

Design for life

Business is booming for Sevenoaks-based Offset Architects, who have an impressive portfolio and some exciting new projects



The future looks bright for a new architectural firm that has been building up an impressive portfolio of clients and new projects. Offset Architects was launched in June 2009 by Rob Ranson, Paul Grattan, Rob Colley and Paul Hagell, who met at another local firm where they were all senior directors. The four partners have worked together for six years, building up a portfolio of clients and projects across a wide variety of sectors and building types.

Based at the top of the High Street in Sevenoaks town centre the firm's workload has been steadily growing over the past year and a half. Recent and current projects include a large, ambitious contemporary house in Speldhurst, Culverstone Preschool in Meopham, an award-winning barn conversion in Shipbourne and many high spec alterations to existing prestigious homes as well as two regional hotel projects.

With a wide base of expertise in master planning, architectural design and detailing, project management and site/contract management, the practice provides the full range of architectural services, from conception to post-completion. Its services have been used in most private and public sectors, with particular experience in residential

“ We feel privileged in this current economic climate to be so busy and we thank our clients for their continued support and recommendations to others. ”

and commercial property. Offset Architects also have extensive design and technical experience across a range of other sectors, including industrial, retail, leisure and health and education. Offering a personal approach comes at the top of Offset's list. Client-focused and service-led, the firm is passionate

about working with clients from the outset to fully understand their brief and to see the project through to fruition. Although the team is growing all clients deal with a senior partner, and Offset is always willing to go that extra mile to help realise a client's vision. Offset also frequently gets asked to become involved with the interior design of projects it is working on and is able to advise on the sourcing of products, suppliers, fixtures and fittings as well as working alongside interior designers to help develop the final look of the building. The partners recommend starting every project with a free consultation with the client, preferably on site, so the brief is fully understood. Once Offset is appointed they would undertake a robust design period and if required

compile and submit a planning application. Following a positive decision from the local authority the detailed design process begins by preparing detailed drawings and specifications to gain building control approval with Offset having an efficient partnering agreement with Sevenoaks Building Control. Offset Architects has already established a solid reputation in the area. The company's sound construction advice and its track record for delivering approved planning consents, coupled with an ability to handle large technical projects through detailed design for its clients to realise the potential of their sites, has made Offset a force to be reckoned with.



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