

Architects

About the ARB and registered architects

The Architects Registration Board (ARB) is the independent statutory regulator of architects. The ARB is working to raise awareness of the fact that architects are regulated. Architect is a protected title under the 1997 Architects Act and for an individual to call him or herself an architect, he or she must be registered with the ARB. Architects have to undertake many years academic training and a period in industry and are rigorously tested to ensure they meet the required level to be registered. Individuals who say that they provide architectural services

may not be registered.

Architects in the West Country

The Sunday Independent has discovered that there are just over 1300 registered architects in the area covered by its readership - 159 registered architects in Cornwall, 419 in Devon (including Plymouth); 193 in Somerset (including Yeovil) and 536 in Bristol.

About the Register

If you are considering undertaking a home improvement project such as an extension or loft conversion the ARB recommends that you consider using a registered architect. You can search the

Register online at www.arb.org.uk. The Register allows you to search by name or postcode. If you use a registered architect then you know that the person you are using has undertaken substantial training and has made a commitment to maintaining their competence to practise and holding adequate insurance. You are completely within your rights to ask for evidence of these things.

The ARB also provides an avenue for complaints about an architect's conduct or competence which can ultimately result in an architect being fined or, in extreme cases, struck off the statutory Register.

Karen Holmes the Deputy Registrar said, 'We are delighted that the Sunday Independent is taking this proactive step to inform their readers about the Register of architects. We are keen to encourage all consumers to consider using registered architects who have undertaken substantial training and who are bound by a code of conduct. Your readers can view the statutory Register online at www.arb.org.uk or they can phone us on 020 7580 5861 and one of our team will be happy to help them find an architect in their area or check to see if an individual they are considering using is on the statutory Register.'



Live | Learn | Work

AJ Architects offers a wide range of full architectural services, across all project types for both developer and private clients. We have a wide range of experience from new builds and conversions, bespoke and residential retail, a commercial units, and hotels and facilities.

AJ Architects' particular passion is to have efficient design at the forefront of any design. We care about our clients needs and expect we aim to surpass them at every opportunity. **Contact to arrange a free consultation on your project**

Abi Jones Managing Director,
Telephone: 07825 085
Email: abijones@a-j-architects
Website: www.a-j-architects



Studio Winter Chartered Architect

Conservation Extensions & Alterations
Refurbishments & Conversions New Build
One Off Houses Industrial & Commercial

The Guildhall, Liskeard, Cornwall PL14 3JE
t: 01579 345 354 e: mail@studiowinter.com
www.studiowinter.com

