

Case Study: Hawkhead Village, Paisley

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A unique Kier Living Caledonia development features steel-style Kawneer windows

Kawneer AA®720 TIP windows, with the narrow sightlines typical of traditional steel windows, feature on Hawkhead Village's flagship building, the former Art Deco Cubicle isolation block, which is now 12 bespoke homes, as well as former staff accommodation and new-build homes, bringing award-winning new life to a former Building at Risk-registered hospital.

Building: Hawkhead Village

Location: Paisley

Architect: Elder and Cannon

Main Contractor: Kier Living Caledonia

Installer: Architectural Glazing Systems

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Kawneer helps win awards for a pioneering building

Grade A and B listed buildings at the former Hawkhead Hospital for infectious diseases in Paisley, Scotland, have been transformed by Kier Living Caledonia, part of Kier Living Eastern, into more than 300 refurbished and new-build homes.

The Cubicle building was pioneering in its day. Designed by the world-famous Scottish architect Thomas Smith Tait, it features south-facing cubicles, each with external doors giving access to verandas on the ground floor and sun-balconies on the first floors. Its typical 1930s details include a flat-roof, streamlining on a gently sloping site, a T-plan footprint and symmetry.

Paisley Borough Council had acquired the site on the Hawkhead Estate for the new infectious diseases hospital in 1932. A competition was held for the design which was awarded to architects Tait and Lorne in 1933, the firm's Royal Masonic Hospital at Ravenscourt in London being newly completed to international acclaim.

Tait further explored this style at Hawkhead and included the pioneering Cubical isolation block which was then a new development in ward design, in which different types of infectious diseases could be treated within the same ward for the first time.

The hospital was officially opened in July 1936 and provided 181 beds for patients as well as staff accommodation which has been transformed into bespoke bungalows and terraced homes.

The new Hawkhead Village community was designed by Elder and Cannon architects and has won several awards, including best renovation/conversion category in The Herald Property Awards for Scotland 2017, best residential in the 2015 RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) Awards for Scotland, and Showhome of the Year in the Scottish Home Awards 2015.

Gary Mair of Elder and Cannon said the Kawneer windows, which were installed by Architectural Glazing Systems, were used as a "cost-effective solution as replacement metal windows." This included existing openings in Grade A and B listed buildings as well as insulated spandrel panels at clerestory and screen infills.

"They met the prescribed visual and technical requirements of the local authority and specifiers," he added.

James Collins, general manager of Kier Living Caledonia, said: "The Cubicle Building has always been the focal point of this historic development and it is great to see this Art Deco themed building given a new lease of life."



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