

# practice introduction

## EXPERTISE/SERVICES

Acanthus Clews offer a full range of architects' services, from initial feasibility studies, through all the design stages to production drawings, specifications and project management. Specialist historic building conservation includes condition surveys and inspections, maintenance & conservation plans and guidance on all aspects of listed buildings, ancient monuments, churches and cathedrals.

## THE ACANTHUS GROUP

Acanthus Clews is a member of the Acanthus network – a national group of independent architectural practices under the Acanthus banner, with a combined force of over 150 professionals in twelve offices around the country.

## SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

"Sustainable development is development which meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Brundtland Report 1987

Acanthus Clews strives to create sustainable solutions for the built environment which are cost effective and viable: from imaginative re-use of existing buildings, to historic repair and progressive architecture, which has a positive influence on its users and the environment.



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## DIRECTORS

**Mark Smith** - BA (Hons), Dip.Arch (Oxford), RIBA.  
Mark heads the team specialising in Education and Community based projects and has been responsible for a number of key buildings within the practice's portfolio. He is interested in bespoke, contemporary solutions which respect context and environment. Mark is also responsible for the management of the practice's approved quality system.

**Steven Myhill** - Dip.Arch (Oxford), RIBA.  
Steven is responsible for the management of our private residential housing and landscaping projects. His interior design work for private clients and hotel and leisure markets shows his versatility as an architect and enthusiasm for design quality. Steven is also interested in traditional building.

**Camilla Finlay** - B.Arch (Hons) Dip.Arch, M.Arch, RIBA.  
Camilla joined the practice with an established background in masterplanning and mixed use development and aims to strengthen the practices portfolio of work in these key areas. She is particularly interested in the broader issues of regeneration and sustainable design.

**David Finlay** - B.Arch (Hons) Dip.Arch, RIBA.  
David has worked on a number of high profile projects nationally and underpins the practice ethos of developing innovative, considered solutions that respond to sensitive and difficult sites.

## CONSERVATION PRINCIPAL

**Andrew Salter**  
BA (Hons), Dip.Arch (Portsmouth), IHBC, RIBA, AABC.  
Andrew has been responsible for award-winning conservation projects, working both in the field of churches and prestigious government buildings. He has particular expertise in project management and technical specification.

## ASSOCIATES

**Nick Arthur** - BA (Hons) DipArch (Plymouth) RIBA.  
Nick is a long standing member of the practice and has developed an expertise in realising complex and sensitive schemes through to completion on site. He is also a recognised CDM Co ordinator and is responsible for Health and Safety generally within the office.

**David Spragg** - BA (Hons) DipArch (London) RIBA.  
David joined the practice as a senior project Architect with an interest in sustainable design and specification, which he continues to develop within the office as well as his Project based work. He is a versatile designer who is happy to work across all of the sectors, from feasibility through to completion.



The Management Team

## FOUNDING PARTNERS

**Michael Clews** - Dip.Arch (Oxford), IHBC RIBA, AABC.  
Founder of the practice, Michael is a highly respected authority on the restoration and conservation of listed buildings and monuments. He is Cathedral Architect to Llandaff and Coventry cathedrals, as well as consultant on numerous diocesan advisory panels and conservation committees dealing with ecclesiastical and secular projects throughout the country.

**Heather Clews** - Dip.Arch (Oxford), IHBC, RIBA.  
Heather specialises in major educational and health projects involving fully supervised assignments for schools, colleges and medical facilities. Her background experience includes work with historic buildings and strategic masterplanning.

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Acanthus Clews is a dynamic and successful practice. Since our foundation in 1972 we have grown as a multidisciplinary team with expertise, vision and true attention to detail. As we evolve, our philosophy and values remain unchanged. We believe in collaboration and personal service, we are passionate about raising standards in new design, and we are committed to protecting the environment. Acanthus Clews creates engaging, sophisticated and inspired architecture. From initial concepts to complex project management, we specialise in the practical application of great ideas.



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**Contemporary architecture requires innovation and respect for traditional principles. Without compromise, it must combine style and function with environmental responsibility. It must create, enhance and conserve spaces that reflect your needs and aspirations: enduring and sustainable buildings that have clarity of purpose and instant appeal.**

## CONSERVATION

Widely recognised authority in the restoration, repair and alteration of cathedrals, churches, ancient monuments, mansion houses, schools, government buildings and other listed buildings.

## RESIDENTIAL

Experts for every type of housing project from the redevelopment of country houses and farm estates, to large scale redevelopment schemes and contemporary housing. Specialists in sensitive planning issues and listed building consent.

## EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

Partnership work with all types of schools and community projects. Feasibility studies, award-winning designs, master-planning and strategic development, re-use and repair of existing buildings, visionary new buildings and interior design.

## HEALTHCARE

Advanced special purpose building projects for hospitals and treatment centres, designed to achieve a successful blend of styling and surroundings to meet the needs of patients and staff.

## HOTEL & LEISURE

Exciting designs for new buildings and for the remodelling and restoration of existing buildings to demonstrate innovation, functionality, comfort and safety.

## COMMERCIAL

Innovation in new build, refurbishment and conversion of existing premises, high tech special purpose constructions, office developments, conservation and extension of historically sensitive sites.



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