

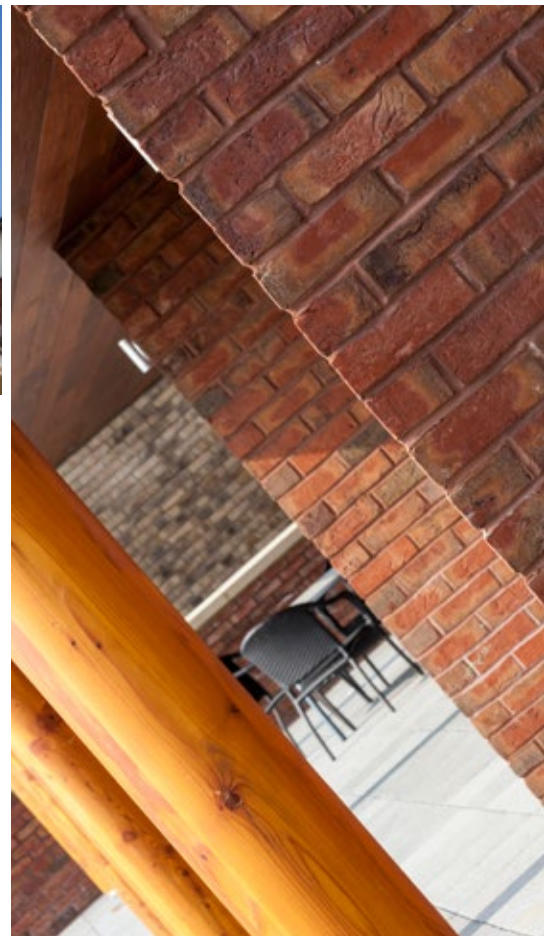


Loxley Red Multi

Client: Mr & Mrs M Miller

Architect: CJ Partnership

Brickwork Contractor: PLP



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Loxley Red Multi used to open debate on modern architecture

On the picturesque banks of Hollingworth Lake, near Littleborough, stands a testament to modern architecture. Constructed around a series of sustainable considerations aimed to minimise the home's ecological impact the house, which was designed by CJ Partnership in Rochdale, has been created with nautical aesthetics in mind to tie it in with its locale, which is home to several local rowing and sailing clubs.

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With energy conservation in mind, the home has been designed as a passive solar house, which includes utilisation of an air source heat pump to fuel the under floor heating alongside LED lighting and sustainably sourced glu-lam timber columns, which enable the walls to be constructed independently reducing build time and limiting wastage.

Beyond the home's sustainable credentials,

its exterior has been designed to grip the attention of passersby with the irregular angles found between the profiles of both the walls and roof. The exterior timber columns and the acute angle of the roof have afforded the architects the ability to install a triangular balcony, the hypotenuse of which runs perpendicular with the roof.

The house now stands as a local landmark, which has come to divide opinion to both extremes and has opened the local debate on the direction modern architecture is taking.

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