



Campaign to Protect
Rural England
BEDFORDSHIRE

COUNTRYSIDE AND DESIGN AWARDS 2008

LANDSCAPE



ALAMEDA MIDDLE SCHOOL, AMPHILL

Two areas of ground adjacent to the school buildings - one developed as a quiet area using existing trees, with native shrubs and seating, the other a formal knot garden.



ANCIENT WOODLAND SEED COLLECTION
FLITWICK

A mature woodland adjacent to housing which is being managed as a community amenity but also provides a source of local native seeds and saplings which are available to other countryside custodians throughout the county and further afield.



GOLDINGTON GREEN LOWER SCHOOL, BEDFORD

A school garden teaching resource next the playing field, providing a species rich and diverse habitat with vegetable and flower beds, a wildlife pond and uncultivated area which is home to a fox.



WALLED GARDEN
STOCKWOOD DISCOVERY CENTRE, LUTON

A Luton Borough visitor centre project with a multitude of features and uses for the community incorporating a series of exciting and innovative gardens with specimen planting of native species, simulated global environments and playgrounds.



SENSORY RIDE
ELIZABETH CURTIS RIDING CENTRE, BROMHAM

A soft track built for disabled horse riders which leads through an existing stand of trees and is bordered by beds containing a wealth of sensory plants. Reclaimed from a nettle patch, it has been constructed using voluntary labour and finance.



CASTLE CLOSE WILDLIFE & HERITAGE SITE
SHARNBROOK

A piece of formerly neglected land next to a recently developed housing estate now managed by local volunteers for the benefit of the village. New pathways lead to an ancient earthwork and ponds as well as mature woodland and open grass areas.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS



MOGGERHANGER HOUSE AND PARK

The restoration of a Grade 1 listed John Soane small mansion house after years of use as a hospital required painstaking research and craftsmanship. The restoration of the landscaped grounds will follow.

The renovation of a Grade 1 listed mansion and stables set in a Capability Brown landscape by the Elite Hotels group for use as a luxury hotel has demanded ingenuity, fine craftsmanship and incurred considerable cost.



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CHELLINGTON CENTRE

The unused St. Nicholas' church, with commanding views over the Great Ouse valley, has been turned into a residential centre for young people, designed to give them hands-on experience of the countryside.

VERNACULAR BUILDINGS



An isolated group of agricultural buildings of differing architectural styles has been remodelled to form an enclosed residential community.

A timber framed barn converted for use as a family home, combining exposed original construction features with ultra modern interior fittings and furniture.



Development of a neglected brick-built farm complex of single and double storey buildings into residential properties, maintaining the feel of the original layout.

A range of single storey timber barns adapted for use as a farm shop, selling local produce and employing local staff.



NEW BUILDINGS



A 507 FOOTBRIDGES, RIDGMONT BYPASS

Two bridges for pedestrians and livestock built to cross over the newly constructed village bypass. They use hardwood timber and graceful design in a prominent location.



HARLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES

An expansion of the existing office space required the construction of a new extension which had to harmonise with the characterful original Victorian buildings.



DAME ALICE HARPUR SCHOOL
BEDFORD

A new sixth form common room and careers library have been constructed in confined spaces by adapting and extending existing buildings. The new works had to blend with earlier architecture from the 1930's and be carried out with building remaining in use.



LONG BARN STUDIO, MAULDEN

A striking new architect's studio designed to provide a creative work environment and demonstrate new use of materials, without intruding on a landscape which includes existing farm buildings.



'SIMPLY OAK', BIGGLESWADE

An impressive showroom specialising in new and restored oak furniture and incorporating a restaurant with extensive views across open country, with nearby landscaping which includes a reed bed for waste water treatment.



EATON BRAY LOWER SCHOOL

A new nursery school building in the grounds of the existing Lower School. The project was driven by the governors, staff and parents and uses striking architecture and vibrant colours to enthuse the children. There are ambitious plans for the gardens.

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