

Burd Haward shows winning design for Mottisfont Abbey visitor centre

Practice designs three new buildings as well as coach house conversion

Burd Haward has revealed this competition-winning design for a new visitor centre at the National Trust's Mottisfont Abbey in Hampshire, which dates back to the 13th century.

The scheme, which starts on site this month, will improve the entrance and facilities at the historic priory site.

The practice originally won the job back in 2010, seeing off competition from a shortlist that included Niall McLaughlin, Sarah Wigglesworth, Wilkinson King and Cowper Griffith.



Since the competition, the scheme has evolved and now includes the conversion of a Grade II-listed coach house on the site into a restaurant.

Three new buildings will contain a new entrance to the

site with a reception, a shop, café and visitor toilets. These timber-framed buildings will be lifted off the ground to avoid flooding, and each building has its own specific form and character, reflecting the agricultural buildings on the estate. The shop is clad in Cor-ten steel, while the café and toilets are clad in timber and zinc. The main entrance building is glazed, with deep timber fins.

The scheme is expected to complete in September 2015.

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