

NEWS + INSIGHT



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THE BIRTH OF WWA WEST WADDY ARCHADIA

Our two teams with a combined history of 164 years in continuous practice have become one team of talented individuals based in both Oxford and London. Find out more on p.2.

WINNERS OF OXFORD PRESERVATION TRUST AWARD

We are delighted to receive a 2020 Conservation Award for our work in designing and managing the repair of the High Street facade at All Souls College Oxford.

NEW FRAMEWORK APPOINTMENTS FOR WWA

We are looking forward to future projects with both Spelthorne Borough Council and the South East Consortium, having been appointed as consultants on both frameworks.

INTRODUCING WEST WADDY ARCHADIA

A message from the directors

Philip Waddy, Mark Slater and Jean Hanna

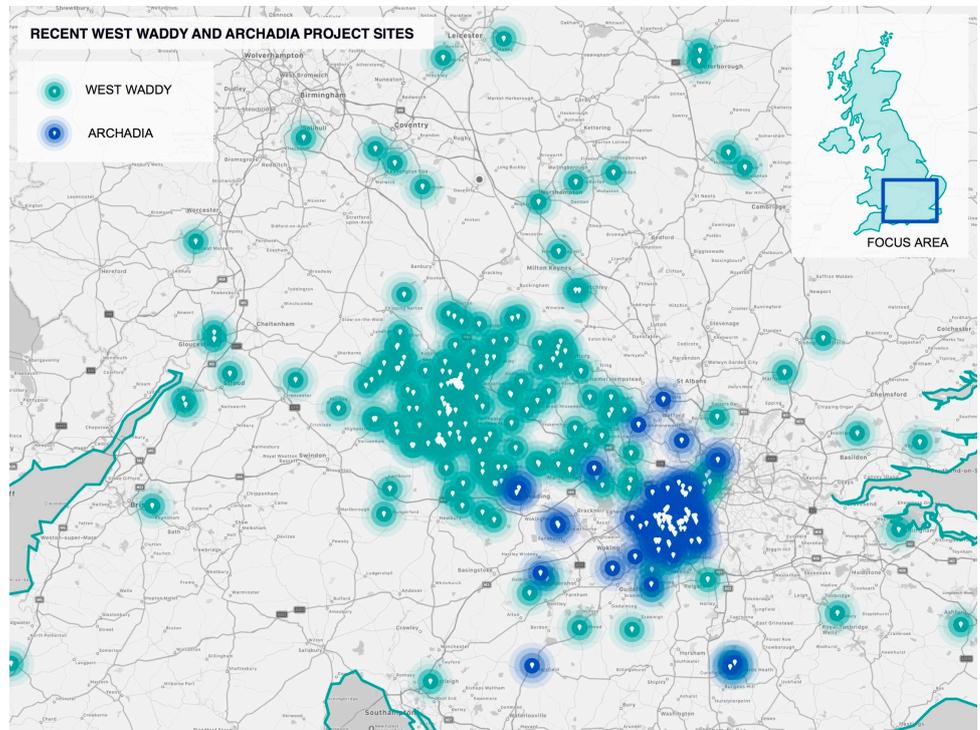
Welcome to our new look Newsletter following the successful merging of West Waddy ADP and The Archadia Practice (London) Ltd. What does this mean for you?

On a day to day basis your project will progress as normal but in addition we will be able to offer you a wider variety of specialisms including:

- » Heritage expertise
- » Town Planning
- » Urban Design
- » Specialist Housing
- » Passivhaus Design

Our vision is to be leaders in the creation of the built environment. We are very much client focused and work as a team in fully understanding the needs of our clients before creating design and planning solutions which are both functional and affordable. We are committed to delivering projects on time and on budget through working tirelessly to project manage our commissions.

Take a look at the map alongside to see where the practice is currently working.



Philip Waddy



Jean Hanna



Mark Slater

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND PASSIVHAUS ACCREDITATION

We are pleased to announce that we now have two Passivhaus accredited architects on board. Gavin Fraser and Ewan Green have both passed their Passivhaus exams after intensive training at The Building Research Establishment.

Having these new skills and knowledge in our team marks a clear demonstration by the Practice of a commitment to improving the energy efficiency of our projects and to tackling climate change.

This low energy design approach meets Government targets for near zero carbon

construction and will feature more commonly in creation of the built environment as we move towards the RIBA's target of zero carbon buildings by 2030.

We are particularly looking forward to using these skills for residential, bespoke housing and deep retrofit, upgrading existing building stock.

To any aspiring Passivhaus Designers, we would emphasise the importance of time management and say, "Don't give up!"



Gavin Fraser



Ewan Green

OXFORD PRESERVATION TRUST CONSERVATION AWARD



We are delighted to have just received a Conservation Award for our work in managing the repair of the High Street façade at All Souls College, Oxford.

The Awards – granted annually by the Oxford Preservation Trust – include both repair and restoration, as well as new buildings and extensions, in heritage settings.

We were one of four winners this year in the

Conservation category for our work which formed part of a phased development of stone restoration at All Souls undertaken under the direction of Managing Partner and Accredited Conservation Architect Philip Waddy RIBA AABC.



NEW HOUSING IN STROUD DISTRICT PLANNING SUBMITTED



Acting on behalf of Stroud District Council WWA recently submitted detailed planning applications for the redevelopment of two council owned sites in Dursley and Cam, Gloucestershire, totaling 33 units, mostly 2 and 3 bed with some 1 bed homes.

The designs have been carefully crafted to make best use of these previously developed sites with an emphasis on achieving Lifetime Homes Standards and low energy in use, incorporating passive house technology including solar power and heat pump technologies.

The site in Cam was particularly challenging as there is a significant level difference from one side to the other and our design solution has been to create a stepped terrace of units which follow the contours of the site thus limiting the amount of cut and fill.

We have also sought to limit the impact of parked cars on the character of the spaces created with a particular emphasis on carefully designed hard and soft landscaping.

We believe the finished results will create wonderful places where

people will want to live, feeling secure and proud of their development.

Our planning team have undertaken consultation with the local community on the proposals and we have worked closely with the Council's development and planning team over a period of months to shape the designs on both sites.

We anticipate a planning decision for this exciting development will be made in early summer.

DESIGN HIGHLIGHTS

- » Integration of renewable energy technology
- » Fabric first energy approach
- » £8m new-build affordable housing programme
- » Contemporary detailing and style



OUR ONGOING RESEARCH...

Lockdown reflections on our changing industry - led by Kathryn Gundry

The pandemic lockdown prompted us to research the effects it has had on those in care settings.

We have put our findings into a research document which reviews how you can isolate and live with people classed as 'vulnerable' during the pandemic and looks at how the guidance received during lockdown worked with our homes and how it will affect the future of housing design.

We have explored what we think will change and how we can adapt our homes to suit this new living style.

WWA are committed to research to ensure that

our approach is always innovative and forward thinking. We pass this benefit on to our clients, and share best practice with others through round-table discussions and accessible design guides.

Look out for more research announcements on our website, or follow us on social media where there will be further research pieces on the impacts of COVID on the Office and a piece on a Modular Solution that we have been developing for Disabled Facilities Grant projects.



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NEWS: OXFORD CAMBRIDGE ARC

Recently announced by Housing Minister Rt Hon Christopher Pincher is an ambitious plan to unleash the economic and cultural potential of the Oxford-Cambridge Arc, transforming it into one of the world's premier growth corridors and a world-leader in sustainability.

A spatial framework plan will be developed by 2022 helping to create thousands of jobs, drive investment, and protect and enhance the environment.

Most importantly for delivery the Government intend to establish a new single voice for the area through an Arc Growth Body to drive and support economic growth.

This has been one of the key demands from those engaged in promoting the opportunities that the Arc offers.

Coming out of the Covid pandemic special emphasis must be given to the health and wellbeing of those who live and work in the region as well as to sustainability and environmental impacts. There are significant challenges ahead in combining the economic, technological and employment benefits of growth whilst at the same time protecting and enhancing the natural environment.

At WWA we are excited at the commitment shown by Government towards promoting the Arc and we look forward to working with our clients and partners in progressing the opportunities that will arise in planning and developing sustainable design solutions.



SCIENCE BLOCK SITE PROGRESS AT LWC

DESIGN HIGHLIGHTS

- » 2500m² state of the art Science lab facilities
- » £6m purpose built facility
- » Sustainable design principles and integrated technology
- » Modern zinc panel facades

WWA Studios' £6M new science block for Lord Wandsworth College in Hampshire is currently under construction. The scheme which is the third phase of development recently undertaken on behalf of the College, follows a masterplan and outline planning consent achieved by WWA for the pedestrianization of the central teaching campus at the college.

The building is designed to provide new science laboratories for secondary school pupils and sixth formers. Many of the existing buildings on the

campus are brick-built with generously proportioned tiled roofs incorporating mansards. The science block design draws from these proportions, through the emphasis of the roof-scape. The use of modern zinc panels, in a tonal red-brown is sympathetic to the weathered tiles on adjacent roofs.

The laboratories require significant ventilation to cater for fume cupboards and the use of bunsen burners for chemistry in particular. This is expressed in the zinc-clad ventilation stacks that divide up the roof-scape.

Driven by sustainable design principles, the building features clerestory windows at high level, allowing light and ventilation in to the central atrium.

The science building creates a new courtyard flanked by old and new phases of development that reflect on each other without imitation. The landscape-led masterplan creates a tree lined boulevard and open vista through the length of the building and out to views of the open countryside beyond.





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WHAT WE OFFER

- » A client centric approach to our work delivering an outstanding client experience
- » High quality designs to reduce energy use and improve the quality of life for the end users
- » A responsive, reliable and results orientated service
- » Socially, ethically and environmentally aware
- » Thought leaders in Architecture, Urban Design and Town Planning

NEW WEBSITE
COMING SOON

WWA-STUDIOS.COM

BUILD BACK BETTER



Building Back better is the Government's strap line for the Country's post-pandemic recovery. But, what does this mean in practice? The pandemic has left us with eye-watering levels of national debt, and the need to 'build back' our economy is without question. The tricky bit is the 'better' and the need to secure growth that is both green and sustainable. We at WWA are equipped and ready for the challenge and are looking for clients that want to work with us to "Build Back Better". Come join us!

**Neil Gibson, Strategic Planning
and Development at WWA**

ABOUT

WWA is an innovative multi-disciplinary practice of Architects, Urban Designers and Town Planners with a rich pedigree of successful projects delivered over our 136 year history. We offer outstanding client focussed services embracing the natural crossover between built environment disciplines and we consistently deliver high quality projects on time and on budget. Our team of town planners offer added value to clients with an exceptional success rate in achieving planning consent.

Please contact one of the Directors for a no obligation discussion about how we might assist you with your planning or development project.

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