

Simon Sturgis. AADip RIBA, Trustee of the Suffolk Preservation Society

Simon has co-authored official UK policy on Embodied and Whole Life Carbon for the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, the Royal Institute of British Architects and co-authored the Whole Life Carbon Policy for London.

He is a member of Historic England's Historic Places Panel, and has written Policy for 'Don't Waste Buildings', a group supporting Retrofit of existing buildings over demolition. He has been Special Advisor to the Environmental Audit Select Committee advising on whole life carbon and retrofit. He has advised several Government Departments including the Cabinet Office, MHCLG etc., and is a UKGBC Ambassador. He has written environmental planning objections on M&S Oxford Street, and the recent proposals for Liverpool Street Station.

He has spoken widely at many international conferences, including COP 24, Futurebuild, ILFI, and IGBC, and has advised companies such as British Land, Grosvenor and Google.

Al Scott MA (Hons) DipArch (Dist) ARB RIBA

Al Scott is a RIBA Chartered Architect and co-founding director of IFDO, an award-winning architecture practice. With more than 20 years' experience, he works across regeneration, adaptive re-use and low-carbon housing, with a particular interest in how existing buildings can be carefully adapted and renewed to support stronger, more resilient communities.

His work includes the retrofit of Mayville Community Centre, the UK's first Passivhaus-certified non-domestic retrofit; The Hithe, a demountable workspace designed around circular-economy principles; and community, cultural and housing projects across London and the South East. Al lives in Suffolk, where his work is increasingly focused, including low-carbon residential projects and an interest in the relationship between building, landscape and local character.

He is also a director and advisory board member of Natural Building Systems, supporting the wider use of bio-based materials in construction. He is committed to architecture that is socially useful, environmentally responsible and rooted in its place.

Emmerson Critchley

Emmerson's journey to becoming a successful builder was not without its challenges. Having left school early, he found his calling as a carpentry apprentice. He later joined a building restoration company and developed a keen interest in the use of traditional building materials, such as lime mortar.

Emmerson's expertise led him to branch out on his own. He has since built a successful building company with a team of highly skilled craftspeople offering a wide range of services, from small jobs to small-scale developments, and everything in between.

Today, Emmerson Critchley Ltd is one of the UK's leading builders, with unrivalled expertise in traditional building techniques for both period properties and modern new build projects. Based in Bury St Edmunds, Emmerson Critchley Ltd has won numerous construction awards. The company works throughout Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, and occasionally beyond.

Craig Beech BA Hons Dip Arch MArch ARB RIBA

Craig is a Director of Beech Architects, an award-winning practice specializing in projects that range from new-build passive dwellings to substantial refurbishments of listed buildings across the East of England and beyond. His work incorporates extensive insulation methods, breathable fabric reinstatement, and cutting-edge energy-efficiency and green technologies.

Craig's extensive retrofit experience spans Grade II* listed halls to modern 1960s structures. Under his leadership, the practice has delivered large-scale refurbishments of historic properties—from modest timber-frame dwellings to expansive historic halls—as well as unique conversions of barns, windmills, and post-war radar stations.

Prior to Beech Architects Craig worked for AJA on heritage refurbishment and extension projects across the UK including Clumber Park for the National Trust and Britannia Mills for Derby University.

Beech Architects aim to balance heritage preservation and restoration with fabric upgrades and energy improvements to ensure older structures remain in use and viable for future generations.

Alice Milligan B.Arch(Hons) Dip.Arch MSt AABC RIAS RIBA

Alice is an associate at Caroe Architecture with particular expertise in the conservation of large, complex historic estates. Her work encompasses the repair, adaptation and long-term stewardship of nationally significant heritage assets, combining strategic planning with detailed technical conservation.

Her recent work includes projects at Trinity College, Cambridge, St Paul's Cathedral, New College, Oxford, the Church of St Stephen Walbrook and St Edmundsbury Cathedral, spanning estate planning, fabric repair, visitor experience, accessibility, retrofit and major conservation programmes.

Alice is Cathedral Architect and Surveyor to the Fabric of St Edmundsbury Cathedral and serves on the Ely Diocesan Advisory Committee with a focus on achieving net-zero carbon in churches. She is an AABC Accredited Architect, RIBA Conservation Architect and graduate of the University of Cambridge's MSt in Building History.

Joel Gustafsson

Joel is the founder and director of JG Consulting, established to help clients understand and reduce the environmental impact of their projects. With a PhD in atmospheric chemistry, he moved into environmental design and engineering to deliver practical, real-world outcomes. Specialising in sustainable design, energy strategy, retrofit and M&E engineering, Joel has led innovative projects across Cambridge and beyond.

The Stirling Prize short-listed Mill Lane project for Pembroke College was a nine-year labour of love that builds on a broad range of experience to deliver a balanced approach to retrofit and decarbonisation that successfully delivered a gas free, low energy site. His other roles include being an advisor to The National Gallery on integrating low-carbon solutions into their expansion plans alongside sitting on multiple design review panels. He is passionate about helping clients achieve effective, pragmatic and achievable sustainable solutions regardless of project scale, budget, or sector.