

What is an architect?

When you use the services of an architect, you have a professional on your side who knows the construction industry inside out.

Before someone can be called a Chartered Architect, they must have completed a seven-year course in the design, specification and erection of buildings.

Having completed their course, they may then register with the Architects Registration Board and may describe themselves as an architect. Only then can they apply for full membership of the Royal Institute of British Architects and use the letters RIBA after their name.

The term 'Architect' is a title protected by law. Anyone who styles themselves as a building consultant, architectural designer or plan drawer is unlikely to be an architect and may not have comparable skills or knowledge.

Architectural practices which meet defined eligibility criteria, including the proportion of employees who are Chartered Architects, can register to be RIBA Chartered Practices. This list is of Chartered Practices in Kent.

To look further afield, you can search the online directory of RIBA Chartered Practices on www.architecture.com. The directory of more than 3,000 Chartered Practices has full contact details as well as project examples and images. You can search by location, services offered and areas of expertise to narrow down to a list of likely practices. There are links directly to the practices' websites.

Next steps

Before you get in touch with potential architects, consider the demands of your project and ask yourself a few questions:

- what are the challenges of the project?
- how much do you want to spend?
- how important is it that the practice should be local to you and your project?
- what size practice would you prefer?
- what specific experience or specialisms would you like your architect to have?
- do you have a preferred approach or philosophy of design (e.g. traditional, contemporary, sustainable)?

Once you have a firm idea about the kind of practice you would like to work with, you are ready to find the right architect for your job.

The RIBA's website provides further guidance on working with an architect – www.architecture.com/UseAnArchitect

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House in Kent by Guy Hollaway Architects. The house was an RIBA Award Winner. Photo: Paul Freeman



Architects in Kent

Why use an architect?

You want to build – so why not just tell a builder what you have in mind and let them get on with it?

All being well, your builder will be excellent at building. But only an architect will interpret your ideas creatively and manage your project professionally – providing you with value for money, peace of mind and, most importantly, an exceptional end result.

Value for money Architects are professional problem solvers. Their experience and insights can help to stretch your budget and add value to your property. They might suggest new ways of utilising space and light, find a builder at the right price, and propose design solutions that will reduce your bills in the completed building. At a fraction of the total cost of your project, an architect's fees will prove to be a sound investment.

Peace of mind Your architect will be on your side. They know the construction industry's methods and standards, so can guide you through the paperwork – the relevant legislation, regulations and contractual arrangements. The earlier you bring your architect on board, the better for your project.

Imagination An architect can lift your project out of the ordinary, and turn a functional structure into one that can give pleasure for many years. Whether your project is a modern extension, refurbishment or a period restoration, there are architects whose inspiration and ideas will help you to realise and even exceed your own ambitions.

Chartered Practices in Kent

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CSDP Ltd ▲

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Artlab Architects Ltd ▲

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Size of projects undertaken

- ▲ All projects
- £30K +
- £100K +