# ANNUAL REPORT: 2024 - 2025 ABOUT AINSLEY GOMMON ARCHITECTS

Established in 1979 Ainsley Gommon is a leading Chartered Practice of Architects and Urban Designers with extensive experience in all areas of housing, schools and colleges, healthcare and community projects, heritage buildings and regeneration. We promote collaborative working, sustainability and environmental responsibility in the design, construction and operation of buildings and in our approach to placemaking.

Ainsley Gommon has operated across the United Kingdom from offices in England and Wales for 45 years meeting the demands of small, medium size and larger projects while calling on areas of design specialism such as churches, conservation, master-planning and designing for charities and individuals with particular or complex needs. We continue to grow our range of services and skill base which also includes the role of Client Advisor, Principal Designer, SAP and Energy Performance Assessor and Building Conservation services.

We strive to work proactively with our clients, fellow consultants and contractors to produce buildings, places, reports and studies of high quality and to deliver projects on time and within budget. Client satisfaction is our core aim and we regularly benchmark ourselves using RIBA Benchmarking as well as being independently audited in all areas of our activity and on the quality of our services on a wide range of projects.

Having always operated a fully transparent and inclusive management system in March 2023 we completed our transition to an Employee Ownership Trust, to ensure a sustainable future for the practice and by doing so enhancing the opportunities for all employees to develop their careers with us and for senior staff to progress to be future leaders of the practice.

Continuous improvement, training and personal development are fundamental to Ainsley Gommon's principles and are seen as essential to the future well being of our business and following our earlier Investors in People 'Gold' accreditation we continue to place staff development at the heart of our business.

Our commitment to invest in Building Information Modelling (BIM) and IT enhances our collaborative working methods and the services we provide and helps us to support our clients and construction partners using the most up to date design and presentation tools.

Cover photo: Our annual Away Day took place in May 2025, when we enjoyed a tour of our projects across North Wales, visiting a range of our recently completed schemes, sites under construction, and revisit some older work. The tour was a brilliant opportunity for everyone at AGA to see our designs come to life and to connect with the many people who make our work possible. A big thank you to our clients, colleagues, and contractors who have helped us deliver these wonderful projects. It was a fantastic day, truly showcasing the breadth and quality of our work across North Wales.

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## Annual Review: 2024 - 2025

#### **Achievements**

This year Ainsley Gommon is celebrating over 45 years since practice formation in 1979. Founding partners Peter Gommon and David Ainsley continue to support the practice by attending cultural and social events.

Feb 2025: Successful Surveillance Audit of our Integrated Management System to maintain ISO 9001 2015 & ISO 14001 2015 certification.

April 2025: AGA celebrate 2yrs since becoming an Employee Ownership Trust (EOT).

June 2025: Director Simon Venables completes 40 years working for AGA . Simon set up the Welsh branch office on Deeside in 1988 and we moved to the Old Police Station, Hawarden a Grade 2 Listed building in 1993.

Sept 2025: AGA successfully join the Bloom Framework.

### People

Mar 2025: Director Alf Plant retires after serving the practice with distinction for over 43 years, but remains involved as a Conservation Consultant.

May 2025: Lucy Fellows joins the practice as Architectural
Assistant and will begin training for the RIBA
Part III Architects Examination.

May 2025: Our annual Away Day took place, when we enjoyed a tour of our many projects across North Wales for a wide arrange of Clients.

June 2025: AGA attend the annual Housing 25 Conference in Manchester.

July 2025: Abby Latham obtained BSc in Architecture and rejoined the practice for a further 6 months Part I Placement prior to her Masters studies.

July 2025: Osian Roberts obtained Master of Architecture is working toward his RIBA Part III Examination.



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

- New build golf club and community hub for North Wales' 2 oldest golf course handed over on the sea front at Rhyl. A welcoming and accessible space serves as a dynamic accessible and flexible space for both club members and the wider Rhyl community.
- 3 The start of on site remediation at Dock Road North, Wirral, began in August 2025. The site will provide 115 new affordable and open market sale dwellings, on behalf of Lovell Partnership. This is one of three sites we are working on with the national housebuilder.
- 5 Construction works have commenced at Bay View Rd housing scheme for Wales and West Housing Association. The 5-storey timber frame building will provide 54 new affordable apartment units in Colwyn Bay town centre, with good links to the town's facilities.
- 7 In June 2025, planning approval was granted following appeal for 54 new build affordable homes at Heysham Road, Liverpool on behalf of Your Housing Group.
- 9 19 units for ClwydAlyn handed over in Ty Nos, Wrexham providing temporary accommodation for the homeless. Built using Beattie Passive panelised, pre-insulated timber frame, a Modern Method of Construction (MMC).

- 2 Refurbishment of the Existing Llys Awelon Phase I Extra Care building in Ruthin, handed over June 2025, 17no. Existing Apts refurbished, to ensure holistic compliance with the Phase II new-build, completed August 2024.
- 4 In March 2025 we gained planning approval for the conversion of Ashton House in Oxton, Wirral, to 11 no. apartments and 5 new houses within the site grounds.
- 6 A development of 12 high end apartments in West Kirby, the Grange received planning approval in Summer 2024 and AGa are now progressing with technical drawings ready for works to start on site.
- 8 28x homes at Guilsfield, 41x homes at Penrhyndeudraeth & 19x homes at Harlech, handed over in August 2025, Energy-efficient homes built by Williams Homes using natural, sustainable materials and greener technologies.
- 10 Works were completed at 58A Hope Street Wrexham in May 2025, bringing to a close our works on both sides of Wrexham Central Arcade. The projects involved refurbishment of ground floor commercial space while creating upper floor residential areas.



















