

New House at Easter Tombain

Near Grantown-on-Spey



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This new house was built on the site of a ruined steading, in the north of the National Park. It occupies a very exposed location with spectacular views over the Cromdale Hills and into the Cairngorms.

It is an innovative design that makes the most of its surroundings, and incorporates both traditional and modern elements of architecture within the design.

Use of local people in the design and construction of the development

The main contractors for the build were AW Laing Ltd of Grantown-on-Spey. They undertook all of the building works, including the detailed joinery elements.

Relationship with its surroundings/ form of development

The building was designed to make the most of the spectacular views from the site, but also to ensure there was good inside / outside space that provided some sheltered seating areas which would be able to be used even in bad weather.

The position of all of the windows maximises light within the building and frames many of the views that are visible from within the building. The south elevation is mainly glazed, both to take advantage of the views, but also to maximise solar gain within the property. The north elevation makes the most of



Location

Easter Tombain,
near Grantown-on-Spey

Architects

MAKE Architects

Main contractor

A W Laing Ltd

Owners

Mrs Barry

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the shelter provided by the hill behind the house, and has small window openings for the bedrooms.

The quality of the workmanship throughout the property is excellent, with very crisp detailing formed by the timber elements of the building.



Making the best use of what was already on site

The house reuses the stone from a ruined building that sat on the site. The stone forms interesting internal and external features, as well as a structural element to the new house.



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