



Rural



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Development in rural areas presents specific challenges. We want our clients to invest and prosper in difficult commercial circumstances and help our clients find affordable solutions to build profitable businesses. We listen to our clients, work to their requirements, help them to secure support from local authorities and are aware of all major grant schemes. Our projects blend tradition and innovation, creating buildings full of character, and help to secure a successful future for rural communities.

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Rural Cladich Steadings



Financial assistance for this major renovation project was obtained by securing a Rural Empty Properties Grant. This Government scheme was devised to address the shortage of affordable housing in rural areas. It enables the owners of empty rural property to realise a return on a previously unused asset as well benefiting their local community by providing affordable housing.

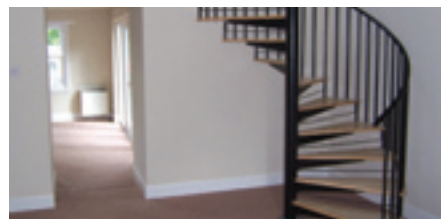
An information pack which provides guidance on available grants and the financial viability of such projects is being produced in consultation with our architect Hans Grabowski.

Steading conversion

This steading conversion on the shores of Loch Awe is a development of five homes attractively arranged around a central courtyard. Previously a derelict agricultural steading, incompatible with modern farming methods, the owner decided to convert the steading into affordable housing for local people.

Architect Hans Grabowski of Wellwood Leslie was involved with the Cladich project from the outset, working closely with owner Jon Strickland to produce a design which preserved the original character of the steading whilst providing a high standard of accommodation. Reusing original materials where possible to maintain the vernacular tradition may have cost slightly more but their inclusion made a significant contribution to securing planning approvals, as did the specification of insulation in excess of current building regulations.

The end result is a charming group of five houses, which successfully combines appealing original detailing with the contemporary features that make a home comfortable to live in. Varying in size from two bedrooms to four bedrooms, each house has a small private garden and the development includes ample parking.



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