

PROFILE

John Gilbert Architects

CREATING GREAT PLACES: John Gilbert Architects creates innovative, sustainable, affordable architecture. We focus on housing and community spaces, bringing residents and users into the process to create communities that last lifetimes.

THE PRACTICE

We have ten staff including seven architects and a planner and work from a single office on Glasgow Green in the East End of Glasgow. Starting with tenements and regeneration in Glasgow, the practice now provides design services across Scotland to social landlords, government and private companies.

CAPABILITIES

ACCREDITATIONS:

RIAS Sustainable Design
RIAS Conservation Architecture
BRE Ecohomes Assessments
NRAC Access Audits
QUALITY ASSURANCE:
ISO 9001:2000

Professional Indemnity: £5m

Housing Design

Highly experienced designers of low-cost, low-energy homes, from two to 200. We understand funding, phasing, planning and standards, yet create places that people are happy to call home and are a lasting asset for landlords.

Conservation Architecture

We provide initial survey inspections, fabric appraisals and conservation advice. From extending the life of Glasgow's tenements to sympathetic new uses of historical buildings.

Construction & Materials Research

Practical research into achieving low-carbon, high performance buildings. We avoid the greenwash and seek solid evidence for design decisions that affect everyone.

Urban Design & Masterplanning

We can prepare detailed proposals for large sites, whole neighbourhoods and districts. We ensure community views are counted, regeneration opportunities are realised and the proposals are affordable and pragmatic.

Sustainability Advice & Ecohomes

Advice and training on sustainability strategies for development, develop sustainable design guides and undertake Ecohomes assessments.

Communication Design

Clear communications to help your campaign. We can assist with publications, reports, exhibitions and websites as well as market research and direct mail.

KEY PEOPLE



Alison Glen

Alison is skilled at managing the complex expectations of clients, funders and residents, while managing and motivating technical teams to deliver quality housing and community facilities. She takes a keen interest in accessible environments.

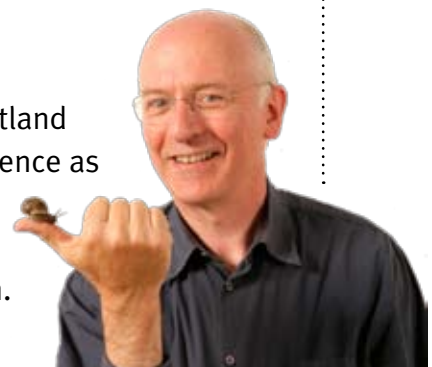


Paul Barham

Paul has over 20 years' experience as an architect on new build, refurbishment and special needs housing, community buildings, conservation and commercial projects. As a BREEAM Ecohomes assessor, he advises on how to measure and improve the environmental performance of new housing projects.

John Gilbert

A leading authority on sustainable design in Scotland with over 30 years' experience as a practising architect and extensive experience in housing and conservation.



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Creagan Gorm Cottages, Glenmore

Two houses for key workers at a sensitive site using local timber where possible. Very high insulation and low impact.

2009 Sustainable Housing Awards: Sustainable Smaller Social Housing Project of the Year
2009 Roses Design Awards: Sustainable Design Bronze



160 new homes at Fernhill

62 energy efficient new homes – mostly semi-detached and terraces. First phase of the regeneration of the area.



Scottish Housing Expo, Inverness 2010

Winning entry for showcase of sustainable housing in Inverness. The timber house shell will be encased in corrugated material to evoke the traditional Highland community hall design.



New tenement and townhouses at Vesalius Street

A new tenement block of 20 flats and eight townhouses in the East End of Glasgow. We have reinstated an active street front with three new shops beneath the flats.



Bankhall Court dementia care

Residential care for people with dementia in a tight inner-city gap site. 17 residents' rooms with sun-spaces, communal areas, associated support facilities and a roof garden. BREEAM Very Good.



New tenement at Crathie Drive

A new tenement insulated with sheep's wool, heated by an underfloor heating system, fed by a communal boiler and complemented by solar panels.

Design Thinking

We like to be open and curious. Research into better ways of building through materials and construction is important to us. As well as projects for the Scottish Government, the Scottish Ecological Design Association and the Forestry Commission, we have worked directly with housing associations on design guides and advice on more sustainable buildings to meet targets for lower carbon emissions.

Healthier Buildings

There is substantial evidence to indicate that a many construction materials are potentially hazardous to health and bad for the environment. Little testing has been done for toxicity.

Design and Detailing for Toxic Chemical Reduction in Buildings

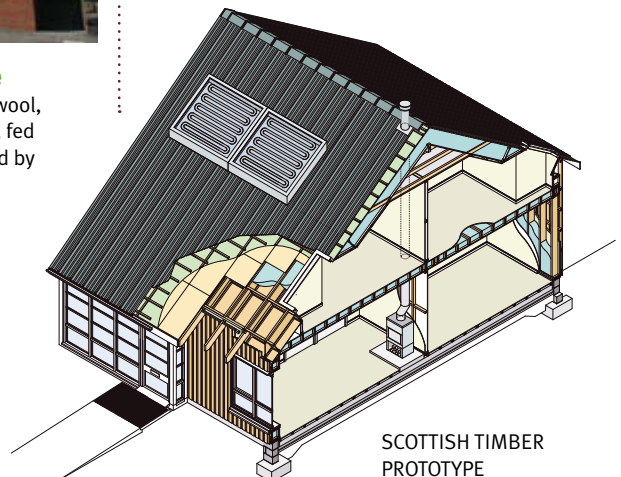
One of a series commissioned by Scottish Ecological Design Association on design and detailing for more sustainable construction. This guide seeks to help those developing new buildings to minimise the toxic loads in construction, products, buildings and the built environment and to create buildings that are healthier for occupants and enhance the environment.

Using Local Materials

Using locally sourced and produced construction materials is a key part of a sustainable approach to house construction. Rural Scotland has vast timber resources but is on the periphery of most transport networks. The potential to reduce transportation and increase local employment is huge. The added benefit is a reduced carbon footprint of new housing.

A Prototype House using Scottish Timber

Our report for the Forestry Commission outlines the development of a prototype maximising the use of Scottish timber in a rural, affordable, low-energy house. A range of specifications was given leading to an almost zero-carbon house. This 2005 research led directly to the design of our award-winning houses at Glenmore in 2009.



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