



NAA Craftsmanship Awards 2008: From left to right: Paper Mill Yard (image by Chris Lawes, LSI Architects); Browne House – UEA Phase 2 Student Residences (image by Richard Osbourne - blue pearl photographic); Cley Marshes Visitors Centre (image by Richard Osbourne - blue pearl photographic) and Notre Dame High School's 'Classroom of the Future' (image by Richard Osbourne - blue pearl photographic). Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988: Reproduction is permitted providing authorship is credited

## NEWS RELEASE

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# LSI ARCHITECTS RECEIVES ANOTHER WAVE OF RECOGNITION IN NAA CRAFTSMANSHIP AWARDS

LSI Architects has announced today that four schemes designed by the Norwich and London based practice have been awarded Norfolk Association of Architects (NAA) Craftsmanship accolades in the 2008 Awards. The awards were presented on Monday, 28th April at the Annual Awards Ceremony at Ramada Jarvis International Hotel, Norwich. The awards were held in collaboration with the National Federation of Builders to recognise outstanding skills and craftsmanship by trades people, architects and building contractors in Norfolk. The high standards of craftsmanship that distinguish the Norfolk construction industry have been assessed by a panel of judges, chaired by the Norfolk Association of Architects. There were 7 award categories.

The winning schemes designed by LSI Architects are:

### **Category B - New Residential - Grouped buildings – Award Winner**

#### ***Paper Mill Yard, King St., Norwich***

**Project Summary:** A riverside development of 180 luxury apartments with underground parking in the centre of Norwich adjacent to the city wall. The project has included the conversion of a listed grade 2 building and the retained façade of former Colman's industrial buildings, together with new build. The landscaping has been designed to work with the significant fall across the site and has incorporated heritage plaques in the paths depicting the site's history.

**Judge's comments:** A skilled blend of old and new here throughout this large development. The new build where it had to faithfully continue the original was exceptional. Internally and

externally, the fittings and finishes and setting out of the landscaping were of a very high standard.

<b>Commissioned by</b>	<b>City Living Developments</b>
<b>Executed by</b>	<b>John Curry</b>
<b>Built by</b>	<b>R G Carter Ltd</b>
<b>Designed by</b>	<b>David Ridell of LSI Architects</b>

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#### ***University of East Anglia (UEA) Residences Phase 2 (Norwich, Norfolk)***

**Project Summary:** The Phase 2 scheme provides 900 bedrooms in five blocks, with single study bedrooms all having ensuite facilities, communal kitchen / dining rooms, along with staff support accommodation, wheelchair accessible bedrooms and servicing facilities. Following on from Phase 1, this second phase has required the application of new standards, building regulations, and DDA features, which have been introduced since Phase 1 was procured.

**Judge's comments:** Rendered, timber boarded and brick panels with PPC aluminium windows and curved metal eaves all used in combination in a contemporary and now familiar way – but not often so well executed as this. Inside, the feeling of an economy hotel with simple and durable finishes and fittings all very well put together.

<b>Commissioned by</b>	<b>The University of East Anglia</b>
<b>Executed by</b>	<b>David Farman</b>
<b>Built by</b>	<b>R G Carter Ltd</b>
<b>Designed by</b>	<b>David Thompson of LSI Architects</b>

### **Category C - New Commercial Buildings - Highly Commended**

#### ***Cley Marshes Reserve Visitors Centre (Cley, Norfolk)***

**Project Summary:** A cutting-edge, sustainable Visitor Centre at Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) Cley Marshes Nature Reserve on the North Norfolk Coast. The new facility, commissioned by NWT in November 2004, utilises an extensive range of sustainable features and materials to minimise the environmental impact of the building on its surroundings. The new Centre provides Cley with a valuable community resource and visitors with an inspiring, ground-hugging building from which they can enjoy and learn about this unique and beautiful environment. The new development includes a reception, shop, café, observation and interpretation space.

**Judge's comments:** In many respects a gem of a building in a stunning setting with many sustainable initiatives. The hidden complexities of the double curved roof structure were a challenge to the quite simple finishes – particularly eaves cladding and where glazing was intended to cut through soffites.

<b>Commissioned by</b>	<b>Brendan Joyce, Norfolk Wildlife Trust</b>
<b>Executed by</b>	<b>John Smith</b>
<b>Built by</b>	<b>H Smith &amp; Sons Ltd. (Honingham)</b>
<b>Designed by</b>	<b>David Thompson of LSI Architects</b>

### **Category F- Restorations & Alterations – Award Winner**

#### ***Notre Dame High School (Norwich, Norfolk)***

**Project Summary:** The project is one of a series of pilot schemes being undertaken across the country to create innovative learning environments that are imaginative and stimulating,

with the aim of inspiring children to achieve more. The futuristic classroom is able to operate as a single space or, by using a folding partition, as two zones, each capable of holding up to 30 students in a range of flexible learning configurations (hubs, clusters, rows or combinations). There are adjacent, smaller rooms which will provide staff workrooms, technician and storage space. These are remotely connected to the Training School via high resolution cameras and microphones, with feedback through blue-tooth ear pieces to facilitate observation of classes by trainee teachers and mentors.

**Judge's comments:** A conversion of a Victorian classroom into a modern Science classroom of the future. A very high standard of finish and fitting and particularly the detail consideration given to the containment of the M & E services.

<b>Commissioned by</b>	<b>The Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia</b>
<b>Executed by</b>	<b>Chris Clow, Dieter Keibach, Paul Sayer</b>
<b>Built by</b>	<b>John Youngs Ltd.</b>
<b>Designed by</b>	<b>David Andrews, Ken McAndrew of LSI Architects</b>

Last year LSI Architects won four NAA Craftmanship Awards for the new teaching facility at Notre Dame High School, Norwich; Lakeside 300, a commercial office building on Broadland Business Park, Norwich; the new atrium to the Norwich Union offices, Surrey Street, Norwich and the refurbishment of Surrey House for Norwich Union, Surrey Street, Norwich.

David Andrews, Principal Member of LSI Architects said: "The practice is delighted to have secured so many of these prestigious awards this year. I would like to thank our valued clients, the construction teams involved and our staff for all their hard work, with these successes resulting from collaborative efforts towards the highest aspirations."

Roy Payne, Chairman of the NAA commented: "At a time when the country, and Norfolk in particular, is in need of more buildings skills it is important to recognise good workmanship and to give encouragement where it is due. We are giving Awards to those who have demonstrated that pride in their workmanship is all-important at a time when mechanisation implies that craftsmanship is not necessary; a well built brick wall or a beautiful piece of joinery will be a lasting joy. Learning a skill can never start too early and should be encouraged at school age - not everyone must get a degree."

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#### **Notes to the Editor**

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4. Norwich and London based LSI Architects is an ISO 9001 and 14001 accredited practice.