

ANNUAL REPORT

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Ainsley Gommon is a leading Chartered Practice of Architects, Registered Landscape Architects and Urban Designers with a focus on community projects, housing, education, healthcare buildings, master-planning and regeneration. The practice promotes collaborative working across all its areas of activity. Sustainability and environmental responsibility are at the heart of all we do in the design, detailing, construction and operation of our buildings and landscape designs.

Ainsley Gommon operates across the United Kingdom from offices in England and Wales. We combine services to meet the demands of larger projects while calling on areas of design specialism such as conservation, landscaping and master-planning. We continue to grow our skill base which already includes the services of Client Advisor, Principal Designer, Accredited SAP and Energy Performance Assessor and RIBA Conservation Architect.

We work proactively with our clients, fellow consultants and contractors to produce buildings, landscapes, reports and studies of high quality and to deliver projects on time and within budget. We are customer focused and regularly benchmark ourselves using RIBA Benchmarking as well as being independently audited on the quality of our services on a wide range of projects.

We operate a fully transparent and inclusive management system that involves our staff in the running of the practice. Our Investors in People accreditation supports our long term commitment to our practice succession plan and staff development. Continuous improvement, training and personal development are fundamental to Ainsley Gommon, as we believe they are essential to the future well being of our business.

Our programme of continued investment in Information Technology and Building Information Modelling (BIM) ensures we support our clients and construction partners using the most up to date design and presentation tools. Our long term commitment to BIM will enhance our collaborative working methods and the services we provide.

Cover photo: Late April 2016 we visited Glasgow for our annual away day to promote design awareness. The day began at The Lighthouse, Scotland's Centre for Design and Architecture, before moving on to Glasgow School of Art's recently opened Reid Building and culminated with a visit to Zaha Hadid's Riverside Museum of Transport. Our annual away day is part of the practice's ongoing programme of continued professional development.



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Achievements

- Apr 2016: Affordable housing scheme at Maelor Place, Ruabon won a Regional LABC Cymru Award for Building Excellence.
- June 2016: National Planning & Placemaking Award for phased sustainable redevelopment of brownfield land at Bromborough Pool, Wirral.
- Sep 2016: Deeside 6, Flintshire & Coleg Cambria's new Sixth Form Centre was officially opened by the First Minister of Wales, Carwyn Jones.
- Oct 2016: University Centre, a joint venture between Coleg Cambria & Swansea University, officially opened by Ken Skates AM, Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure.
- Nov 2016 Kingsley Road scheme for Housing People Building Communities & Sanctuary Housing wins Best Collective or Group Self Build Project in Build IT Awards 2016.

People

- Apr 2016: Staff enjoyed an annual office outing to Glasgow, including a tour of Glasgow School of Art's Reid Building & visiting Zaha Hadid's Riverside Transport Museum.
- May 2016: Director, Alf Plant achieved accreditation as an RIBA Conservation Architect.
- Aug 2016: Graduate Architectural Technologist, Richard Oldham and Part 1 Architectural Assistant, Alice Mellor joined the Hawarden office.
- Sep 2016: Staff wore denim for Jeans for Genes Day charity supporting children with life-altering genetic disorders.
- Nov 2016: Rachel Clegg got married to Tim, becoming Mrs Rachel McHale.
- Jan 2017: Rachel Johnston returned to work in the Birkenhead office after maternity leave.
- Apr 2017: Architects Sarah Davies and Gethin Jones promoted to Associates in the practice.

Projects: Over the last 12 months, we have continued to work on a broad range of projects. The following are just a few notable projects carried out over the past year:

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| <p>1 Work on site at The Laureates scheme in Cockermouth has continued to progress. The site is creating 221 new dwellings, ranging from four person houses to ten person houses, with landscaping and public open space.</p> | <p>2 The Post 16 Education Centre 'Deeside 6' for Coleg Cambria was officially opened in September 2016. The building provides performing arts, music, science, creative arts facilities and general teaching facilities for up to 700 A-Level students from across Flintshire.</p> |
| <p>3 Newbury Place Health Centre in Salford opened in Summer 2016 serving one of the largest Orthodox Jewish communities in the UK. Four local GP practices, whose existing premises were inadequate, are brought together in a new purpose designed building.</p> | <p>4 Following the successful planning approval in October 2016, The Mitre project in Burnley is currently on site. The building is a homeless provision of 30 bedrooms together with associated support and training facilities. The project is due to be complete in June 2018.</p> |
| <p>5 The conversion of the former Wallasey Courthouse is nearing completion on site. The building now provides 21 new apartments in the refurbished building, while retaining the prominent existing design of the building.</p> | <p>6 Ysgol Awel y Mynydd is progressing well on site. The new school will provide teaching facilities for up to 420 primary age pupils and 90 nursery places when it officially opens in September 2017.</p> |
| <p>7 Pentre Canol Supported Living Village received Planning Approval in March 2017. Developed in partnership with Denbighshire County Council and Grŵp Cynefin, the supported living village provides a total of 52 extra care apartments, 18 supported living units and a four bed community living apartment.</p> | <p>8 Drawing work is currently progressing for Shady Lane in Clayton-Le-Woods, a scheme of 220 new dwellings and landscaped areas, including public open space, for Lovell Partnerships. Construction is due to start in early Autumn 2017.</p> |
| <p>9 Building work has started for Calico at the former Perseverance Mill site in Padiham. The scheme will provide 56 dwellings, arranged as semi-detached and terraced properties in keeping with the existing houses.</p> | <p>10 University Centre at Coleg Cambria was officially opened in September 2016. The scheme provided 1000sqm of high quality teaching accommodation for aeronautical and engineering studies.</p> |

