Terracotta and Faience have manufactured and supplied 110 replacement bespoke terracotta pieces.



Designed by local architects Hatfield and Cooke, the grade II listed Town Hall has been part of the street scene since 1867. It has now been restored to its former glory, with the new terracotta elements installed by expert restoration contractors Stone Central (NW) Ltd.

Extreme care was taken to achieve a close match to the surrounding pieces – even taking into account the effects of weathering and cleaning on the colour since the first installation. Close consideration was given to shrinkage during firing to achieve a precision fit.

pollution of the industrial revolution, it survives and we are able to reverse the damage of decades to breathe new life into the fabric."

Each of the 110 new pieces of terracotta replaces an original element and was hand-crafted and finished based on measurements and photographs taken of the original pieces. Extreme care was taken to achieve a close match to the surrounding pieces – even taking into account the effects of weathering and cleaning on the colour since the first installation. Close consideration was given to shrinkage during firing to achieve a precision fit.

Stone Central were responsible for dismantling the failed cladding and installation of the new pieces in addition to extensive re-pointing of the exterior and removal and re-laid of the wall copings. Work has been on-going for 18 months but with the scaffolding now removed the full glory of the restoration is revealed.

The Town Hall was first constructed at a cost of £12,000, equivalent to nearly £16 million today. Total refurbishment by main contractor IG has cost £5.9 million. This has included a remodeling and redecoration of internal areas to a master plan by architects Plus+, making the building fit to meet the demands of the 21st Century and able to provide service to the people of Wigan well into the future.



"Wigan Town Hall is an exceptional example of the use of terracotta during the Victorian period" explained Jon Wilson, a director at Darwen Terracotta. "Like so many buildings of the period the standard of construction and level of craftsmanship in the brick was exceptional and that is why, despite more than a century of intensive use and exposure to the severe

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'Heat Wave' with Vogue (UK)

A high quality and dynamic heating solution that can heat a room and dry towels is a rarity, but British Manufacturer of Towel Warmers and Radiators, Vogue (UK), has the perfect solution with its range of stylish design radiators and towel warmers.

Harmonique seen pictured is a contemporary double panel radiator designed into a popular multi-towel warmer. Featuring 25mm horizontal tubes, Harmonique allows the top half plenty of space for hanging and drying towels whilst the radiator is left to effectively heat your chosen interior space.

To give your customers a sense of personal style, as well as move away from the standard white finish, Harmonique's double panelled radiator can be finished in any RAL colour. Also available in a range of metallic finishes Harmonique is suited to any décor, interior or individual. Other colours are available for the radiator upon request, and a contemporary colour range is also at your fingertips.

Available in two heights of 1200mm or 1500mm and either a 500mm or 600mm width, Harmonique offers either 9 or 12 bars across the towel warmer section, whilst producing a high heat output of up to 4906 Btu/hr or 1438 Watts.

Looking for some curve appeal instead? An innovative way to bring design interest to a room is via Curve. Eliminating the hard straight lines synonymous with some contemporary heating design, Curve welcomes a subtle curved form through its beautifully crafted arched towel rails. Its organically styled horizontal towel rails are made possible by its Mild Steel construction: a flexible, durable material that is ideal for withstanding humid environments like the bathroom. Manufactured from the highest quality mild steel and finished in Chrome, both the Harmonique and Curve come with a 15 year manufacturer's guarantee to give you and your customer's increased product security. The Harmonique Towel Warmer by Vogue (UK) retails from £494



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including vat, with Curve starting from only £120 including vat. Bespoke designs are also available with Vogue (UK) allowing you to adapt and change the design of towel warmers and radiators. From joints and tubing, to valves and add on accessories like a towel bar Vogue (UK) continues to offer unique products, maintain excellent quality standards, give extreme attention to detail and produce 100% luxury British heating products that offer mass market appeal.

For further information on Vogue (UK) or any of its latest product collections, please contact 01902 387000, email info@voguelk.co.uk or visit www.voguelk.co.uk

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