



MAYOR'S
DESIGN AWARDS



The inspiring work of ACS Architectural

An insight into the incredible skills of an award-winning design practice

Renowned for their specialist knowledge, passion, and attention to detail, the talented team at ACS Architectural were proud to leave September's ceremony with two design awards. Let's take a closer look at their award-winning achievements.

BUSINESS SCHEME

Receiving the Business Scheme award and nominated for the Craftsmanship prize, the charming holiday suites behind No. Twenty9 in Burnham Market showcase the outstanding design skills of ACS Architectural.

ACS were involved with the project from the very beginning, providing the vision and design to transform the dilapidated Georgian building into a spectacular restaurant, and the owner was so impressed with their work he approached them to help develop the site further.

"The client came to us with the idea of creating unique accommodation on a piece of land to the rear of the restaurant," says Director, Chris Borrmann. "It was a challenging space to work with as it sat within a conservation area containing a large Holm Oak tree, which was protected with a preservation order. We dedicated a great deal of time and attention to the

project, working to produce a design respectful of its natural surroundings and in keeping with the character of Burnham Market. As the tree was such an important part of the space, we made it a focal point of the design and carefully selected a base of local materials that worked in harmony with it."

Perfectly executed by local builders Daco Construction, the result was six stunning holiday suites nestled within their own peaceful landscaped gardens. They're an excellent example of how a new development can work alongside the plant life of an existing environment and an inspiring architectural achievement to be proud of.

RESIDENTIAL EXTENSIONS

Renowned for their innovative ideas and excellent designs, ACS also topped the Residential Extensions category for their thoughtful transformation of a property on Sussex Farm Road in Burnham Market.

"We were tasked with improving the dwelling by providing more living space," says Chris. "It's the first building you see as you turn onto Sussex Farm Road, so we wanted to create something eye-catching and memorable to make people think 'wow' as they passed."

The building had a historic gable end containing some impressive architectural features, though it was largely spoilt by a red brick flat roof extension which had been added around the 1950s. Instead of further masking the property's character ACS set out to embrace it, utilising a palette of traditional materials to match the original building and producing a stunning symmetrical design to enhance the existing gable.

"We're passionate about respecting history and character when working with older buildings and always strive to preserve their special features," says Chris. "What we've created both complements and celebrates the property's original fabric and stands out without being overbearing."

It's an insightful design that demonstrates how to build sympathetically within a rural area, as the property has its own striking identity but sits perfectly within the surrounding built environment.

