



NEW DIRECTION

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Hive of activity.

Partners from left: Founder of Richard Gibson Architects, Richard Gibson, Lerwick; Nick Brett, Walls and Adrian Wishart, Sandwick.



Grodians.

A drawing of the new Hjalmland Housing Association development.

RICHARD GIBSON ARCHITECTS has entered a new era, as architects Adrian Wishart and Nick Brett are now partners with the company's founder Richard Gibson.

Richard, who established the company in 1972 and has been the sole owner since then, said: "I'm very pleased as it will allow the business to provide continuity of service to existing and future clients."

Both Nick and Adrian have worked for the company for a number of years. Along with Richard, they believe an even better design service can now be offered to clients. "Our aim is to maintain and develop our reputation for realising people's aspirations with imaginative design of buildings and interiors" Nick highlighted. "Good quality design will add value to a home as it should benefit everyone who uses or owns it over its lifetime"

As fully qualified Architects, they have a collective experience in all types of work from bespoke house design to much larger public and civic projects. Their work has included public housing projects with Shetland Islands Council and Hjalmland Housing Association such as the recent developments of

Gröadians at Sound and Da Vadill at Grantfiled. Currently, they are working on the proposed Eric Gray Resource Centre.

Along with larger projects, they also have a number of house designs in progress, which Adrian says are very enjoyable to do. "It's a rewarding experience to work in partnership with a client to create the house they've always wanted. Each design differs as it evolves towards the client's requirements. We have new house designs in Waas and Sandwick just now with another soon to be constructed in Tresta." They are also involved with a number of more unusual projects such as the proposed island development of Linga in Waas.

"Energy efficiency is very important," Richard adds. "This is a priority for us as we are continually looking for new methods of design that improve on existing technologies. Of course, providing clients with value for money is as important, both initially and throughout the life of their home."

A typical commission for the practice involves guiding the client through the initial design process while advising on time and budget constraints they may face. Nick added "We offer skilled negotiation





experience with Planning applications and in bringing designs through the increasingly complex Building Warrant legislation. Advice can also be provided on any other aspects of the construction and adaptation of buildings."

The practice has won many awards from national and local bodies and has been successful in a number of architectural competitions, including the restoration of Harbour House on the historic Lerwick waterfront and the private house at Westshore in Waas. Westshore owner Mr Kalis said "We are very pleased with our house at Westshore. Particularly in how it uses the landscape to make efficient use of the natural light and how it captures the wonderful views." Besides the modern design of Westshore, another popular design by the practice is the traditionally styled house beyond the loch at Hogaland in Whiteness, with it's modern layout demonstrating the practice's versatility in design style.

To discuss any future projects you may be considering contact Richard Gibson Architects with the details below or find us at 72a Commercial Street, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0DL



West Shore, Walls.

Private house designed to include the original croft house as a walled garden and store.

Morrison House, Whiteness.

Designed and rebuilt in the style of the original, traditional Shetland house on an existing site.

Careful design.

The interior of West Shore maximises natural light to give a warm and interesting atmosphere.



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