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Wilderhope House designed by Samuel Pountney Smith in 1860.

BAART HARRIES NEWALL

The collaborative relationship we form with our clients is central to the way we work. We seek to establish a clear understanding of the ambitions and objectives of our clients and translate them into high quality, sustainable architectural solutions.

Over the years we have created a diverse body of work in both the public and commercial sector, the quality of which has been recognized by repeat client commissions and many architectural awards.

We offer a design excellence, a solid base of technical expertise and experience developed through our work with a wide range of clients.

We know from our years of experience that finding the right solutions through Architecture relies on asking the right questions. Dialogue is at the heart of what we do.



BAART HARRIES NEWALL

Office Buildings, Industrial Buildings and Research Establishments

People spend a large percentage of their lives in places of work. We have always sought to bring architectural delight into these spaces, whether they are office buildings, research laboratories or industrial workshops. The introduction of natural light and connections to the external environment are key components in providing comfortable work places. In addition a variety of spaces and a clear and legible circulation enhance the quality of the workspace.

In recent years BREEAM (The British Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Method) has played a major part in raising the standard of office buildings, not just in terms of energy efficiency, but also in enhancing the comfort of the general environment and the provision of facilities. We achieved our first BREEAM Excellent rating for Office design for an office building we designed for the Environment Agency back in 1997. More recently we achieved the same rating for a mixed used project in Craven Arms, which included a headquarters office for a Housing Association along with office and shop units to rent, and nine affordable apartments.

We have also designed Headquarter buildings for the Burnt Tree Group, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service. The Headquarters building we designed for Polymer Laboratories at Church Stretton included highly specialised manufacturing facilities for intermediate pharmaceuticals production. This high technology unit incorporated laboratories, office accommodation and a production space housing large scale equipment.

In addition to customised work spaces described above we have also been involved in the design of several speculative office developments on business parks.



BAART HARRIES NEWALL sustainability

Building Design and Environmental Sustainability

Environmental sustainability, energy efficiency and building durability are at the forefront of current design considerations. The provision and use of buildings has a huge impact on the environment. Energy used during building construction, for heating, cooling and lighting buildings, and the chemicals present in materials used in building services and components, all directly affect occupants and the wider environment.

Many of our projects are assessed by the British Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Method. This Assessment method seeks to minimise the adverse effects of new buildings on the environment at global and local levels, whilst promoting healthy indoor conditions for the occupants. The assessment considers a wide range of internal and external environmental issues including energy and water use, renewable resources, sustainability, transport, comfort of occupants and ecology. We have attained BRE AAM Excellent rating on three projects to date.

We received the RICS Sustainability Award for the 'Harris Centre' – a new teaching facility at Walford College, Shropshire. This building incorporates a biomass boiler, with energy supplemented from a ground source heat pump, a wind turbine and photovoltaic panels. While this particular building has a range of renewables we believe in a clear commonsense approach to sustainable buildings: they should be carefully orientated, well insulated, well sealed and well built to provide buildings that will last. They should also be delightful places to occupy – to ensure longevity!

In terms of a wider perspective on sustainability we believe the re-use of existing buildings is a matter of urgent concern. We believe the transformation of the existing building stock will prove to be one of the greatest challenges. We have undertaken a number of exciting projects working with existing buildings, re-inventing them, enhancing their energy performance and extending their life span. Examples of such projects include the conversion of a warehouse into a learning centre for Shrewsbury Sixth Form College and the conversion of an existing Church and an existing Civic Hall into apartments.



DESIGN AWARDS

Civic Trust Regional Award 2016
Pelsall Village Centre, Walsall

**Shropshire Building Excellence Awards
Overall Winner 2013**
Shrewsbury Sixth Form College
(Earth Science Building)

**Shropshire Building Excellence Awards
Best Educational Project Winner 2013**
Shrewsbury Sixth Form College
(Earth Science Building)

Civic Trust Regional Award 2013
Gwernevy House, Crew Green, Powys

**West Midlands Built in Quality Awards
Community Winner 2013**
Pelsall Village Centre, Walsall

Civic Trust Award 2012 (Community)
Wem Town Hall, Shropshire

Civic Trust Award 2011 (Community)
Cleobury Country Centre, Shropshire

Civic Trust Award 2009 (Mention)
Darlaston Sure Start, Walsall

Civic Trust Award 2009 (Commendation)
St Judes' Primary School
Wolverhampton

RIBA Award 2008
St Judes' Primary School
Wolverhampton

**SCALA Award –
Civic Building of the Year 2007**
St Judes' Primary School
Wolverhampton

**RICS Awards 2007
Winner in the Category of Sustainability**
The Harris Centre
Walford College, Shropshire

Civic Trust Award 2007 (Commendation)
Flounders Folly, Craven Arms, Shropshire

**Shrewsbury Civic Society
Award of Merit 2006**
Shrewsbury School Boarding House

Civic Trust Award 2005
Manser Antiques New Showroom, Shrewsbury

Civic Trust Award 2004 (Mention)
Walsall Library, West Midlands

**Shrewsbury Civic Society -
Award of Merit 2004**
Shrewsbury Sixth Form College

The 2003 Brick Awards
Best Commercial Building – winner 2003
Manser Antiques New Showroom, Shrewsbury

Civic Trust Award 2003 (Commendation)
Concord College Students Canteen, Shropshire

**Shrewsbury and Atcham
Borough Council Design and
Heritage Award 2003**
Manser Antiques New Showroom, Shrewsbury

**Architects Journal/Robin Ellis Small
Projects Award 2002 (3rd Prize)**
Concord College Students Canteen, Shropshire

**Shrewsbury and Atcham
Borough Council Design and
Heritage Award 2001 (New Build)**
Concord College Music School, Shropshire

**Shrewsbury and Atcham
Borough Council Design and
Heritage Award 2001 (Environmental
Improvement)**
Millenium Lychgate, Church Preen,
West Midlands

Civic Trust Award 2001 (Commendation)
Millennium Lychgate, Church Preen,
West Midlands

RIBA Regional Award 2001
Concord College students' canteen

**Shrewsbury and Atcham
Borough Council Design and
Heritage Award 1999**
Learning and Information Centre
Shrewsbury Sixth Form College

Civic Trust Award 1998
Heavers Farm Primary School
(Paul Harries)

RIBA Regional Award 1991
Concord College Swimming Pool, Shropshire

CLIENTS

Government Organisations & Agencies

Environment Agency
NHS (National Health Service)
North Shropshire District Council
Oswestry Borough Council
Royal Air Force
Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council
Shropshire County Council
Shropshire Fire & Rescue HQ
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
South Shropshire District Council
Southwark Borough Council
Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Telford & Wrekin Council
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
Wolverhampton City Council
Worcestershire County Council

Education

Concord College
Girls' Day School Trust
Grenville College
Kingsland Grange Preparatory School
Moreton Hall School
Prestfelde Preparatory School
School of Arts & Design, UWIC, Cardiff
Shrewsbury School
Shrewsbury Sixth Form College
St Michael's College
Telford College of Arts & Technology
Walford & North Shropshire College
Wrekin College

Community

Cannon Hall Park, Barnsley
Dawley Baptist Church, Telford
English Bridge Workshop, Shrewsbury
Hanley Park, Stoke-on-Trent
Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge
Surestart Children Centres
Shenley Christian Fellowship
Rugeley Youth Centre

Housing Associations

Beth Johnson Housing Association
Bromford Housing Group
Focus Housing Association
Meres and Mosses Housing Association
Mid Wales Housing Association
North Cheshire Housing Association
Sevenside Housing Association
Shropshire Rural Housing Association
South Shropshire Housing Association
Stonham Housing Association

Commercial & Retail

Bear and Billet Hotel, Chester
Burnt Tree Group
Galliers Homes
Kingsland Estates UK
Manser Antiques
Mytton and Mermaid Hotel Atcham
Polymer Laboratories
Rapra Technology Ltd
Tanners Wine Merchants Ltd
Ternhill Hall Hotel, Ternhill

Ecclesiastical

Diocese of Chester
Diocese of Hereford
Diocese of Lichfield
Diocese of Llandaff
Diocese of St Asaph

Trusts

Shropshire Wildlife Trust
The Field Studies Council of the UK
The National Trust
The Youth Hostel Association

CRAVEN ARMS REGENERATION PROJECT

A civic project to assist in the physical and economic regeneration of the Shropshire market town of Craven Arms, jointly promoted by South Shropshire District Council, South Shropshire Housing Association and Advantage West Midlands.

The project comprises contains office and customer service space for the Housing Association, a Primary Care Trust and Social Services. The building also contains a range of shared meeting room, conference and interview facilities that are available to the occupants and other local amenity groups on a bookable basis.

The sustainability agenda was primarily driven by the Housing Association, as the head leaseholder. The building has been awarded a BREEAM Excellent rating, and features free night cooling, natural daylight and ventilation, enhanced insulation levels, and rainwater harvesting.

The building has three stories of open plan office space in east and south wings, and a four storey central core of reception, meeting and board rooms.



MANSERS ANTIQUES, SHREWSBURY

A new showroom for Mansers Antiques, located on a prominent 'gateway' site in Shrewsbury Town.

Mansers Antiques required a contemporary showroom to display their quality collection of antiques. The antique dealers particularly relished the idea of contrasting their collection of old objects with the modernity of the new showroom.

The building addresses a major approach road to the east and overlooks the River Severn to the west.

The showroom is set in the flood plain, consequently the ground floor of the showroom is raised above the surrounding ground level.

The building is detailed robustly in slate blue engineering bricks with fibrocem render. Large glazed areas provide views deep into the showroom.

The views of Shrewsbury from the upper floor are particularly impressive.

The project received a Civic Trust Award in 2005 and was winner of the 'Brick Awards' Best Commercial Building in 2003.



MERES AND MOSSES HOUSING ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

This proposal for a new Headquarters building in Wem, Shropshire is located adjacent to an existing shopping complex.

The building comprises office and storage facilities for Meres and Mosses Housing Association. The second floor of the building is occupied by a large conference room offering views out towards the surrounding countryside.



PELSALL VILLAGE CENTRE

This project brings together a number of complimentary community resources under one roof: combining a Health Centre and Pharmacy, with a new Library and Children's Centre.

A visit to the doctor's could be combined with a visit to the library. A parent taking a one child to the crèche may need to take another to the baby clinic. After a visit to the doctor there will be a pharmacy on the doorstep for prescriptions. The idea is to offer an integrated approach to people's needs – a building that truly serves the diverse, but interrelated needs of the local community.

Set in the heart of Pelsall alongside the Common this new building will offer a bright and welcoming entrance space. People will arrive at the centre of the building, in the new library. Adjacent to the library they will find the children's centre and primary care clinical facilities. On the first floor there are further clinical facilities and four GP Surgeries, arranged around a waiting room - a high, top lit space with views out towards the common.

The building received a Civic Trust Regional Award in 2016 and the West Midlands Built in Quality Awards Community Winner in 2013.



SHREWSBURY FIRE STATION

A £4m project to remodel and extend Shrewsbury Fire Station, to house the headquarters of Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service.

The first phase of the project was to extend and upgrade the vehicle maintenance workshops to provide modern repair and office facilities. This building was used as the temporary fire station whilst the second phase was in progress.

The second phase was to extend and remodel the existing roadside fire station block, to house the headquarters, command and control function of the service, as well as an upgraded fire station.

Lastly the existing HQ building was demolished to provide extended parking on the site.

The range of functions to be located in the HQ building was subject to constant review and change during the construction period, and the plans were required to remain fluid right up until completion.



HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, BURNT TREE GROUP, SHREWSBURY

A one million pound headquarters building for the Burnt Tree vehicle hire company at the Battlefield Business Park, Shrewsbury.

As the first building on the new business park, the Burnt Tree Headquarters occupies a 'gateway' site, adjacent to a new roundabout. The long barrel roof form is dramatically terminated by a forty-five degree cut, which addresses the roundabout. The roof oversails until it terminates in a point.

New office accommodation is located behind a glazed facade at the 'sliced' end of the building. Offices, meeting rooms, the board room and a canteen are all grouped around a triangular atrium space that rises through two floors.

At the rear of the building is a large fully equipped workshop and spray shop, used for on site maintenance of the vehicle fleet.



POLYMER LABORATORIES, CHURCH STRETTON

A new high technology building for Polymer Laboratories at Church Stretton.

Polymer Laboratories develop high technology polymer products for chromatography, and diagnostic and pharmaceutical applications.

The company was founded in 1976, and while its headquarters remain in Church Stretton, it operates from offices in the USA, UK and Europe.

During the summer of 1998, Polymer Laboratories reviewed the need to expand and reorganize their premises at Church Stretton.

Baart Harries Newall were appointed in December 1998 to undertake the design of a new building, to contain production facilities, laboratories, offices and other associated facilities.

The proposed building faces onto open park land, and all internal circulation is directed along a glazed two storey walkway facing the park.



KINGSLAND HOUSE, BATTLEFIELD ENTERPRISE PARK, SHREWSBURY

An office development for Kingsland Estates UK Ltd.

Baart Harries Newall were architects for this 1000m² office building set on a prominent corner of the Battlefield Enterprise Park in Shrewsbury.

From the outside the main entrance is signalled by a large yellow panel locked on to a light steel canopy. The building is steel framed and clad in brick, render and curtain walling. A gently sloping aluminium roof oversails the building, emphasising its orientation toward the main avenue running through the enterprise park.

The corner orientated toward the roundabout is fully glazed, offering floor to ceiling views out of the building.

Inside is a light double height entrance lobby, with a projecting curved balcony at the upper level. A steel staircase, with a central structural spine, connects reception to the first floor office space.



ENVIRONMENT AGENCY, HAFREN HOUSE, SHREWSBURY

A regional office building for the Environment Agency, sited adjacent to their existing depot building.

The reception area is of high quality to celebrate arrival in the building. It has a high headroom which provides views to the first floor offices. The area conveys a sense of openness and transparency which is designed to be expressive of the Environment Agency's organisational identity.

The openness of the design helps to make this working environment enjoyable and stimulating.

