

# ANNUAL REPORT



2019 - 2020

# Annual Review: 2019 - 2020

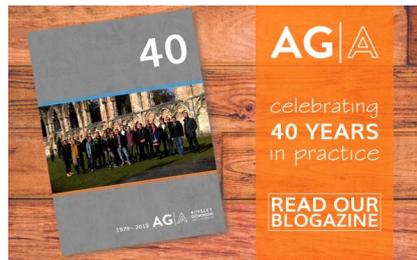
## Achievements

- Oct 2019 The Gateway, Mitre Street wins Best Homelessness Scheme at The 24 Housing Awards
- Nov 2019: St Bernard's Church is Highly Commended for Best Partnership: Rural or Community at the Inside Housing Development Awards in London.
- Dec 2019: We reach 40 Years in Practice. Celebratory Blogazine released documenting the story of the practice.
- Apr 2020: Two projects shortlisted at the RICS North West Social Impact Awards, with St Bernard's Church winning the Heritage category.
- May 2020: Successful Surveillance Audit of our Integrated Management System to maintain ISO 9001 2015 & ISO 14001 2015 certification, held remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## People

- Sept 2019: Mari Evans and Samara Buckley joined the practice as Part 1 Architectural Assistants.
- Sep 2019: Staff wore denim for Jeans for Genes Day, supporting children with life-altering genetic disorders.
- Oct 2019: Staff enjoyed a Team Building day out in York.
- Oct 2019: Staff wore pink for Wear It Pink charity to help raise money and awareness for Breast Cancer.
- Dec 2019: AG|A staff fundraised for Cystic Fibrosis Trust with a Sponsored Christmas Jumper Day.
- Mar 2020: Home working introduced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. 'Online' methods embraced for internal & external collaboration.
- June 2020: Senior Architectural Technologist Tom McEvoy and Graduate Architectural Assistant Matthew Reece re-joined the practice.

RICS Social  
Impact Awards  
**2020**  
Winner



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

1. Planning Approval was granted for our Over-55's apartments and community hub in Treberth, Newport, providing 45 apartments for Pobl, with social facilities for residents and the wider community.
2. Completed in Feb '20, 'The Candle Factory' in Bromborough Pool, Wirral gave a listed office building a new lease of life as affordable and supported housing for Wirral Methodist Housing Association.
3. The Hamilton Court Apartments project in Claughton Village, Wirral for Magenta Living was completed in July '20. This new build development comprised of twenty seven two bedroom apartments was designed to replace the former United Reformed Church.
4. The Operations and Maintenance Base for Galloper Offshore Wind Farm, Harwich was completed in Jan '20. We prepared the original concept and D&B tender package, our second building for Innogy.
5. Building works were completed at Denbighshire's new primary school Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd, near Ruthin. AG|A were appointed to provide Architectural Services from technical design stage through to completion.
6. Our long standing relationship with Lovell Partnerships continued with sites from the Midlands up to the Scottish Borders, ranging from 40 - 400 homes.
7. Planning approval was granted for this residential development 'Altbridge' in Croxteth, Liverpool for Cobalt Housing. Consisting of 33 no. homes and 24. no. flats for affordable rent, construction is due to start in late 2020.
8. Ysgol Y Garnedd, a new primary school in Bangor, was handed over to Gwynedd Council in time to welcome pupils after the autumn half term 2020. The new 420 place school for Gwynedd Council was delivered to a BIM Level 2 standard.
8. Planning Consent was granted in Jan '20 for this development of general need apartments in Bangor. The 38 new homes will be constructed for Adra within the city centre close to local amenities.
10. Completed in Nov '19, this multi-award winning scheme involved the conversion & refurbishment of the former St. Bernard's Church in Liverpool to create eleven low cost, three & four bed homes.



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## ABOUT AINSLEY GOMMON ARCHITECTS

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Ainsley Gommon is a leading Chartered Practice of Architects and Urban Designers with a focus on housing, education, healthcare buildings and regeneration. The practice promotes collaborative working, sustainability and environmental responsibility in the design, construction and operation of buildings and within our landscape designs.

Ainsley Gommon operates across the United Kingdom from offices in England and Wales. We combine services to meet the demands of larger projects while calling on areas of design specialism such as conservation and master-planning. We continue to grow our skill base which already includes the services of Client Advisor, Principal Designer, Accredited SAP and Energy Performance Assessor and RIBA Conservation Architect.

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

We operate a fully transparent and inclusive management system that involves our staff in the running of the practice. Our Investors in People accreditation supports our long term commitment to our practice succession plan and staff development. Continuous improvement, training and personal development are fundamental to Ainsley Gommon, as we believe they are essential to the future well being of our business.

Our programme of continued investment in Information Technology and Building Information Modelling (BIM) ensures we support our clients and construction partners using the most up to date design and presentation tools. Our long term commitment to BIM will enhance our collaborative working methods and the services we provide.

**Cover photo:** *Our annual away day took place in October 2019, and saw us visiting the historic city of York. Twenty staff from our Birkenhead and Hawarden offices met at York train station, before starting the day with an informal walking tour around part of the city walls to York Museum Gardens and St Mary's Abbey. The day continued taking in a great mix of old and new architecture, including The King's Manor and York Theatre Royal. The day forms part of our ongoing programme of continued professional development.*

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