

CASE STUDY

W R Dunn & Co Ltd.

CHARTERED BUILDING SURVEYORS AND ARCHITECTS



Date Completed: October 2009

Project Value: £165k

Contractor: Woodhouse-Barry
(Construction) Ltd.
W R Dunn & Co Ltd. (Arch, L/ Designer &
PM); Alan Wood & Partners Ltd. (SE)



Award-winning extension and alterations to 1970s single storey home.

W. R. DUNN & CO. LTD ROLE

The clients approached W R Dunn & Co Ltd. to alter an existing 1970s detached single storey dwelling to improve the accommodation available.

The property is situated adjacent to a Grade II Listed house, in West Burton Conservation Area, in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. As Architects we were keen to enhance the aesthetics of the existing property to improve the design quality and relationship to the local vernacular.

We have been involved in all RIBA Stages A-L, from feasibility options through to construction of the works on site. This has allowed us to develop a highly detailed scheme with a strong emphasis on quality.

The project was complicated by the discovery and removal of asbestos. Throughout the process W R Dunn & Co Ltd. were able to co-ordinate and manage the team to resolve the situation quickly.

SUMMARY

Important factors in this project were:

- The provision of contemporary, practicable accommodation which is functional and robust.
- Maintaining high levels of quality whilst closely monitoring the clients' budget.
- Communication between all members of the design and construction team.
- The specification of high quality products and workmanship.



OUTLINE OF PROJECT

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority have a design ethos of *'robust and shelter-making homes'*. W R Dunn & Co Ltd. have developed a detailed scheme which incorporates elements of contemporary architectural design. It has won joint first place in the "Best Building Design Award 2010" by the local authority for its integration within a conservation area.

The scheme has a sensitive and traditional approach to the property on elements visible from the public highway, whilst allowing exciting architectural detailing within the private secluded rear garden.

Details such as the projecting stones in the rear façade directly relate to many of the surrounding traditional structures; whilst the contemporary glazed corner mimics the fenestration to the former village public house. The large overhanging eaves provide shelter and protection during winter months and a cool shaded environment at other times of the year. Internally the property has been finished to a high specification and fully fulfils the clients' brief: a 'contemporary cottage'.

The project has continually developed throughout the design process and has adapted around the clients' needs. We believe the scheme has exceeded the clients' expectations and will provide a home tailored to their exact requirements.