

Bishop's Stortford Architectural Practice wins national design award



Following nomination in 'BUILD' magazine Architecture Awards 2018, Bishop's Stortford based **MARLIN Design Ltd** has been awarded Best Residential Architecture

Studio-Southern England, voted for by a closed panel of professional judges. Nomination for work carried out within part of The Grange, on Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, has brought the second design award to **MARLIN Design Ltd** in 7 months. The previous award, in October 2017, came from Harlow Civic Society.

MARLIN Design Ltd specialises in providing Architectural Design services to domestic clients in Bishop's Stortford and the Home Counties. Founded by Mark Wiffen, in 2010, the company has gone from strength to strength in the last 8 years and works on projects up to a value of £1million. In addition to his day to day work, Mark is also one of the Organists at Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church, in South Street.

The award relates directly to work carried out at The Grange, on Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford in which total refurbishment was carried out on one of the sub-divided units, within the confines of the former home of Sir John Barker, founder of Barker's of Kensington, the world's first department store. Previously **MARLIN Design Ltd** had carried out a total refurbishment and reorganisation of the former Chauffer's accommodation, at the top of Foxdells Lane, known as Barker's Barn. Both units are Grade II listed. Since it's refurbishment it has been discovered that the unit was formerly the Billiard Room. Bringing the basement into use has created a two floor one bedroom dwelling with access to the basement area via a stunning cast stone spiral staircase.

Build magazine said *This year's Architecture Awards have once again cast a spotlight on the exceptional and ground-breaking work undertaken by the world's leading studios, practices and designers. Your success is an unmistakable achievement, a true testament to your contribution to the industry.*

