

Pier Arts Centre Stromness, Orkney, Scotland



Owner
Pier Arts Centre
Entrant
Reiach and Hall Architects
Architect
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Access Consultant
JMU Access Partnership
Developer
Trustees of the Pier Arts Centre
Main Contractor
Casey Construction Ltd
Quantity Surveyor
Pentarq Quantity Surveyor
Structural Engineer
SKM Anthony Hunt
Services Engineer
K J Tait and Associates
Lighting Engineer
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A strikingly modern restoration, refurbishment and new build scheme which provides a much visited arts centre.

Despite being in a conservation area of outstanding merit, the design sits comfortably with the surrounding buildings. The uncompromisingly contemporary choice of materials fits surprisingly well with the local style of stone houses and boat sheds. In particular, the dark zinc cladding of the Arts Centre complements the slate roofs of the adjoining properties.

It is clear that consideration has been given to the access requirements of both staff and visitors.

This is a mature work that displays great inventiveness and shies away from simply providing a pastiche intervention.

Alpine House Kew Gardens, Richmond upon Thames, Surrey



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Royal Botanic Gardens Kew
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Wilkinson Eyre Architects
Architect
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Greenhouse Engineer
Green-Mark International
Landscape Designer
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Quantity Surveyor
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Structural Engineer
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This stunning glass building provides a gateway and focal point for Kew's Rock Gardens.

The shape and form of the new Alpine House is designed to achieve the environmental conditions required by alpine plants by passive rather than artificial means. High light levels, cool conditions, constant air movement and ventilation are all achieved without relying on mechanical equipment.

Despite sitting on a slope, the Alpine House is fully accessible for wheelchairs and it has a seamless and stepless transition from outside to inside, creating an exciting introduction to the Rock Garden.

Admired locally, the Alpine House is also a functional success, allowing new plants to be grown which did not thrive in the previous building. A beautiful and ground breaking glass house.