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ABOUT AINSLEY GOMMON ARCHITECTS

Ainsley Gommon is a leading Chartered Practice of Architects and Urban Designers with extensive experience in all areas of housing, schools and colleges, healthcare and community projects, heritage buildings and regeneration. The practice promotes collaborative working, sustainability and environmental responsibility in the design, construction and operation of buildings and in our approach to placemaking.

Ainsley Gommon has operated across the United Kingdom from offices in England and Wales for 45 years meeting the demands of small, medium size and larger projects while calling on areas of design specialism such as churches, conservation, master-planning and designing for charities and individuals with particular or complex needs. We continue to grow our range of services and skill base which also includes the role of Client Advisor, Principal Designer, SAP and Energy Performance Assessor and RIBA Conservation Architect.

We work proactively with our clients, fellow consultants and contractors to produce buildings, places, 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 in all areas of our activity and on the quality of our services on a wide range of projects.

We have always operated a fully transparent and inclusive management system and in March 2023 we completed our transition to an Employee Ownership Trust, to ensure a sustainable future for the practice and by doing so enhancing the opportunities for all employees to develop their careers with us and for senior staff to progress to be future leaders of the practice.

Continuous improvement, training and personal development are fundamental to Ainsley Gommon's principles and are seen as essential to the future well being of our business. Our Investors in People 'Gold' accreditation supports our long term commitment to staff development.

Our commitment to Building Information Modelling (BIM) and IT enhances our collaborative working methods and the services we provide and helps us to support our clients and construction partners using the most up to date design and presentation tools.

Cover photo: Celebrating one year of Employee Ownership at Ainsley Gommon Architects! What an exciting year it's been, marked by our team's incredible work across a diverse portfolio of projects. From securing crucial planning approvals and achieving successful handovers on completed schemes to witnessing the exciting progress of our current schemes on site, we've been busy bringing great designs to life. Looking forward to another year of great projects and continued collaboration as an Employee Ownership Trust!

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Achievements

- Jan 2024: Two AGA schemes win awards at the LABC National Awards, with Hen Orsaf / Station Rd, Bethesda winning Best Small Social Housing Development, and Treberth Crescent, Newport winning Best Best Purpose Built Accommodation.
- Feb 2024: Successful Recertification of our Integrated Management System to maintain ISO 9001 2015 & ISO 14001 2015 certification.
- Mar 2024: AGA celebrate 1yr since becoming an Employee Ownership Trust (EOT).
- Dec 2024: AGA participate in the Merseyside 'Shoebox Full of Love' campaign, donating 15 boxes filled with gifts & essentials to the homeless community, while also being a drop-off point for others, with over 75 boxes collected in total.

People

- Mar 2024: Abby Latham joined the practice for 6 months Part I Placement Experience.
- April 2024: Elliott Deevy and Georgia Taylor pass their RIBA Part 3 Architects Exams.
- Jun 2024: Former Director Steve Geary retires after serving the practice for over 28 years.
- Jun 2024: AGA attend the Housing 24 Conference in Manchester.
- Aug 2024: Tom Brennan joined the practice for 12 months Architectural Technologist experience.
- Oct 2024: Staff wore pink for Wear It Pink charity to help raise money and awareness for Breast Cancer.
- Oct 2024: Jack Gustafson joined the practice to undertake 12 months Part I Placement.



Projects:

Over the last 12 months, we have worked on a wide range of projects. These are just some of those:

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150 place Ysgol Treferythyr, Criccieth completed for Cyngor Gwynedd in September 2024. The project provides a modern learning environment under the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools Programme.
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Llys Awelon Extra Care scheme in Ruthin, Denbighshire, handed over November 2024, providing an additional 35no. self-contained one and two bed apartments with 24-hour care for Grwp Ceynfin.
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Completed in March 2024, Rosemount Avenue in Preesall allowed AGA to continue working with Lovell Partnership to provide 42 new dwellings for affordable rent in partnership with Jigsaw Homes.
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AGA gained planning approval for 8 new dwellings at Martin Close, Irby, on behalf of a private client in December 2024. The scheme makes use of an infill site to provide new housing in a residential area.
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3-23 Edward Henry Street completed for Clwyd Alyn. Located within the Rhyl Central Conservation Area, the scheme provided 13 three-bedroom affordable family homes constructed as part of the Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme (TRIP).
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Another project completed with Lovell Partnership in 2024 was Bonscale Crescent, Middleton, Manchester. This site was another phase of work carried out in the area alongside Lovell, providing 57 new homes with green space and play areas as part of the proposals.
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Works commenced in Autumn 2024 on the refurbishment of 42-50 Nevill Street, to create six new dwellings at first and second floor, bringing back to life a historical building in Southport.
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Penyffridd, Bangor for Adra was handed over in November 2024, comprising 30 new quality energy-efficient homes built using natural, sustainable materials and greener technologies.
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39 affordable homes for Pobl handed over in Ladyhill, Newport, built to SAP 100 & EPC A rating using Modern Methods of Construction, using Sevenoaks Modular panelised, pre-insulated timber frame construction.
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Completed in Summer 2024, the project at 244 Allerton Rd, Liverpool involved the demolition of an existing building being replaced with 2 no. new 5 bedroom detached homes for Hampton Developments.

