

HOMES





A home personal to you.

Whether you're looking to create a unique home from a converted barn, renovating and extending, or building a totally new home, our dedicated team of architects and designers, alongside specialist consultants, will help guide you through the process to create a home as individual as you.

From initial site visits, arranging all the necessary specialist surveys and developing an initial sketch scheme; to navigating the increasingly complex planning process; through to producing construction drawings and gaining building regulation approval; assisting you through the tender process and building work; we take pride in tailoring our services to match your needs.

This brochure is intended to showcase the variety of homes we have been fortunate enough to design with our clients over the past ten years.

If you're planning your dream home, please get in touch to discuss how we can help make your dream a reality.



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Silver Birch

Sitting adjacent to a notable early 20th century house in a west Herefordshire village, Silver Birch was sensitively designed to respond to the form and scale of its neighbour, but with truly contemporary execution and detailing.

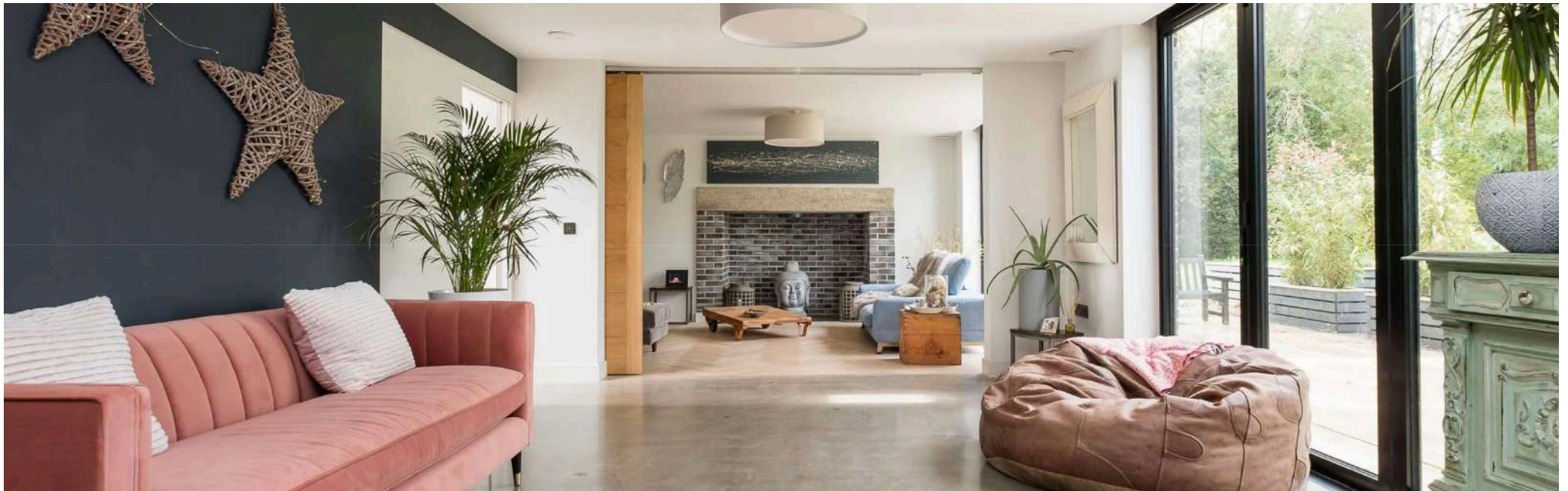
The house was designed to suit the needs of a large family with plentiful open plan living spaces on the ground floor, and large private bedrooms on the first floor.

The carefully arranged projecting gabled form reduces the overall massing of the building, with large triple glazed windows maximising natural delighting and taking in long range rural views from the upper floor rooms.

Grey Danish brickwork and pre-treated silver-grey larch cladding combined with a striking standing seam metal roof achieve a cool, neutral colour palette which recedes into the green landscape surrounding and mature tree border to the plot.

Silver Birch (2016) © Owen Hicks Architecture

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02

Far House Farm

Far House Farm sits in a typically rural Herefordshire landscape, lying in close proximity to a Grade II Listed barn (which has been converted), with surrounding views of tree-lined valleys and adjacent farmsteads.

OHA delivered a high quality, locally-appropriate contemporary design with exemplary energy efficiency and sustainability standards. We worked closely with Client guiding them through sketch scheme, planning application, building regulations application and , tender process, before overseeing construction on site and handing the complete work over to the Client.

Cues were taken from the historic proportions of the existing farmhouse, with a contemporary reinterpretation of historic building typology provide a single storey link structure and a two storey extension.

The material palette is one of high quality, natural and environmentally sustainable materials which celebrate the local vernacular, but with a contemporary execution: Black Mountain rubble stone walling; vertically stained timber cladding; dark grey standing seam roof. The link building's green sedum roof also provides a habitat for bees and insects.

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Far House Farm (2022) © Owen Hicks Architecture
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03

Heron Hill

Heron Hill was originally a 1960's bungalow, sitting atop a small basement on a sloping site with views across the Wye Valley in Breinton, Hereford. The building was arranged around an open courtyard and were tasked with finding a solution to provide additional bedrooms and an improved kitchen / dining area.

Working closely with the Client we created a single volume, first floor extension, running perpendicular to the existing building. This enabled the extension to cantilever on both sides, creating visual interest and animation. The existing house was then rendered white with the extension rendered black, which book-up the mass of the building when set against the background of trees on the site.

The bedrooms were located within the first floor, which enabled the ground floor rooms to be opened-up, especially with the kitchen looking over the swimming pool.

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04

Home Farm

Home Farm Barn is a charming 18th century timber-framed former agricultural barn set in a spectacular rural location on the Herefordshire / Shropshire Border.

OHA were appointed to re-design a scheme which already had planning consent, to suit our client's bespoke family needs, including a much larger open plan social space and a better connection between building and landscape setting.

One of the main challenges was to work sensitively with the historic building and challenging topography to create a modern, energy efficient family home.

The timber frame was stripped of its claddings and carefully repaired to specialist consultant advice, splicing in the minimum amount of new timber.

A biomass boiler was installed to heat the barn and the neighbouring farmhouse entirely by renewable means, and double glazed sliding screens were detailed to sit inside the open post and beam timber frames to the single storey element, capturing the best of the incredible views over an unspoilt wooded valley.

Home Farm (2013) © Owen Hicks Architecture
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05

South Lea

Extending and remodelling an existing house can throw up exciting possibilities to create a truly unique home, while at the same time providing opportunities to reconfigure an existing layout to better suit your family's needs.

Set in an idyllic plot in South Herefordshire, the property was purchased by our clients who needed an extra bedroom, a children's play space and a more open plan family friendly floor plan.

Through some well targeted interventions in the existing house, the floor plan was opened up to create a family kitchen and dining space. A new contemporary two storey extension provides the additional bedroom and playroom. A recessed, flat roofed link structure provides a new light-filled entrance hall at ground floor level with a first floor bridge landing making an interesting feature of the transition between old and new.

The end result is a delightful family home of real character and contrast.

Aylestone Gate (2022) © Owen Hicks Architecture
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06

Welsh Newton

This home is situated in a small historical village in Herefordshire, close to the Welsh border towards Monmouthshire, which is home to a castle and at least thirty one archaeological sites in the parish alone.

The layout of the dwelling was carefully considered so as to respond positively to its context, the setting of the neighbouring house and mature hedgerows and trees. The single storey dwelling is located in the middle of site, being well concealed behind existing vegetation which act as a natural screen, orientated south to maximise solar gains. The scale of the dwelling is informed by the character of its context, to reduce the impact on the surrounding landscape.

Carefully considered windows provide a bright and social open plan living space, with views out to the garden in every direction. The result, is a modest three bedroom dwelling that does not adversely affect the setting of the historical Herefordshire village, retaining character with a sympathetic scale, form and material palette.

Welsh Newton Common (2022) © Owen Hicks Architecture
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