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Practice Profile



KWL Architects is an award-winning care sector architecture practice, proudly owned by its employees. We are committed to delivering high-quality buildings that showcase innovative design solutions, providing excellent value while maximising potential for our clients, no matter the scale or complexity of the project.

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ETHOS

KWL Architects are motivated by the commissions we undertake, we are imaginative, energetic and successful in what we do and the results we achieve.

With each project our role is to guide and orchestrate the realisation of our client's goals within the context of the aesthetic, environmental, economic, technical and deliverable parameters. Careful consideration is given to the market requirements of the locality as well as analysis of specific planning constraints. We always listen carefully to our clients and their expectations are foremost in the design process, ensuring their involvement is present at all stages in the journey, from inception to completion.

Projects vary in size and complexity encompassing both refurbishment and new build schemes, each commission is delivered to the highest standard. KWL Architects have developed a particular interest, expertise and a highly respected reputation in a wide range of care sector projects, designing and delivering Care Villages, Care Homes and Assisted Living projects across the United Kingdom for numerous Clients both on a national and local scale.



DESIGN VALUES

KWL Architects' design process is thoughtful and rigorous utilising a wealth of experience within the office, ensuring every project meets or exceeds the client's brief.

We are committed to delivering high quality buildings that present innovative design solutions, that are excellent value and that achieve the maximum potential for the client, irrespective of their scale or complexity.

As leader of the design team we help integrate the expertise from external consultants, constantly exploring the best design and technical solutions for our clients. Working closely with other disciplines within the design team we continuously analyse and evolve the design, ensuring the delivery of an elegant and robust building and environment for our clients and the building's users.



TEAMWORK AND RELATIONSHIPS

Established in 2001 KWL Architects evolved as a single discipline practice from the original multi-disciplinary practice providing professional services in Architecture, Engineering and Technical design originally founded in 1984.

KWL Architects believe that successful projects are a result of teamwork with our clients, consultants and contractors who have the same goals. We have an excellent reputation and are proud that many of our clients have been working with us since our formation. The building of long term working relationships with our clients, consultants and contractors who share our ethos and high values is very important and contributes greatly in delivering buildings of high quality and appeal.

We always ensure our clients and consultants are supported by the skills and expertise within the practice. All members of our team strive to deliver a holistic and professional service throughout all stages of the project. Investment in staff welfare, CAD software and hardware assists the team in the delivery and communication of ideas and information. The practice enjoys a diverse balance of experience and youth providing a dynamic and exciting structure within the office.





CLIENTS

At KWL Architects, we are proud to have built lasting relationships with a diverse range of clients, many of whom we have worked with for years. Our well established presence in the care sector has made us a trusted partner for organisations looking for thoughtful, high-quality design solutions. Whether working with care home providers, specialist healthcare organisations, or housing associations, we bring the same level of dedication, expertise, and attention to detail to every project.

Our clients return to us because they know we listen, understand their needs, and consistently deliver designs that enhance both functionality and quality of life. We take the time to develop bespoke solutions that balance practicality, aesthetics, and innovation ensuring that every space we create is not just well designed, but also welcoming and supportive.

Trust is at the core of our work. Our clients rely on us not just for our design expertise, but for our commitment to excellence and our deep understanding of the care sector. At KWL Architects, we don't just design buildings, we build strong, lasting partnerships that stand the test of time.

AWARDS

At KWL Architects, we are proud to be a multi award winning practice, recognised for our dedication to excellence in architectural design. Our projects have been celebrated for their innovation, functionality, and the lasting impact they have on the communities they serve. These awards are a testament to our team's expertise, creativity, and commitment to delivering outstanding design solutions.

We take great pride in creating spaces that not only meet but exceed expectations. Our designs are recognised for their attention to detail, sustainability, and ability to enhance everyday life. Whether working on large scale developments or carefully crafted bespoke projects, we approach every design with the same passion and dedication to quality.

These accolades inspire us to continue pushing boundaries, refining our approach, and delivering projects that make a real difference. At KWL Architects, our awards are not just achievements, they reflect our ongoing commitment to excellence in every aspect of our work.



Insider Wales
Dealmakers Award
Finalist of Small Business
Deal of the Year



Highly Commended Award
Client - Juniper Homes



Winner of Best for
Architecture Award
Client - Care UK



Best Development
Nomination
Client - Juniper Homes



Winner of Best Luxury
Care Home
Client - Dormy Care
Communities



Best Regeneration
Project
Client - St Monica Trust



Shortlisted, The
Chocolate Quarter,
Keynsham
Client - St Monica Trust



Finalist - Best
Independent Living
Category
Client - Ben



Winner of Best
Retirement Development
Client - Ben



Winner of Most
Outstanding Extra
Care Housing Design
Client - Ben



Finalist in Best Large
Dementia Care Home
Category
Client - Sanctuary Housing



Winner of "Most Outstanding
Continuous Care Retirement
Community"
Client - St Monica Trust



Finalist in Independent
Living Care Village
Client - St Monica Trust



Winner of "Best Extra
Care Scheme"
Client - Charter Housing
Association



Welsh Housing Design
Awards - Shortlisted
Client - Eastern Valley
Housing Association



Welsh Housing Design Awards
Commended Scheme
Client - Charter Housing
Association



Winner of "Best Assisted
Living Development"
Client - St Monica Trust



Winner of "Best Assisted
Living Development"
Client - St Monica Trust

STUDY VISITS

At KWL Architects, we are committed to continuous learning to stay at the forefront of design within the care sector. To ensure we are always evolving and incorporating the latest trends, we regularly carry out study visits to key areas of interest across Europe, America, and Australia. These trips allow us to explore innovative approaches to care sector design, gaining insights and inspiration that can be integrated into our own projects. By staying connected to global best practices, we ensure our designs are not only current but also push the boundaries of what's possible in creating exceptional care environments.



PROJECTS

Care Villages

The demand for vibrant, age-restricted communities is growing, driven by retirees seeking greater choice, flexibility, and high-quality living environments. Modern retirement villages are designed to encourage social engagement, offering a range of amenities and shared spaces that promote an active and integrated lifestyle. With significant variation in design approaches and locations, each development presents unique opportunities and challenges. At KWL Architects, we work closely with clients to shape their vision, creating exciting and vibrant designs while successfully guiding projects through the often complex planning and construction process.

Care Homes

KWL Architects design care homes for residents who require 24 hour care, with a strong focus on comfort and wellbeing. Our designs incorporate spacious ensuite bedrooms, ensuring privacy and ease of care delivery with thoughtfully arranged communal lounges and social spaces to encourage interaction and engagement. Outdoor areas are a key feature for a successful environment, providing residents with safe, accessible green spaces to relax and connect with nature. Our care homes are specifically designed to support individuals living with a variety of care needs including residential, nursing and dementia care, integrating clear wayfinding, calming environments, and familiar, homely interiors to enhance residents' quality of life.

Extra Care / Assisted Living

Our Extra Care / Assisted Living developments provide self-contained apartments within a supportive community, balancing independence with flexible care. Featuring communal gardens, resident lounges, and amenities like shops, hair salons, and gyms, these spaces promote wellbeing and a fulfilling lifestyle while ensuring care is available when needed.

Supported Living

KWL Architects design facilities that support individuals with complex needs, including learning disabilities, brain injuries, and mental health conditions. Our facilities provide both full-time care and essential respite services, ensuring residents receive the support they need in a safe and nurturing environment. Thoughtfully designed to promote comfort, dignity, and independence, our designs encourage social engagement and overall well-being. By integrating specialist features and creating homely, accessible settings, we aim to enhance the quality of life for residents and with our designs also supporting the dedicated staff who care for them.

Public

Public projects, including golf clubhouses, chapels, doctors' surgeries and community centres, are designed with both functionality and community at their core. Many of these spaces are accessible and integrated into retirement villages, enriching the overall living experience for residents by providing essential amenities and social hubs. Each project is carefully considered and designed, ensuring that the spaces are welcoming and inclusive for all users. By prioritising high-quality design efficiency and usability, these developments create environments that support a wide range of needs while fostering a strong sense of community.

Residential

KWL Architects have extensive experience in residential developments, including bespoke individual homes to large multi-storey buildings. We design high-quality, functional, and sustainable living spaces that prioritise comfort, accessibility, and aesthetic appeal, ensuring each project enhances residents' needs and expectations.







THE CHOCOLATE QUARTER

Care Village

Location

Keynsham, Bristol

Client

St Monica Trust

Project Value

£60,000,000

Status

Completed 2017

The Retirement Village comprises the refurbishment and conversion of Blocks A, B & C of the former Iconic Cadbury's Chocolate factory buildings in Keynsham. The three factory buildings were originally the home of Fry's Chocolate, and more latterly Cadburys, but were closed in 2011 by Kraft Foods, when production of chocolate products ceased. The buildings were part of a site acquired by Taylor Wimpey and the original planning consent gave outline permission for use for housing and commercial/office use. SMT acquired the site from the developer, we continued our involvement in the project and were appointed by SMT to collaborate with them to design a retirement community for the Chocolate Quarter residents and surrounding area. The Chocolate Quarter is now a hub for the wider community, with the vision of vibrant and connected facilities realised in the completed building. Facilities include hair salons, restaurant, bar, shops, Block B café and pizzeria, craft areas, cinema, leisure and well being, GP surgery and pharmacy.





WESTBURY FIELDS

Care Village

Location
Bristol

Client
St Monica Trust

Project Value
£22,000,000

Status
Completed 2006

Westbury Fields Retirement Village was developed on land previously used by Bishopston Cricket Club, established and using the site since 1935, however the pitch and clubhouse were largely derelict after being subject to continued vandalism. St Monica Trust purchased the 13 acre site in 2001, their vision was to create the first care village for all, with a variety of ownership opportunities, including Lease purchase, shared equity, and rental models. In 2001 we were appointed to develop this vision and immediately started working on designs for the village. The village has matured over time and forms part of the wider community in the suburbs of north Bristol with the cricket pitch remaining integral to village life.





COTE LANE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Care Village

Location
Bristol

Client
St Monica Trust

Status
Completed



KWL Architects have played a key role in transforming the original Cote Lane care home site into Cote Lane Retirement Village. Working with SMT designing new buildings across the site, while also undertaking refurbishment work on numerous existing buildings, our designs for individual buildings have enhanced the functional and practical outcomes for SMT operating and managing the Village. With each new building, facilities and opportunities have increased the enjoyment for residents, their families, visitors and staff. Creating modern, accessible assisted living apartments, specialist care home accommodation and social facilities, while carefully preserving elements of the village's rich architectural heritage, has created a unique village with grandeur. Communal areas within each facility encourage opportunities for relaxation, spaces for activities, and social interaction among residents. These improvements reflect our commitment to delivering thoughtful, inclusive designs that prioritise comfort, independence, and a high quality of life for all who live, visit and work at Cote Lane Retirement Village.

SANDFORD STATION CARE VILLAGE

Care Village

Location

Sandford

Client

St Monica Trust

Status

Completed 2010

Sandford Station Retirement Village lies on the edge of Sandford in the countryside of the Mendip Hills. This rural site was identified as having the potential to provide SMT with a large retirement village, capable of accommodating a unique single storey dementia home layout and design discovered by a trustee on a visit to Australia. The prerequisite of finding a suitable site required it to be large enough to accommodate a village with the potential to create a flat area of land within it to accommodate this unique dementia facility. The site included Sandford Railway station and its historic buildings, at the time of purchase the site was last used as a concrete works for garden ornaments. Planning for the scheme was complex due to its size, location and heritage, however working with the Planning department and their consultees, permission for the retirement village was eventually secured. The completed village includes the refurbished Railway station, platform, baggage store, station masters house and original engine shed, which now accommodates the Pullman Cafe.







ROSELAND CARE VILLAGE

Care Village

Location
Tregony

Client
Retirement Villages Ltd

Status
Completed 2018

Roseland Parc Retirement Village is set in the small Cornish village of Tregony, located just to the east of Truro and only a couple of miles from the spectacular beaches of the Roseland peninsular. While the site was originally occupied by a single small care home, its potential as the basis of a care village was identified by its owners and an ambitious development programme was started in 2006. Since its inception, the care village has developed through a number of carefully planned phases, aimed at maximising the potential of the site, while respecting the local environs and the residents who live there.



SIGNATURE HOUSE, BREWERY SQUARE

Care Village

Location
Dorchester, Dorset

Client
Somerset Redstone Trust

Project Value
£6,600,000

Status
Completed October 2013

Signature House in Dorset is a distinctive care village that includes a purpose-built, three-storey care home with 48 rooms, as well as a number of assisted living apartments. The design focuses on providing a comfortable and supportive environment for residents, with the care home offering around-the-clock assistance, while the apartments offer a degree of independence with care available when needed. The development encourages a sense of community and wellbeing, making it an ideal place for residents to enjoy a fulfilling lifestyle in a well-equipped and thoughtfully designed setting within the Brewery Square development.





HOLY CROSS PRIORY

Care Village

Location
Heathfield

Project Value
£11,100,000

Client
Grace & Compassion
Benadictines

Status
Completed 2013

Holy Cross Priory, is located at Cross in Hand, East Sussex. The site was occupied by a large U-shaped 'Tudor Gothic' style mansion built in the 1860s. The original grade II listed building had a complex structure that includes various projecting wings, mullioned windows, turrets, chimneys and an entrance porch over 5/6 floors. During WWI the house was used as a convalescence home for wounded soldiers. In the 1920s and 30s it was used as a hotel, during WWII a home to the Canadian Army, in the 1950s by the Monks for use as a training school for men entering the priesthood, and, eventually in 1964, sold to the Benedictine Sisters of Grace and Compassion to establish a home for the elderly.





THE FAIRWAYS

Care Village

Location

Chippenham

Client

Freeman Care / MHA

Status

Completed 2014

The Fairways retirement village is situated just outside the town of Chippenham, nestled against the scenic backdrop of a picturesque golf course. It offers a tranquil setting while remaining only moments from the heart of Chippenham. The development features a two-storey, 60-bedroom care home alongside 75 one, two, and three-bedroom apartments spread across three floors, all connected to a central communal hub. Residents can take advantage of a wide range of amenities, including a spacious restaurant, a wellness centre with a large swimming pool, jacuzzi, and a fully equipped gymnasium.

LYNWOOD VILLAGE

Care Village

Location

Ascot

Client

Ben - Motor and Allied Trades Benevolent Fund

Project Value

£41,000,000

Status

Completed 2016

BEN's 19-acre site in Ascot, spanning the boundaries of Sunninghill and Sunningdale, was home to its head office and aging care facilities in need of refurbishment or replacement. Tasked with creating an innovative care village, KWL developed a scheme featuring a 102 bed care home, 138 apartments, 10 cottages, and a new head office, all while ensuring existing residents remained on site during phased construction. The completed village integrates all buildings via internal glazed walkways and offers extensive facilities, including a restaurant, café, cinema, gym, hydrotherapy pool, and outdoor activities. A What House Gold Winner 2015, it was officially opened by HRH Princess Alexandra in April 2018.







DEBDEN GRANGE

Care Village

Location
Newport, Essex

Client
Retirement Villages

Project Value
£22,500,000

Status
Completed 2020

Situated on the outskirts of Newport, Saffron Walden, the site is bordered by established homes and new residential developments. The proposed care village includes 64 one and two-bedroom apartments across three floors, 17 cottages, and a 40-bedroom care home, along with a clubhouse, communal spaces, and essential services. Designed to integrate seamlessly with the local environment, the village ensures full accessibility across its sloping terrain by incorporating three plateaus with a storey-height difference. The thoughtful layout creates a variety of distinct outdoor spaces, fostering interaction among residents, families, and staff.



HORSHAM GREEN

Care Village

Location
Horsham, West Sussex

Client
Prime Group

Project Value
£75,000,000

Status
Planning permission pending

The proposed care village in Horsham, West Sussex, offers a blend of country-style living near the town centre, featuring 17 bungalows, 82 cottages, 108 apartments, a 60-bedroom care home and a 32-bed specialist dementia care home. A community hub with a commercial kitchen, therapy rooms, and a swimming pool enhances residents' well-being. Thoughtfully designed to respect the rural character, the village provides a peaceful environment with high-quality landscaped gardens, a natural river, and a green corridor of trees, fostering wildlife habitats and serene walking spaces.







BUCKFAST ABBEY

Care Village

Location
Buckfast, Devon

Project Value
£75,000,000

Client
Buckfast Abbey

Status
Planning permission pending

KWL Architects were commissioned by Buckfast Abbey to explore the development of a Care Village on the 9.8 acre former Spinning Mill Factory site within Dartmoor National Park. The proposal includes Extra Care apartments, a specialist dementia care home, and high-quality residential and nursing care, along with a central hub offering dining, a chapel, and social spaces. A new village green with an events lawn, water features, and an orangery enhances the community feel, while wellness facilities such as a spa, hydrotherapy pool, and cinema promote well-being. The project also prioritises sustainability with a strong focus on renewable energy.









LADDEN VIEW

Care Home

Location
Yate

Client
Care UK

Status
Completed 2024

Ladden View Care Home in Yate is nestled in a luxurious and inviting setting, complete with expansive, beautifully landscaped gardens and outdoor areas. The home features a range of amenities, including a café, a cinema room, and a hair and beauty salon. It is thoughtfully organised into separate suites which include en-suite bedrooms, a dining area, and lounge. This design encourages smaller, close-knit communities within the home, allowing residents to form connections more easily while maintaining a calm and peaceful atmosphere.



THE CHASE

Care Home

Location
Huntingdon

Client
Connaught Care

Status
Completed 2023

Nestled in the picturesque market town of Huntingdon, this luxury care home features a modern, purpose-built facility designed to provide a welcoming and comfortable environment. With 61 spacious private bedrooms, elegant shared dining and lounging areas, and numerous quiet relaxation spaces, every detail has been carefully considered. Residents can step outside to enjoy the stunning views from the outdoor terraces, overlooking beautifully landscaped gardens. The Chase also offers a range of amenities, including The Paddock Bar & Bistro, a sophisticated dining area, private dining rooms, a hair salon, the Lotus Spa, a cinema room, and more.





LLYS HERBERT CARE HOME

Care Home

Location
Cardiff

Client
Care UK

Status
Completed 2024



Llys Herbert, situated in Lisvane, Cardiff, is a three-storey care home with 75 spacious bedrooms. The home provides a welcoming environment with excellent facilities, including an on-site café and bar where residents can spend time together. The beautifully landscaped gardens add to the charm of the setting, offering stunning views from many of the bedrooms. With a focus on comfort and community, Llys Herbert ensures residents feel at home while receiving the care and support they need.

HENBROOK HOUSE

Care Home

Location
St Neots, Cambridgeshire

Client
Connaught Care

Status
Completed 2024

Henbrook House Care Home is a three-story, part two-storey residence situated in the picturesque town of St. Neots, Cambridgeshire. Designed to offer both comfort and a sense of community, the home provides a welcoming and modern living environment for its residents. It boasts a range of high-end amenities, including an on-site bistro, cinema room, hair salon, private dining room, and health spa. With thoughtfully designed spaces and a focus on well-being, Henbrook House ensures residents can enjoy a fulfilling and enriched lifestyle in a supportive setting.





LONG STONE MANOR

Care Home

Location
Wilmslow

Client
Care UK

Status
Completed 2025



Long Stone Manor Care Home, located in the charming town of Wilmslow, offers a welcoming and comfortable environment for its residents. The home features 60 spacious ensuite rooms. Residents can take advantage of a range of high quality amenities, including a cosy coffee shop, a well equipped hair salon, and a stylish bar, all designed to create a vibrant community atmosphere. The beautifully landscaped gardens provide a peaceful outdoor retreat, offering residents a tranquil space to relax and socialise in a serene setting.



ANCASTA GROVE

Care Home

Location
Sarisbury Green

Project Value
£6,500,000

Client
Prime PLC

Status
Completed 2021

Ancasta Grove Care Home is located off Barnes Lane in Sarisbury Green, Fareham, on a 2-acre site previously housing a single dwelling and surrounded by mature trees. The client's brief was for a modern, welcoming home with a domestic scale. It will feature 75 bedrooms in five suites, each with around 15 rooms, across three floors, along with a range of communal spaces for residents. The design, developed in partnership with the planning authority, uses soft materials like stock bricks and muted cladding to help the building blend with its surroundings, while varied rooflines and facades prevent the home from appearing too large or monolithic.

MEADOWBROOK CARE HOME

Care Home

Location

Bishop's Stortford

Client

Connaught Care

Status

Completed 2024

Meadowbrook Care Home is a three-story residence situated in the historic market town of Bishop's Stortford. Its design seamlessly blends traditional architecture with subtle modern touches, including grey Viero cladding and distinctive box window surrounds. The home offers a variety of high-quality amenities to enhance residents' comfort and well-being, including a bistro, spa, hair salon, and cinema. Thoughtfully designed to create a warm and inviting atmosphere, Meadowbrook provides a supportive environment where residents can enjoy both relaxation and social engagement.



HORFIELD LODGE

Care Home

Location

Bristol

Client

MHA

Status

Completed 2012

MHA's Horfield Lodge, a 73-bed care home on Kellaway Avenue in Bristol, takes its name from a large house once on the site in 1881. Located on a 1.25-acre plot bordered by a stone wall and mature trees, the home provides 29 dementia care places, 25 nursing care places, and 19 care suites for individuals and couples. The design, created in collaboration with the planning authority, uses materials that complement the local vernacular, including off-white render and cedar cladding. Designed to maximise parkland views, the home features communal spaces with western-facing vistas and a roof garden offering panoramic views of Bristol. In 2012, the development won the Bristol Civic Society Design Award.





WATLINGTON & DISTRICT NURSING HOME

Care Home

Location
Watlington

Client
Sanctuary Care

Status
Completed 2002



Located just outside Watlington, Oxfordshire, and overlooking the Chiltern Hills, the site of the former cottage hospital was redeveloped to create a new care home for Sanctuary Care. The home was designed to mirror the style of the building it replaced, using red clay bricks and flint panels under a natural slate roof, with a strong focus on material quality and detailing. Set within mature gardens, the 60-bedroom home spans two to three floors and offers residents access to various recreational and therapeutic activities, including dementia-friendly garden areas. In 2015, the home was enhanced with a new orangery and updated landscaping.

SCARLET HOUSE

Care Home

Location
Stroud

Client
Care UK

Status
Completed 2014

Scarlet House, located on Westward Road in Ebley, Stroud, offers 86 bedrooms across two floors, providing residential and nursing care. Designed around an open courtyard garden, the home features raised planting beds and seating areas, focusing on the needs of dementia care, with residents accommodated on the ground floor. The design reflects the site's constraints and care requirements, incorporating modern, generous internal spaces with clear wayfinding. The building uses modern materials, large windows, and glazing to create a light-filled, spacious environment, while the design's domestic scale and gables help it blend seamlessly with the surrounding residential area.







OXBOW MANOR

Care Home

Location
Shrewsbury

Client
Care UK

Status
Completed 2023



Oxbow Manor Care Home, situated to the south of Shrewsbury town centre, offers 80 bedrooms across two storeys, providing a blend of residential, nursing, and dementia care. The design aims to create a comfortable and supportive environment for all residents. KWL Architects have been involved in the project from its initial concept phase through to completion, collaborating closely with the client and contractor to ensure the scheme was delivered to the highest standards. The team worked to address both functional and aesthetic considerations, creating a home that meets the needs of residents while integrating seamlessly into its surroundings.

CUTTLEBROOK HALL

Care Home

Location

Thame

Client

Care UK

Status

Completed 2023

Cuttlebrook Care Home, located in the peaceful setting of Thame, Oxfordshire, is one of KWL Architects' latest projects, featuring 68 bedrooms designed for comfort and functionality. In collaboration with Kori Construction, the care home offers a variety of amenities, including a cosy cinema room, a hair and beauty salon, a library, a café, and a pub/bar, ensuring spaces for relaxation, socialising, and enrichment. KWL Architects' careful attention to detail enhances the residents' quality of life, creating a welcoming and supportive environment that will be cherished for years to come.







SMYTH LODGE CARE HOME & QUEENSGATE APARTMENTS

Care Home & Extra Care Apartments

Location
Sidcup

Client
Care UK

Status
Completed 2019



Located on the site of the former Queen Mary's Maternity Unit in Sidcup, this carefully designed development includes two distinct buildings. Smyth Lodge, a care home offering 80 spacious bedrooms for high-quality care, while Queensgate Apartments, a four-story building, provides 74 extra care apartments for independent living with added support. Surrounded by lush greenery and adjacent to Sidcup Community Gardens, the development offers residents tranquil outdoor spaces for relaxation and socialising. This ideal setting combines a sense of community with privacy, making it a truly special place to live.



MOAT HOUSE

Extra Care / Assisted Living

Location
Great Dunmow

Client
Retirement Villages

Status
Completed 2014



Moat House, located within the Moat Park Retirement Village in Great Easton near Great Dunmow, Essex, is a three-story care home designed with a traditional aesthetic, featuring a pitched roof and predominantly red brick elevations. The home offers 60 bedrooms and 6 luxury suites, providing a comfortable and welcoming environment. Residents can enjoy picturesque countryside views to the east and tranquil woodlands to the west, enhancing the peaceful and nature-filled setting. Social spaces and activities such as a coffee club, library, salon, and arts and crafts offer a vibrant and engaging atmosphere.

MORETON COURT

Extra Care / Assisted Living

Location

Bideford

Client

Sanctuary Housing

Status

Completed 2015

Located in the charming town of Bideford, Moreton Court offers a selection of apartments and communal amenities, including 39 one bedroom apartments and 20 two bedroom apartments. The development features a communal lounge, restaurant, guest suite, hair salon, fitness suite, library, games room, and a beautifully landscaped garden. With lifts to all floors and level access throughout, Moreton Court ensures easy and convenient living for all residents.





BLOCK D - MILLSTREAM

Extra Care / Assisted Living

Location
Keynsham, Bristol

Client
St Monica Trust

Status
Under Construction

Situated on the former Cadburys Chocolate factory site in Keynsham, adjacent to Blocks A, B, and C, which together make up the award-winning Chocolate Quarter Retirement village, Millstream forms the final stage of this development. This five-storey building, comprising 44 assisted living apartments, including 18 one bedroom and 26 two bedroom units, each enjoy a private full width balcony, providing stunning views of the surrounding countryside. Millstream residents have a private club room and will have access to all the amenities in the Chocolate Quarter Retirement village. The design and materials used for Block D have been carefully chosen to complement Blocks A, B, and C, continuing a cohesive built form and aesthetic across the whole development.





Shaftesbury Court

Supported Living

Location
Trowbridge

Client
Sanctuary Care

Status
Completed 2020

Shaftesbury Court, situated on the outskirts of Trowbridge and within walking distance of Southwick Country Park, is a thoughtfully designed care facility supporting adults aged 18 to 65 with learning and physical disabilities. The main building comprises 14 ensuite bedrooms, complemented by two adjacent bungalows, offering a comfortable and supportive living environment. Residents benefit from a range of amenities, including a communal lounge, dining areas, and landscaped gardens, fostering opportunities for social interaction and a sense of community.





CWMGELLI LODGE

Supported Living

Location
Blackwood

Client
Seren Group

Status
Completed 2015

Cwmgelli Lodge, located on the former Ty Sirhowy Hospital site in Blackwood, Caerphilly, is a purpose-built, 24-bed nursing home designed to support adults with brain injuries, learning disabilities, and mental illnesses. With accommodation over two storeys, the facility has been thoughtfully designed to create a bright, positive, and vibrant environment tailored to the needs of younger residents. Each of the 24 bedrooms exceeds the size and standards set by Care Inspectorate Wales, ensuring a high level of comfort and the opportunity to deliver quality care.





TREM Y MOR RESPITE & INTERMEDIATE CARE SERVICE

Supported Living

Location
Port Talbot

Client
Neath-Port Talbot County Borough Council

Project Value
£4,400,000

Status
Completed 2014

Trem y Mor, located alongside Aberavon Beach, is a specialist care facility designed to provide planned and emergency care for young people with extremely challenging special needs, offering vital respite to full-time domiciliary carers. KWL Architects fulfilled the role of Architects for the design and build contractor on this flagship project, originally designed by the Welsh School of Architecture. The facility prioritises the synergy between users and carers, creating a supportive and nurturing environment. It comprises 16 residential rooms alongside communal living spaces and a range of amenities, ensuring a high-quality, purpose-built setting for both residents and staff.





FORMER POLICE STATION SITE, LIVERPOOL

Residential

Location
Prescot, Near Liverpool

Client
Prima

Status
Planning Permission Granted

KWL Architects were tasked with transforming the former Prescot Police Station site into private residential accommodation while preserving its rich architectural heritage. Originally built as a police station and law courts, the 19th-century structure retains many of its finely crafted period details. The project involves converting the historic police station into modern apartments, repurposing the existing outbuildings into houses, and constructing four new semi-detached homes. This thoughtful redevelopment seamlessly blends historical character with contemporary living, ensuring the site's legacy is maintained while meeting modern housing needs.

AIRPOINT

Residential

Location
Bristol

Client
West Street Developments

Status
Completed 2007

Airpoint is part of the redevelopment of the former Mail Marketing Site in Bedminster, Bristol, a project that also includes social housing, elderly living, and retail units. This large-scale development helped spark the broader revitalisation of Bedminster. After securing planning consent, the client appointed KWL Architects to oversee the project from post-construction through to completion. The six story building features a modern design with clean lines and includes unique internal spaces like sky bridges in the atrium. Residents enjoy a 220 meter rooftop running track, trim trail, pool room, barbecue area, and a roof garden offering stunning 360-degree views of Bristol.





ST AUGUSTINE'S DOCTORS SURGERY

Public

Location
Keynsham, Bristol

Client
St Monica Trust

Status
Completed 2017

The opportunity to have a doctor's surgery within the Chocolate Quarter Village was a vision of St Monica Trust. The potential to provide a surgery was pursued as it would complete the holistic care on offer to residents, with ease of access to primary health services. KWL worked with SMT, St Augustine's Doctors Surgery and the NHS to relocate the surgery to the Chocolate Quarter, as the practice's original site, a converted residential property, had limited accessible consulting rooms. KWL Architects were appointed to design a new building within Block C of the former Cadbury Chocolate Factory. The contemporary design and colour scheme adopted for the project makes use of natural light, from the existing large factory windows with the completed surgery including 15 consulting rooms, minor operations rooms, and spacious administrative areas, all with level access.





CHIPPENHAM GOLF CLUB

Public

Location
Chippenham

Client
Chippenham Golf Club / Freeman Care

Status
Completed 2012

Chippenham Golf Club, located just outside Chippenham, originally had a clubhouse from around 1896 that required significant refurbishment. The opportunity to work with a developer arose, allowing for the relocation of the clubhouse to a new facility on the same land. The new clubhouse design had to meet the specific needs of the Golf Club and its members before the Fairways Retirement Village project could move forward. After a thorough design process, the new clubhouse was approved and construction began. The redevelopment also involved altering the golf course to free up land for the retirement village. The new clubhouse now offers modern amenities, including a spacious terrace with views of the course, large lounges, Spikes bar, an integrated pro shop, and a new driving range.



HOLY CROSS CHAPEL

Public

Location
Heathfield

Client
Grace and Compassion Benedictines

Status
Completed 2015

Holy Cross Chapel, situated within the Holy Cross Retirement Village in Heathfield, was thoughtfully designed by KWL Architects as a key part of the village's community. The chapel features a light and airy double-height space with a mezzanine level, creating an open and welcoming atmosphere. A strong emphasis was placed on acoustics to ensure the chapel's sound quality is optimal for both services and reflection. The design blends modern elements with sensitivity to its function as a place of worship, ensuring the space feels both contemporary and respectful to its sacred purpose.





CLARENCE HOTEL

Public

Location
Pontypool

Client
Melin Homes

Status
Completed 2006

Built around 1820, the Clarence Hotel originally operated as a tavern before expanding in the 1920s into a hotel and nightclub. After ceasing operations in the mid-1980s, the building remained derelict for nearly 20 years. The redevelopment plan aimed to transform the main structure into office and conference suites on the lower floors, with apartments on the upper levels, while utilising additional land at the rear for an extension and a separate new-build apartment block. Due to its deteriorated condition, only the main front façade could be preserved, a key consideration given the building's location within a local conservation area. The project successfully delivered 800m² of commercial and office space along with 14 one-bedroom apartments, each exceeding 45m².

