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3/4 Le Marchant Street - Topping Out Ceremony

Construction of this prestigious office redevelopment reached an important milestone in early October with the completion of the new partly glazed roof structures. A traditional topping out ceremony was held to mark this important milestone in the construction of the building involving the construction and design team.

Martin Belcher, Chief Executive Officer, Heritage Group was given the responsibility of fixing the final slate.

The Russells

After being approached by Rotary International, Guernsey, Create organised and co-ordinated a construction team in order to provide The Russells Day Centre with much needed kitchen facilities.

The Russells functions as a day-care drop in centre providing hot meals, drinks and a place for people to meet and socialise.

As project Architects, Create co-ordinated a team of tradesmen all of whom provided labour and materials free of charge to create a spacious new kitchen for the W.R.V.S. Day Centre.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all involved in the project and are pleased to be providing continued support for the Centre.

latest news

Welcome to the Winter '07 Edition of our newsletter. Following our previous newsletter, we are proud to showcase some of our current projects that we have on site. The last few months has seen a number of projects now in the final stages of construction or nearing completion adding to our ever growing portfolio. We will also find out how James Barker - one of our directors - got to be where he is today.

welcome

Les Courtillets, Vale

With the installation of the green oak frame structure earlier this year, construction work on this innovative new extension is nearing completion with the installation of a glazed ridge, plain tiles to the roof and the external cedar cladding is now complete. (Internally the oak frame recently underwent grit blasting, which restored and cleaned up the timber). The underfloor heating and installation of the tiled floors is currently in progress with final fitting of the fixed glazing and sliding folding doors to be undertaken.



on site

Fire Station

After successfully being selected as Project Architects, we have worked closely with the States of Guernsey and Create's team of consultants to carefully plan the restoration of this listed building. The project carefully balances the need to maintain the historic elements, whilst ensuring the Fire Station can function properly now and in the future. The project involves the upgrade of the vehicle bays, provision of a watch station and office accommodation, renovation of the gym and general maintenance/renewal of the windows, guttering, etc.

The work to the vehicle bays will provide health and safety benefits to the fire service personnel.





La Bouvee, St. Martin's

This 'Victorianised' listed farmhouse previously had a large 1960s two-storey extension incorporating a first floor link and car port to the rear of the property. Our brief was to provide extended living facilities at ground floor level and a new master bedroom suite on the first floor. The design involved remodelling the original extension, adding new features such as a glazed gable and door access onto a small patio area. A small lean-to extension at the rear of the kitchen provides light and airy dining facilities with views down the landscaped garden.



La Bouvee





Kardemena

This small but effective extension provided an enlarged kitchen/dining area with ancillary utility and cloak room facilities as well as an ensuite bedroom. The new extension provides direct access onto the external terrace with views maintained to the rear garden.

Kardemena

From an early age James knew that he wanted to be an Architect, and shortly after completing his GCSEs decided to focus his studying with the aim of becoming a Chartered Architect. After completing his A-Level examinations in 1992 James went on to study Architecture at De Montfort University in Leicester, a seven year long course which included a total of five years studying, and two years practical 'office based' training in an Architectural practice. Most of James's colleagues secured training positions with practices across the UK, with most heading for the larger well-known offices in London, however despite being offered a position at Grimshaw & Partners in London (Waterloo International Terminal), James moved over to Guernsey and secured a position with a small local firm of Chartered Architects. It was here he worked and gained experience in Architecture for over 5 years until leaving to set up Create in 2004.

James reflects on the time spent at De Montfort University, a course which he found both interesting and stimulating. 'The course was great fun and I learnt a lot. We spent many a day (and night) working on design projects, building models, and using basic 3D CAD models to present our ideas to colleagues and lecturers, all of which gave me a very good foundation for my current role as Architect and Director'. The course also included numerous trips both within the UK and abroad including destinations such as Paris, Barcelona and Venice.

James has always been interested in Architecture and enjoys pushing the boundaries of design to get the most out of a client's brief. 'I enjoy meeting with clients and running the company. There is a lot to learn but as an Architect I am always keen to learn more in order to develop my career and build on

the success of the practice'. In response James has this year been enrolled on a Practice Management training course with a local Guernsey college, and has already made arrangements to attend a workshop next year organised by the RIBA.

James is a proud father of two young children and enjoys spending time with his family. Next year James will be getting married in August to his fiancée Corrina and is looking forward to married life and spending even more quality time with his family. In between work and family life, James also finds the time to pursue his new hobby of mountain biking and gets out regularly at the weekends for rides across the island.

staff profile

James Barker RIBA Director

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Design of alterations and extensions to existing buildings

Conversion and adaptation of historic and/or listed buildings

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