



SHRINKARCHITECTS

Studio CV

Shrink: Less is more

In a world of shrinking resources nothing is infinite. To SHRINK this is an opportunity, a chance to combine and evolve projects that successfully perform on every level without waste.

Each commission is unique so every solution should be: fitted to needs, site, materials, budget and appropriate form. We perform an evolutionary approach to make the best use of all these elements, as our work in this portfolio demonstrates.

Against the unavoidable dilution of off-the-peg structures, SHRINK aims to reward the vision of the client with a bespoke architectural solution through a graceful and concise distillation of the design process.

Our projects cover a wide range of architectural fields from NHS accommodation to luxury private residences, from industrial masterplanning to mobile commercial units. For each and every one SHRINK resolves complexities into elegantly simple solutions.

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Selected Project Details

Job S101: The Workshops

Description Studio offices (conversion)

Value £350,000

Status Complete

Originally a run down courtyard enclosed by the derelict rear exits of workshops SHRINK effectively reversed the aspect to provide exclusive and secure 2 storey studio spaces. The industrial texture of the workshops has been maintained so that the simple and traditional rhythmic detailing of the existing structure can continue to be enjoyed by its community of companies. Subsequently the units have proved attractive to a wide range of small professional design based companies.



Job S103: Briarfield

Description Garage/games room (conversion)

Value £80,000

Status Complete

This small project sums up SHRINK's work. It's a beautifully crafted yet economically elegant modification to the outbuilding of a large Edwardian house on the edge of Neston in Cheshire. The design creates new informal spaces both for the clients and their children, linking and articulating the more formal rooms of the house to the mature nature of the gardens. In a structure that blends vernacular materials with contemporary design the Briarfield project successfully fulfils the clients brief and compliments the texture of its location.



Job S104: Henry Street

Description Apartments/office space (new build)

Value £3,000,000

Status Planning Approved

The ambitious Henry Street design instils an attractive contemporary aspect to this part of Birkenhead, augmenting the existing typologies whilst leading the way toward an anticipated rejuvenation of the area. In keeping with the site context the design caters for both commercial and residential demands. The commercial aspects are defined by regular elements, reflecting their nature whilst offering an interesting contrast to the irregularly placed basalt panels of the residential elements above them.



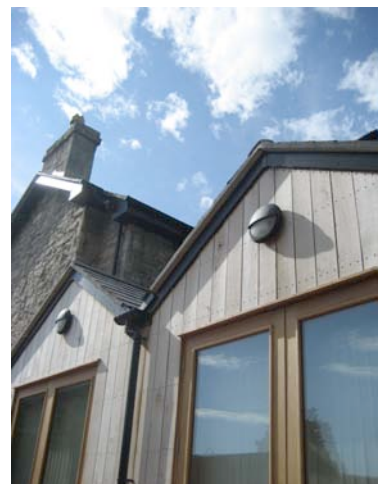
Job S122: Garfield

Description Assisted living accommodation (conversion)

Value £430,000

Status Complete

SHRINK breathed new life into this recently derelict Victorian farmhouse sited on a stunning Welsh hillside with views of Snowdonia. The decorated vernacular grandeur of the house has been kept intact and successfully harmonized with modern extension elements. The result is a scheme that provides a safe and peaceful assisted living unit for up to eight individuals, without formal coherence being sacrificed to the essential functional challenges of such a project.



Job S130: Sunnyside Farm

Description House (new build)

Value £350,00

Status Design

Situated on the outskirts of the attractive village of Cronton, the house rests amongst mature trees, with fields all around it. The long roof form boasts a unique profile derived from traditional barn typologies. The interior is a series of creatively articulated areas, designed to be flooded with natural light by the carefully placed glazing which opens the interior to the quiet gardens and ever-changing countryside that surrounds the house.



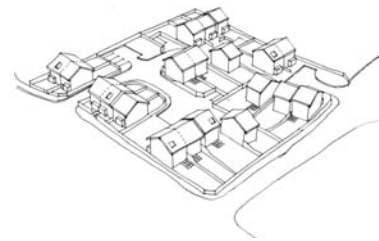
Job S132: Norton Lane

Description Housing development (new build)

Value £1,500,000

Status Design

This feasibility study explored the potential for a number of small plots with the aim of helping to enrich the locality. Creating access from two different locations allowed a phased development of the site. The layout gave the design a 'natural' feel helping to eliminate a regimented, stark development seen so often within similar sized proposals. Planning of the development considered landscape, both hard and soft, in public and private spaces. Landscaping becomes purposeful and not just a token gesture.



Job S142: Modo

Description Bar interior (refurbishment)

Value £30,000

Status Complete

Modo is a well established bar venue within the Concert Square area of Liverpool. SHRINK refreshed the interiors throughout the bar areas including new decoration schemes that included bespoke wallpaper designs and bespoke wall finishes. Full redesign of the toilet areas and washrooms was also undertaken. Fixed booth seating areas were also designed as part of this fit out scheme.



Job S143: The Bellhouse

Description Extension (conversion)

Value £80,000

Status Complete

This extension to a series of cottages maintains the visual identity of courtyard into which it is built, and yet, though respectful, its ambitious 'glass box' envelope provides the buildings with an incisive and impressive addition. The cantilevered roof/canopy allows minimal support. This structural solution enables the full-height glazing to slide away from the corner, extending the courtyard into the internal space and giving the grassed roof terrace the deceptive appearance of floating almost unsupported.



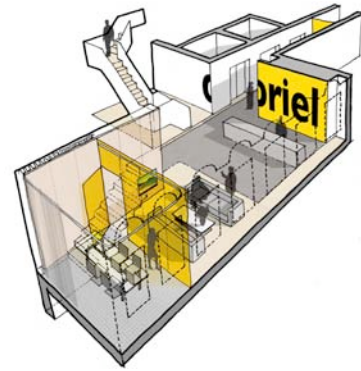
Job S144: Oriel Chambers

Description Interior conversion office/entrance areas

Value £1,500,000

Status Design

Architecturally, Oriel Chambers is one of the jewels in the crown of Liverpool's heritage. The brief required a scheme that raised the building to modern requirements of accessibility, economy and user comfort standards, whilst maintaining its unique character as a groundbreaking Victorian office building. The resulting design clearly fulfils these criteria with minimal disruption to the original fabric to provide a range of attractive and exclusive contemporary office spaces within Peter Ellis' grade 1 listed structure.



Job S147: Heatherstones

Description House (new build)

Value £300,000

Status Complete

This greenbelt site boasts some of the best views in the Wirral, south to Hilbre Island and the Welsh mountains and north to Liverpool and the Mersey Bay. By way of echo to the beautiful situation there is a subtle poetry in the choice of local materials that go to create this contemporary design. The sensitively proportioned volumes and roof pitches sit comfortably within the rural setting whilst light, texture and the close attention to craftsmanship in the details, results in a comfortable home that is elegant and without ostentation.



Job S148: Ty Coch

Description Holiday accommodation (conversion)

Value £280,000

Status Complete

Originally a small farm with outbuildings, situated in an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Ty Coch has been sensitively rejuvenated without disturbing its idyllic location nestled between the Welsh Mountains and the Irish Sea. The palette of vernacular forms and materials are at the heart of the redevelopment, creating a group of linked buildings where family and visitors may experience a retreat, a place of reflection and rejuvenation.



Job S152: Magazines Wharf

Description Offices/workshops (new build)

Value £3,000,000

Status Design

Magazine Wharf lies on the south bank of the Mersey. The project has two central criteria; firstly, to provide the client with a bespoke new office with quayside mooring for their successful maritime company; and secondly, to create a detailed masterplan for substantial additional units on the site. It is the ultimate aim of this collaboration to create an attractive new business park linking Commercial Road and the Mersey, running alongside the original tidal basin of the Wharf.



Job S157: St Catherines Hospital - Block H

Description Cheshire & Wirral PCT occupational health unit

Value £120,000

Status Complete

St Catherine's hospital is undergoing major change with numerous teams and departments being re-located to new parts of the existing hospital. Our brief was for the refurbishment and alteration of a basement area to become an Occupational Health Unit. The area was to be re-planned to provide 4 No. consultation rooms, new reception areas / waiting area and external DDA compliant access ramp. Shrink worked in close contact with the end users to provide them with a space that conformed to their requirements and current 'Healthcare' policy.

Job S158: Stanley Road

Description Apartments (conversion)

Value £200,000

Status On Site

It is our client's intention to extend and convert the existing house to form 6 No. flat's for sale on the open market. The proposal would provide a mix of 2 and 1 bedroom flats. The development is in accordance with the *Wirral Urban Housing Capacity Study (2005)* in which the *redevelopment of existing housing* is encouraged in New Ferry. Our proposal provides quality, low cost housing for sale in a designated *Housing Market Renewal Initiative* zone.



Job S164: Song Pod

Description Mobile karaoke pod

Value £30,000

Status Complete

These truly mobile capsules have space for eight friends to let loose and sing their hearts out to their favourite songs. Enter and close the door on the world outside, whether it be a bar, a street, a festival or just about anywhere else. Simply put this is a mobile encapsulated karaoke for the design aware. The glass reinforced plastic shell (GRP) gives each pod a playful space age aesthetic, with each one being uniquely themed.



Job S167: Walnut Tree Farm

Description Barn conversion

Value £150,000

Status On Site

Our brief for Walnut Tree Farm was to convert the first floor of an existing storage barn into a self contained 'holiday let'. The existing barn was originally part of a larger set of barns arranged around a courtyard. In recent years the majority of the barns have been converted into residential dwellings with new boundaries erected forming physical separation from Walnut Tree Farm main house and the remaining barn. The proposal was to create a large open plan living environment, which commands spectacular views over the surrounding countryside. The barn sits within the curtilage of the main house, which is listed. As a result our application had to receive listed building and conservation area consent as well as planning approval.



Job S172: Osiris

Description Office/workshop accommodation (conversion)

Value £150,000

Status Design

Osiris Projects is an independent company providing high quality coastal survey and seabed mapping services to a broad range of clients. The company's activities include sub-sea cable and pipeline projects, coastal sea defences and site surveys and monitoring for offshore renewable energy developments. Our proposal was to renovate an existing industrial/office unit to provide a base for the Osiris network operations. Planning permission was sought and granted within our target timescale and building regulations drawings and specifications were produced.

Job S174: Grosvenor

Description Apartments (conversion/new build)

Value £400,000

Status On Site

The Grosvenor Hotel sits on the junction of Merseyton Road and Upper Mersey Street, located in close to the banks of the River Mersey and Manchester Ship Canal. Our client acquired the property in the early part of this year and it is his intention to refurbish the existing building creating new residential accommodation. Planning permission approval was gained for the creation of 9 additional apartments through the refurbishment of the existing public house and 4 additional units through the addition of a new build extension.



Job S175: Norton Village

Description New build houses

Value £300,000

Status Planning Approved

Our proposal is for the erection of 4 detached houses with front and rear gardens. It is proposed that on completion, our client (the developers) will own and occupy the properties as part of a joint, private investment. The appearance and material finish of the replacement dwelling had to be carefully considered. Our objective is to create good quality family housing, in character with the area and which will contribute to the existing quality of the existing streetscape.

Job S183: Estates

Description Cheshire & Wirral PCT depts relocation (conversion)

Value £1,000,000

Status Planning Approved

Shrink Architects were commissioned by Felton Developments to undertake a feasibility study for the relocation of CWPPCT to a disused vacant manufacturing facility in Bromborough. Shrink worked closely with the end user in the planning and design of the proposed facility. Due to the dilapidated condition the building was in, it was proposed that a full re-clad of the external envelope would take place. This building is part of an overall re-development of the site and consideration to the external appearance has been applied to provide coherence with other redeveloped units.



Job S184: Kusadasi

Description Holiday villas (new build)

Value TBC

Status Design

This project is sited on a stunning headland above the natural harbour of Kusadasi in Turkey, close to the remains of the ancient Roman city of Ephesus. Though the vernacular traditions are different to those of most of SHRINK's other projects the ethos remains the same; the elegant use of the local architectural palette combined with modern construction and contemporary styling. SHRINK' have designed two villas which will be built along the upper reaches of the headland with the emphasis on simplicity and elegance and the play of light and shade.



Job S189: One Martins Lane

Description Wirral PCT Dental practice (new build)

Value £1,500,000

Status Design

This feasibility study for One Martins Lane was for the relocation and expansion of an existing dental practice to a new Wirral hospital development site. The proposals explored access, movement and landscape of the site generally to generate a specific site for the location of the new unit. A simple arrangement of blocks expressed the separate functional elements of the building. This arrangement allowed distinct separation between staff and patient circulation to ensure clean and sterile movement of equipment. A simple palette of materials of brick and cladding panels was proposed to express the blocks externally.



Job S190: Bevan House

Description Crewe & East Cheshire PCT offices (refurbishment)

Value £120,000

Status Complete

Located on the outskirts of Nantwich, Bevan House is a circa 19th century, three storey property which in past times was used as hospital ward spaces. The main elevation of the property has a grade 2 listed façade which had to be maintained and restored. Work also included the rejuvenation and refurbishment of all interior spaces for clerical and administration use. This included the design of new reception desks and waiting areas.



Job S191: Therapies Base

Description Wirral PCT department relocation (Feltons)

Value £2,500,000

Status Design

This project was the revitalisation of a large engineering facility to provide office accommodation for Wirral PCT therapies base. Works included complete re-cladding of the existing building / installation of a new first floor with lift access / construction of new extension and the remodelling and landscaping of external space and car parking areas. The proposed development is to house 250 'non clinical' staff members from Wirral PCT, creating a single point of contact for patients in the local vicinity. The design employs the use of aluminium cladding with contrasting materials to accentuate points of access, creating a visually stimulating addition to the existing business park.



Job S194: Cleveland

Description House (new build)

Value £350,000

Status Design

Design work has just begun on this new dwelling in Caldy on the Wirral peninsula. The site sits within the heart of the Caldy Conservation Area and initial responses to the site will need to consider the vernacular forms and materials of the locale. Preliminary designs explore these vernacular forms in a contemporary manner with the aim of creating the flowing, open spaces the client desires.

Job S196: Port Causeway

Description Wirral PCT offices (refurbishment)

Value £120,000

Status On Site

An existing office complex on the Wirral that houses WPCT staff was to undergo an internal facelift through re-decoration and a general upgrade of fixtures and fittings. Works also included the full fit out of the existing reception area to create a contemporary space to reflect the forward thinking nature of Wirral PCT. The reception is dominated by a sleek white 'corian' reception desk with subtle backlighting offset against by environmentally conscious rubber flooring with leather seating.

Job S197: CML

Description Aerospace part production facility (conversion)

Value £750,000

Status Planning

SHRINK were commissioned by Redsun Developments to undertake a feasibility study for the relocation of a local specialist aerospace engineering business to a disused vacant manufacturing facility in Bromborough, Wirral. SHRINK worked closely with the end user in the planning and design of the proposed facility. Visual appearance is of great importance to the client which resulted in a total re-clad of the building using aluminium panels to reflect the precise business in which CML are involved.



Job S200: Catisfield Close

Description Housing Association development (new build)

Value £6,000,000

Status Feasibility

SHRINK worked with Hermitage Housing Association & Crayfern homes to complete an option appraisal on a 2.5 acre site in Fareham, Hampshire. The existing site is currently occupied by a dilapidated hotel and associated outbuildings, with a large portion of the site being left to deteriorate over the past years. We proposed a number of housing schemes that looked into the viability of providing mixed housing types to the site in the form of flats and houses. The scheme includes a significant portion dwellings being available as 'affordable' and designed to meet the current 'affordable housing policy'. The scheme has been evaluated by HHA / Crayfern and a formal offer has been made for the purchase of the land.



Further information on all projects (drawings, images etc) and client/professional references are available upon request.



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Northwich Cultural Centre Competition Entry