

Stephen Newsom

Architect & CDM Co-ordinator

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Practice: Sole practitioner, based in Aberdour, Fife but with work throughout Scotland. The practice employs a part-time office manager and financial secretary, and can draw on other technical support staff when required.

Qualifications: Bachelor of Architecture, 1979
Diploma in Architecture, 1980

Professional: Associate, Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland
Royal Institute of British Architects
Member, Association for Project Safety
RIAS Accredited Architect in Conservation, Class A

Career Profile:

Stephen Newsom studied architecture at Edinburgh College of Art and qualified as an architect in 1981. Worked in private practice before setting up own practice in 1998.

1980-83 Dick Peddie & MacKay, Architects, Edinburgh - working on a wide range of projects, including tenement repairs and Housing Association refurbishment, small scale domestic alterations, small industrial developments and new housing. Responsible for planning, programming and product delivery with project teams. Liaison with other professionals to complete complex, multi-client projects.

1983-98 Simpson & Brown, Architects, Edinburgh - many aspects of building conservation, complex mutual housing repair schemes, repairs and alterations to all types of historic buildings, ranging from churches and country houses to tenements. Developed a particular interest in non-building structures such as masonry bridges, ruin consolidation and co-ordination of archaeological excavations relating to built structures. As a senior associate and team leader, managing and mentoring staff, and developing business opportunities. Initiating, planning, implementing and reporting on a wide range of construction projects. Underwent training in health and safety in construction and qualified as a planning supervisor in 1995. Focused on health & safety related office and project activity. Left by mutual agreement to pursue new business opportunities, based on existing skills and developing new directions.

1998- Established as a sole practitioner combining architectural practice with planning supervisor services, project management and conservation consultancy. Developing a portfolio of architectural work of a diverse range, including development of a new headquarters building for the Scottish Lime Centre, and conservation of historic lime kilns at Charlestown, Fife. Full responsibility, control and implementation of all project and business-related activities. Set up new systems. Establishing multi-disciplinary teams to bid for and carry out small/medium scale construction projects. Acted as consultant historic buildings advisor to Edinburgh World Heritage Trust and to the Scottish Lime Centre. Developed new skills in computer aided draughting. Established quality assurance systems.

Publications: Contributed to Historic Scotland Technical Advice Note on Fire Protection Measures in Scottish Historic Buildings, and on External Lime Coatings on Traditional Buildings. Was also involved in re-writing HS Technical Advice Note on Lime Mortars, and on Seventeenth Century Plasterwork. Author of HS Practitioners' Guide to the Conservation & Upgrading of Sash and Case Windows.

Memberships:

Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland
Association of Environmentally Conscious Building
Building Limes Forum
Edinburgh Chartered Architects Network
Scottish Ecological Design Association