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Barnhall

Thorpeness, UK

CLT breathes new life into Peter Pan's village

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Upstairs are ten studio 'boltholes by the sea' – cleverly designed, contemporary holiday apartments which are designed with 'small-space living' in mind. The apartments, which are available for sale or holiday let, are fully fitted and open plan with clearly defined kitchen, dining, living and sleeping areas. "I wanted to give the village a new and functioning building that is relevant and would do justice to the wonderful location." Says owner and designer-developer Tom Brent who purchased Barnhall in 2005. "Somewhere pleasant for people to meet and spend time – not just visitors to Thorpeness, but the people who live and work in the village and surrounding areas as well as in the building itself."

"The original building had serious issues" Brent explains. "It was 'back to front, facing east and all the beautiful original views were obscured by a house that had been constructed within the original Estate Office garden in the 1970s." Thorpeness was created in the early 20th century by the wealthy Ogilvie family as a private holiday retreat and was inspired by family friend, JM Barrie's, classic children's novel Peter Pan. It is built around the 'Meare', a magnificent man made boating lake and islands set in more than 100 reclaimed marshland acres. The new Barnhall has literally been turned around so that it now faces due west and looks out towards the stunning views of the Meare. These westward views can now be fully enjoyed by diners wishing to eat in Barnhall's outdoor garden space and by those holidaying in the apartments above, nine of which come with a private balcony or terrace. Wayne Probert, UK Sales & Marketing Manager – Stora Enso Building and Living comments "It's great to see Stora Enso's CLT play a part in the regeneration of such an iconic and evocative setting.

Thorpeness holds a very special place in people's hearts, many of whom have strong childhood links to the village and Barnhall's regeneration will help to maintain this enduring appeal for the tens of thousands of people who visit each year." The Community's wishes that the new Barnhall should not appear too contemporary influenced the visual specification of the materials used in the cladding of the building. The resulting building succeeds in embracing the modernity and benefits of its engineered timber superstructure whilst sympathetically reflecting the Village's existing traditional framed timber buildings.



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General

Delivery year

2013

Building type

Industrial

Area (m²)

1,000

Storeys

2



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Products

Products and Services

Sylva™ CLT Floors and Roofs,
Sylva™ CLT Walls

Product volume (m³)

201

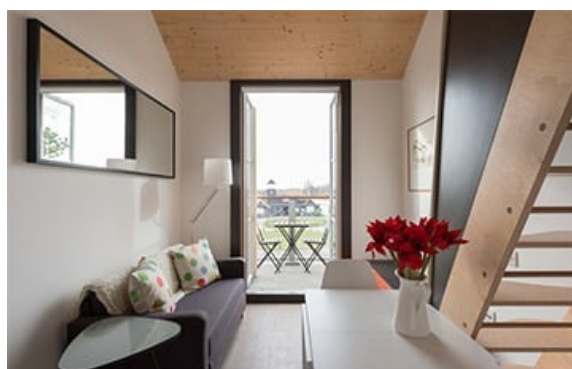


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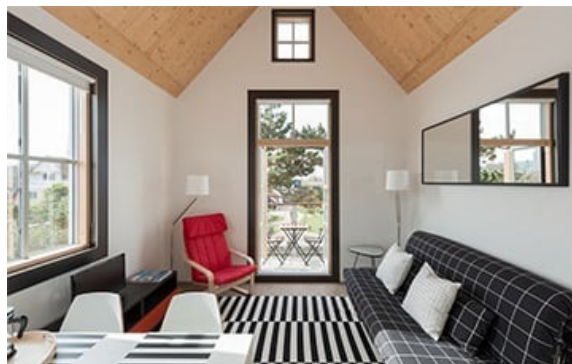


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