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About Us

"Saunders Boston Architects design and deliver inspirational buildings and environments that enhance the experience of all that come into contact with them. Our architectural and interior design teams produce interesting, stimulating and well-functioning buildings that are often highly serviced, complex and challenging projects serving multiple stakeholders.

Key sectors include Education, Higher Education & Science, Residential, Retirement Living & Care and Sport & Leisure.

We work collaboratively with clients to thoroughly understand their needs, business objectives, and personal aspirations in order to fully utilize our design flair and project management skills to enhance their operation.

Our privately and publically funded projects range from under £100k to over £25m, but all receive the same level of dedication and attention to detail. Each project is managed from inception to completion by a Director, with a second Director regularly briefed to achieve an assured overlap. Each Director is supported by an Associate Director and/or an experienced Senior Project Architect. Technical team members and Interior Designers are brought into the project at appropriate stages to ensure that all projects are appropriately resourced at all times".

Organisational Structure



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Core Sectors

- Education
- Science/Veterinary
- Residential
- Care
- Sport & Leisure
- Commercial
- Interiors

Our Services

- Architects
- Interior Designers
- Principal Designers
- Expert Witness

Practice

- 50 + Staff
- Multiple Offices
- CAD / BIM Focused
- 5 Owner Directors

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Sport & Leisure Sector



Saunders Boston architectural expertise in the design of Sports and Leisure schemes has developed considerably in recent years with one of the fast growing reputations within the industry.

Whilst Saunders Boston can trace its routes back to 1919 and has been involved in many public buildings since that time, the Sport & Leisure sector has developed over the last ten to fifteen years. We have now successfully completed multiple Sport & Leisure projects ranging in value from 30k to £30m plus. These also include a mixture of refurbishment, extension and new build schemes.

We design:-

- Swimming Pools
- Tennis Courts
- Sports Halls
- Ice Rinks
- Fitness Suites
- Free Weights
- Physiotherapy Spaces
- Dance Studios
- Clip n climb / Climbing Walls
- Spinning
- Changing Pavilions
- Light Weight Structures
- Trampoline Parks
- 10 Pin Bowling Alley

We are able to provide a range of services within this sector primarily based around a full architectural design service from inception to completion and beyond but also including; Technical Advisory roles, Contractor (D&B) Delivery Architect, Specialist Interior Design and Specialist 'Pool Tank' design services.

The following section of this brochure illustrates our philosophy, approach to designing leisure facilities, our team and some highlights from our leisure portfolio.

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Saunders Boston's support and experience of swimming pool and leisure centre design has been of enormous benefit to the design team throughout the project
Mark Sloane, Acivico



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At Saunders Boston we have the skills and experience to respond to the needs of the modern construction industry client, whether you are a private client, local authority, leisure operator, project management company or contractor. Our recent client list includes:-

- Alliance Leisure
- Allerdale Borough Council
- Birmingham City Council / Acivico
- Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
- Borough of Crewe & Nantwich
- Calderdale Council
- Capita
- College of West Anglia
- Diocese of Peterborough
- Folkestone Sports Trust
- Frank Lee Centre, Addenbrooke's Hospital NHS
- Gog Magog Golf Club, Cambridge
- Hartlepool Borough Council
- ISG Group
- Kier Construction
- Longsands College, St Neots
- London Borough of Barnet
- London Borough of Brent
- London Borough of Barking & Dagenham
- London Borough of Hackney
- Morgan Sindall Plc
- North Norfolk District Council
- St Albans City & District Council
- South Norfolk Council
- Stockport Sports Trust
- Taunton Deane Borough Council
- Thanet Leisure Force / District Council
- University of Bradford
- University of Kent
- Wates Construction
- Willmott Dixon Construction

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Martin Lindus Director

BSc, Dip Arch. RIBA



Martin built up extensive experience in the education sector with us before joining S&P Architects in 1999. Martin developed a Specialty in Leisure and headed up the public leisure sector before becoming a Director in 2000. In 2004 Martin returned to Saunders Boston to strengthen the existing team and develop the Sport and Leisure sector in Saunders Boston.



Why Martin is right for your project

As with all our Directors Martin looks to take a very hands on approach with all his projects often acting as the 'Project Architect' and will bring his experiences of working directly on some outstanding leisure projects for nearly two decades. Martin is a highly driven professional with a strong eye for detail, this is clear from his designs which are tailored to the unique requirements of the project.

Leisure Sector Experience;

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Ramsgate Leisure Centre – Creates a new £3.8m 6 lane 25m swimming pool, learner pool, spa and health suite. These complement the existing dry sporting activities for 'Your Leisure' alongside Alliance Leisure.





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Nathan Swift Director

BSc, BArch. RIBA



Nathan joined us in 2002 after graduating from University and became an Associate in 2010 and Director in 2014. Nathan has been involved in a wide range of projects across the company's portfolio with experience in both new and refurbishment schemes. In recent years Nathan has gained a particular specialism within Education and Sports & Leisure.



Why Nathan is right for your project

Nathan looks to take a very hands on approach with all his projects usually acting as the 'Project Architect' and will bring his experiences of working directly with developers, design & build contractors, education institutions, local authorities, and project managers. Nathan also heads up our BIM taking a keen interest in this developing technology which will shape the future of our industry. Nathan's projects have been recognised by the RIBA, RICS, SCALA and LABC.

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Mark Butler, on behalf of London Borough of Havering





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Chris Wood Associate Director
Bsc BArch RIBA



Chris joined us in 2014 as an Associate Director bringing with him more than 25 years experience across multiple sectors. He began his architectural career in 1988 qualifying as an Architect in 1998. In the last decade, Chris has gained a particular specialism in; Sport & Leisure, Commercial and Education projects.



Why Chris is right for your project

Like all our senior teams Chris takes a very hands on approach with all his projects, acting as the 'Project Architect' and will bring his experiences of working in the South West particularly on Leisure and Education projects. Chris is a very approachable person and fits very comfortably into a project team. Chris is a very innovative designer with an excellent understanding of leisure facility operation.

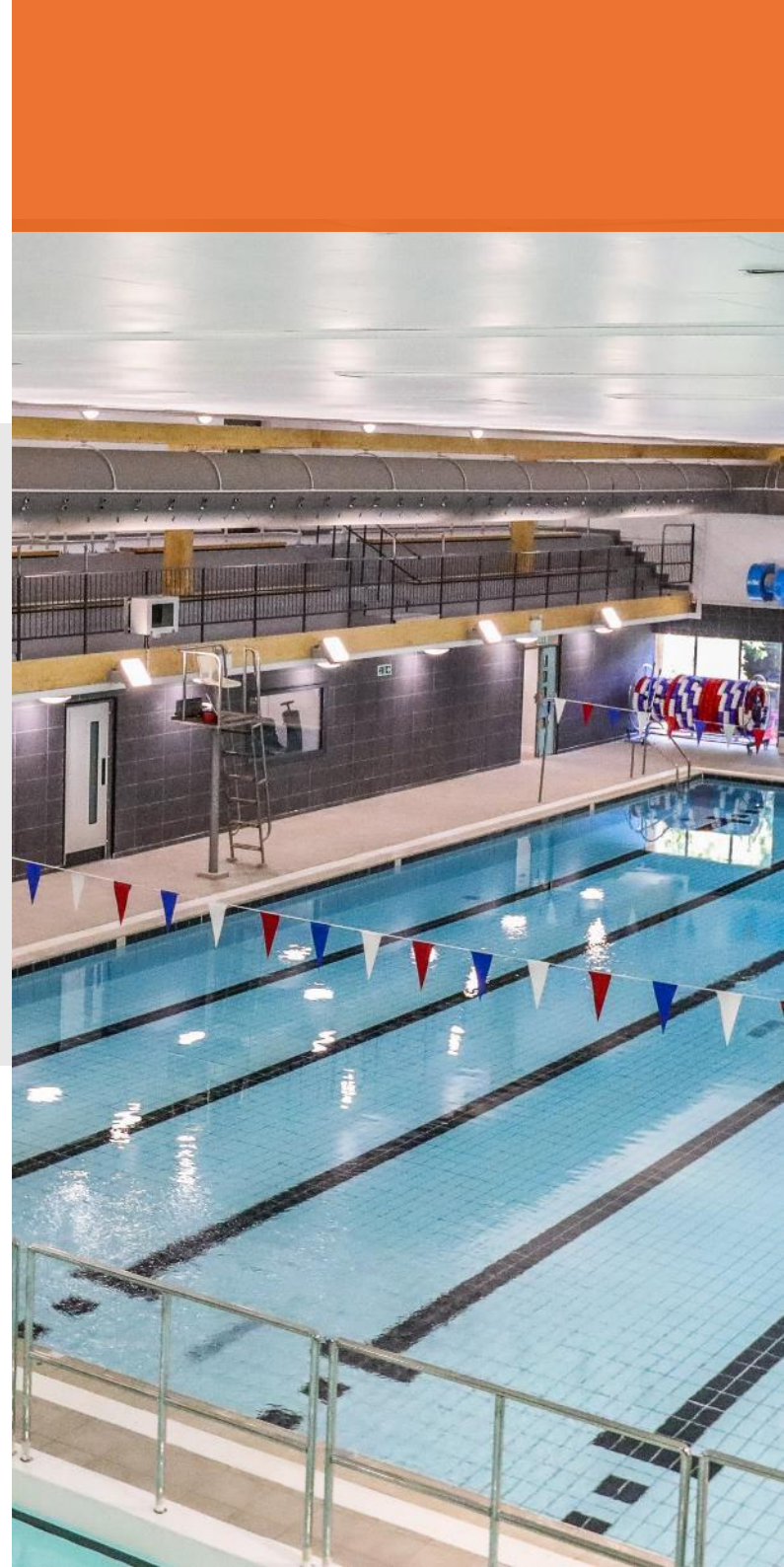
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Andrew Critoph Associate Director MCIAT



Andy is currently in his second period of employment with Saunders Boston, sandwiching periods of employment within the University of Cambridge Estate Management and Cambridgeshire County Council's in-house Design Team, where he worked on Education projects. Andy now works predominantly in the University, Education and Leisure Sectors.



Why Andy is right for your project

Through his time working on numerous Leisure projects, Andy has developed an understanding of the processes involved developing and delivering projects to meet our client's expectations. Andy typically provides the 'project leaders' role as day to day contact throughout the life of his project, a role he has undertaken on a number of Leisure projects as well as projects in the Education Sectors.

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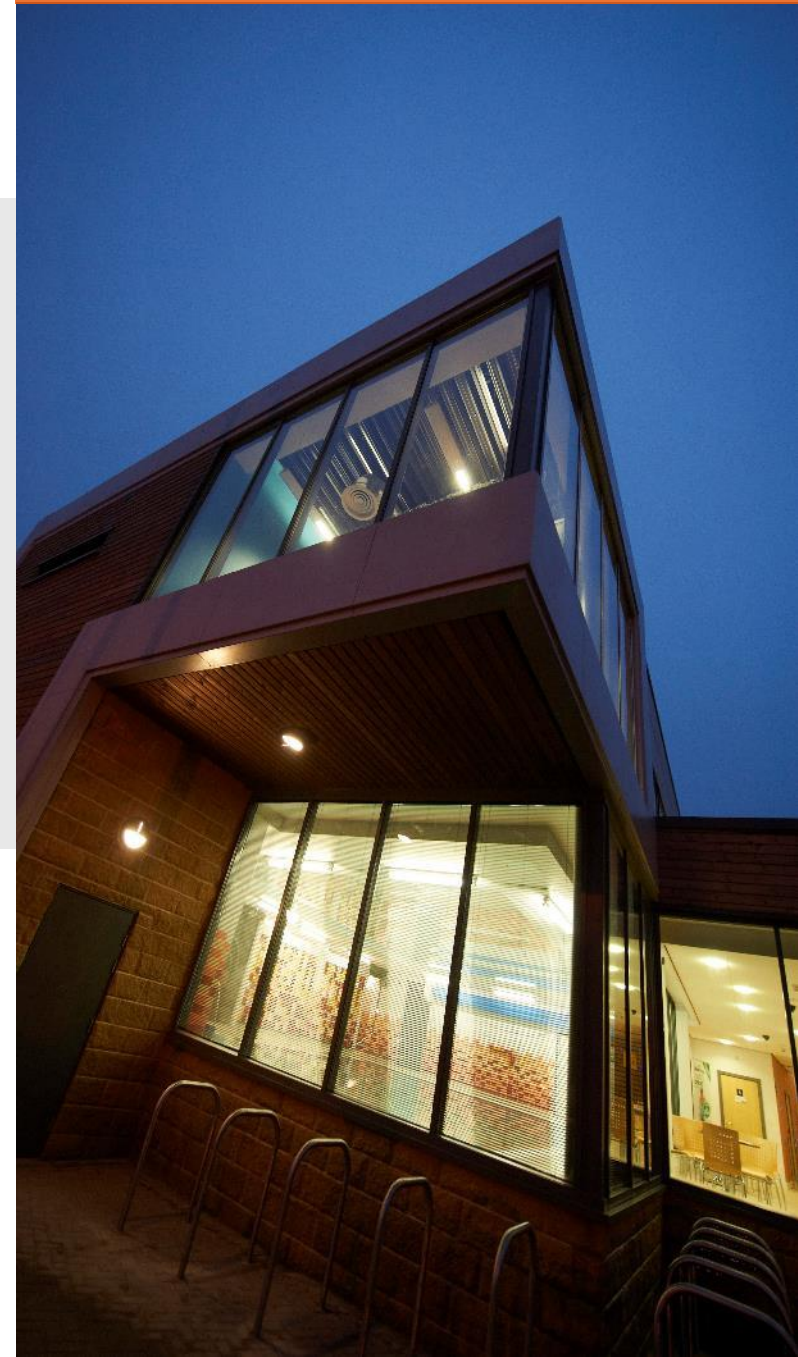
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"Andy never missed a deadline and his response to issues was second to none, always available for advice and assistance. His help now means that we have two brand new facilities that the public of Calderdale can be proud of"

Duncan Brundell, Calderdale Council





Keiron Lewis Architect

BA, MArch, RIBA



Keiron became an Architect while at Saunders Boston and has worked on a range of projects in various sectors to give him a round view of the various fields in which the practice operates. He has worked extensively with existing buildings and sites where there are extreme logistical challenges. He has a keen interest in BIM as a mechanism for communicating with clients and stakeholders.



Why Keiron is right for your project

Keiron has a track record of delivering complex logistical projects with a recent focus on the Leisure sector. He has a background in highly specialist laboratory and HE projects where the function is process driven, briefing requirements are critical to building operation. Solutions and therefore the architecture are derived from often competing concerns resolved through understanding the issues, briefing and conversation. Keiron is detail orientated interested as much in how the building will be used as how it looks or is put together.

Leisure Sector Experience;

Haverhill Leisure Centre – Working alongside Alliance & Abbeycroft Leisure our scheme has extensively refurbished the centre, creating a contemporary offering, including; Café, Soft Play, Clip & Climb, Fitness and Health offerings.

Long Stratton Leisure Centre – £2m extension and alterations at project for South Norfolk Council. Creates a new café, soft play, studio and state of the art fitness offering around an existing 4 court Sports Hall.

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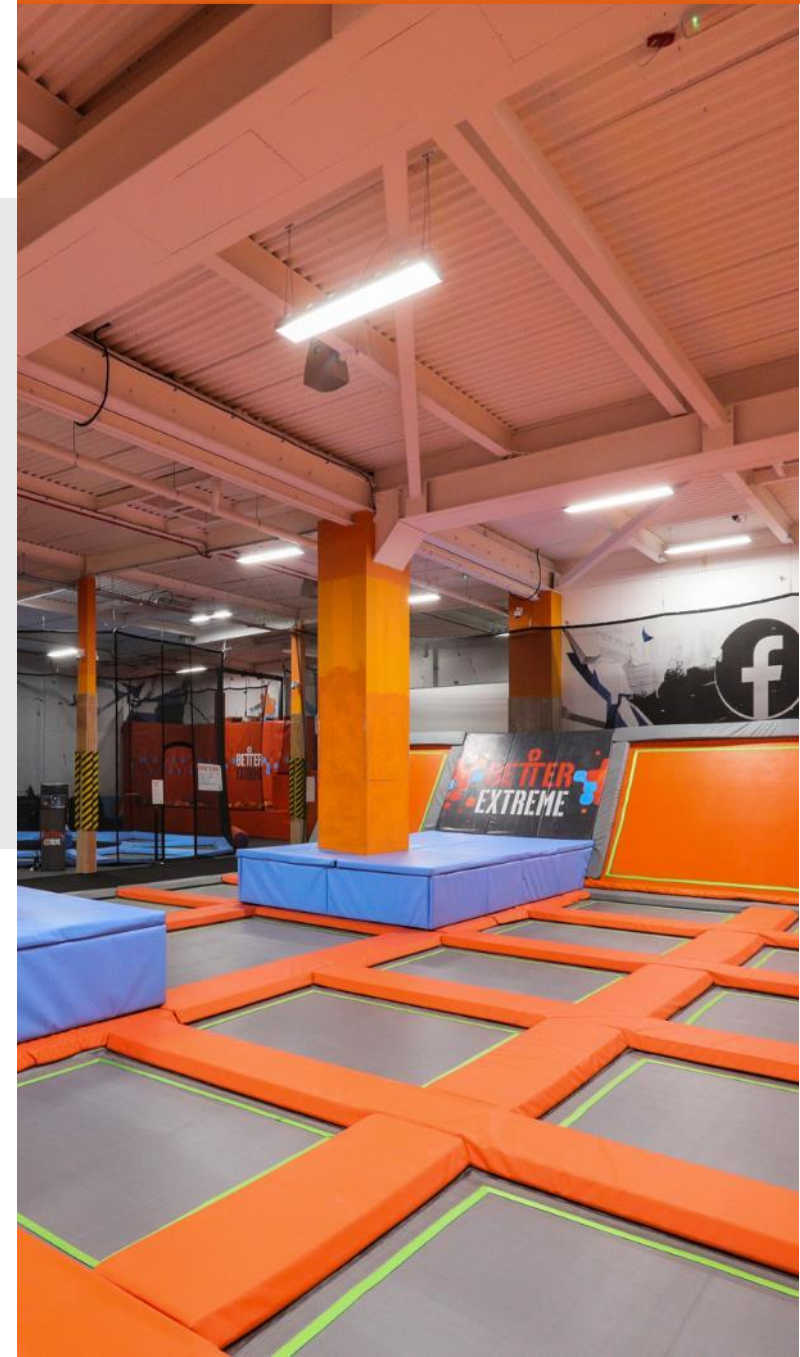
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Birchwood Leisure Centre – This complex refurbishment involved breaking down the existing cellular layout to provide a more effective, inclusive leisure centre with facilities including a new Immersive Spin Studio.

DBOM Facilities Specifications – Compiling ER's for (Confidential) Local Authority operator engagement. Documents prepared included the facilities requirements and technical spec that tenderer's are required to fulfil.

"Kieron has shown me an excellent eye for detail on multiple projects which we have worked on together. His desire to 'get the job done' has been critical to the success of multiple projects"

Tom Fairey, Alliance Leisure





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Steve Smith Technician

HNC (Const.)



When Steve joined Saunders Boston in 2004 he had already worked within the construction industry for over 30 years.

Steve quickly developed a niche in delivering complex and intricate design solutions. Steve now specialises in the technical delivery of Leisure Schemes and in particular Swimming Pools.



Why Steve is right for your project

Steve is a highly experienced technician whose technical skills are second to none. He has a clear idea for what is practical and buildable as well as what looks good. His skills will become more critical when we get to the 'Working Drawing' phase of the project. Steve takes personal pride in ensuring our drawings live up to his high expectations and is equally willing to pass on his knowledge to younger members of the team.

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Michael Dorrell Technician HNC (Const.)



Michael re-joined Saunders Boston in 2013 having spent many years working in the commercial sector with the main and fit-out contractors. Michael's broader experiences across multiple sectors help to bring a rounded approach to our projects. Recently he has been working exclusively on leisure projects and is leading the way as one of our BIM information Managers.



Why Michael is right for your project

Michael is a much focused individual with a drive to ensure his projects run smoothly and efficiently. He has an eye for detail whether as an early design concept or a refined construction detail. Michael will work diligently to meet all the project demands. Michael has now been involved in the technical design of multiple leisure projects and in particular the difficulties in pool tank construction.

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"Mike's contribution to the successful delivery of our project was essential. Working alongside our contractor he helped to ensure the conceptual design was well executed. The finished product has been well received by our customers"

Steve Goddard, Health & Leisure Services, South Norfolk Council.





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Zib Gotto Head of Interior Design BA (Hons)



Zib joined Saunders Boston in 2014. Over the past 15 years, Zib has worked in a wide range of sectors in Cambridge, London and Melbourne Australia. Her wide-ranging experience, technical expertise and creative vision combine to generate unique designs with optimum functionality.



Why Zib is right for your project

Zib's ethos - Public sector building Interiors are extremely challenging to design – they need to exceed the aspirations of the users, yet be simple and inexpensive to maintain, whilst being bulletproof tough. Swimming pools in particular bring another level of complexity, they need to perform technically to a very high standard and ensure 100% Health and Safety compliance"

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Oundle School Sports Facilities

Peterborough

Client: Oundle School

Value: £24m

Status: Onsite



- 50m Pool with boom & moving floor
- 8 Court Sports Hall
- Fitness Suite (80 stations)
- Conference facilities
- External Pitches



Project Details

Oundle School is one of Britain's leading co-educational boarding and day schools, located within the market town of Oundle in Northamptonshire. The School is currently implementing a sports master plan that will see all of the current sports facilities updated across the whole campus. The new sports centre will be a unique facility in the School, in that it will provide the indoor sports accommodation for the pupils, but will also allow access to the community through a membership scheme. The building is designed to cater for both groups of occupants in differing proportions, at different times whilst always being able to provide security for both pupils and public.

Key facilities include a 50m 6 lane training pool with a submersible boom and moving floor to provide variable water depth and an eight court sports hall able to accommodate all 1,300 pupils and staff in an assembly format. The project also includes an 80 station fitness suite, dedicated dance studio and a range of dual use hospitality suites and studios. A full commercial kitchen that can serve up to 280 covers is provided along with a 'Costa' style cafe adjacent to the swimming pool. The project uses a natural ventilation system for the sports hall and has both Photovoltaic Cells and a thermal hot water system as part of the renewal energy systems within the building.

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North Norfolk Leisure Development

Sheringham and Cromer

Client: North Norfolk District Council

Value: £15m

Status: Planning



- 25m 6 Lane Swimming Pool
- Learner Pool with moving floor
- Splash Pad
- 100 station Fitness Suite
- Multi-purpose Studio
- Four tennis court enclosure
- Social and Catering Spaces



Project Details

Saunders Boston Architects have been working with FMG and North Norfolk District Council to develop schemes for a new Leisure Centre at Sheringham and a new Community Hub 'Tennis Enclosure' in Cromer. The developments are being carried simultaneously with the procurement of a new leisure operator's contract.

The designs have been developed around a community aspiration combined with a strong ambition to make the council's portfolio more economically viable whilst delivering visitors a first class experience.

The flagship development at Sheringham will form part of a larger 'enabling development' exploring various land-use alternatives. The contemporary new design looks to respond to the character of the existing splash with a barrel vaulted roof and innovative rain water collection system. The design also looks to provide a dynamic force to the centre acting as a 'shop window' for the swimming pools, fitness suite and café. The new centre will include a 6 lane 25m Community Pool, Learner Pool with moving floor, Splash Pad, Café, Fitness Suite, Studios and Ancillary Spaces. The second will include 3 indoor tennis courts, a club room, changing rooms and a fitness suite.

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Wessex Leisure Centre

Between Wantage and Grove, Oxfordshire

Client: Vale of White Horse Council

Value: £15m

Status: Planning



- 25m 6 Lane Swimming Pool
- Learner Pool with Moving floor
- 100 Station Fitness Suite
- Multi-purpose Studios
- 4 Court Sports Hall
- Spinning Studio
- Climbing

Project Details

Saunders Boston were appointed by the local authority following a competitive tender process through F+G which see us providing full architectural, lead consultant and interior design service. We are also sub-contracting further primary design services including structures, building services and pool filtration.

The new centre responds to a population growth need within the local area. Located on a green field site between Wantage and Grove the site will accommodate a full size 3G artificial pitch alongside the Leisure Centre.

The prominent architectural design responds to the natural green field setting by subtly reducing the mass of the building adjacent to the tree lined main road.

The design revolves around a feature clad hub, which facilitates the café, pool viewing and climbing wall. Translucent polycarbonate panels allow natural light into the building during the day whilst projecting artificial lighting back through the envelope at night.

Public consultations were carried out in 2017, with planning submitted in 2018.





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Barnet Leisure Development

Copthall and New Barnet

Client: London Borough of Barnet

Value: £40m+

Status: Onsite



- 25m Regional Short Course Pool
- 2 x 25m 6 Lane Community Pool
- 2 x Learner Pools
- 5 Court Sports Hall
- Fitness Suite (110 & 75 stations) & Studios
- Outdoor Tennis & MUGA
- Health Impact Assessment Suite
- Public Library

Project Details

Saunders Boston Architects have been working alongside Capita and Graham Construction for the London Borough of Barnet to develop designs for two new centres in the borough. The borough wide strategy for leisure provision included **reprocurement** of the leisure management contract.

The scheme at Copthall will replace the existing centre with three Pools with provision for 200 spectators. A 25m 6 lane pool will focus on maximising the boroughs high 'learn to swim' demands. Whilst a learner pool will provide introductory shallow water to the novice swimmer. A five Court Sports Hall will also be included to offer additional dry facilities alongside the 110 station fitness suite, multi-purpose studios and Health impact suite

The scheme at New Barnet will replace the existing 'Church Farm' enclosed Lido on a new site. The facility will focus on Community use with Community & Learner Pools. It will also incorporate a Public Library Space and a Café which will be open to the park for public use.

Architecturally the new centres looks respond to their natural 'Park Setting' through massing, **materiality** and landscape. The form of the pool hall reflects the open green space and will offer fantastic views over the outdoor spaces from the pool halls. A palate of 'soft' and 'natural' feeling materials **compliant** the site context with a contemporary grace.

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Sapphire Ice & Leisure Centre

Romford, Essex

Client: London Borough of Havering / Willmott Dixon

Value: £30m (approx)

Status: Complete



- 25m 8 Lane Swimming Pool with moving floor
- Learner Pool
- 100 station Fitness Suite
- Multi-purpose Studio
- Spinning Studio
- Full size Ice Hockey Rink
- Sauna & Steam Room

Project Details;

Saunders Boston were appointed by the local authority through D&B main contractor Willmott Dixon as lead consultant to complete the design for this statement architectural project.

The new centre replaces the former ice rink and delivers the Council's long-term commitment to providing a swimming pool in the heart of Romford. Built on the site of the former public car park in easy reach of Romford town centre, the new facilities are easily accessible by the community.

The scheme which forms part of a wider land swap deal with a national supermarket will replace the existing Romford Ice Rink with a new state of the art rink alongside an 8 lane regional short course swimming pool, learner pool and fitness suite.

The striking architectural design clads an economic building envelope with translucent polycarbonate panels. These will allow natural light into the building during the day whilst projecting artificial lighting back through the envelope at night.

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Bath Leisure Centre

Somerset

Client: Bath & North East Somerset / GLL

Value: £10m

Status: Complete



- Conversion of 8 court hall to 4 Courts
- 400m2 Fitness suite / 2No. Studios
- 900m2 Trampoline Park
- Soft Play
- 8 Lane Ten-pin Bowling
- New Learner Pool
- Refurbishment of existing pool hall

Project Details

Saunders Boston developed the refurbishment concept designs for both Bath and Keynsham Leisure Centres, including the technical specifications for the DBOM contract working with Max Associates and BaNES.

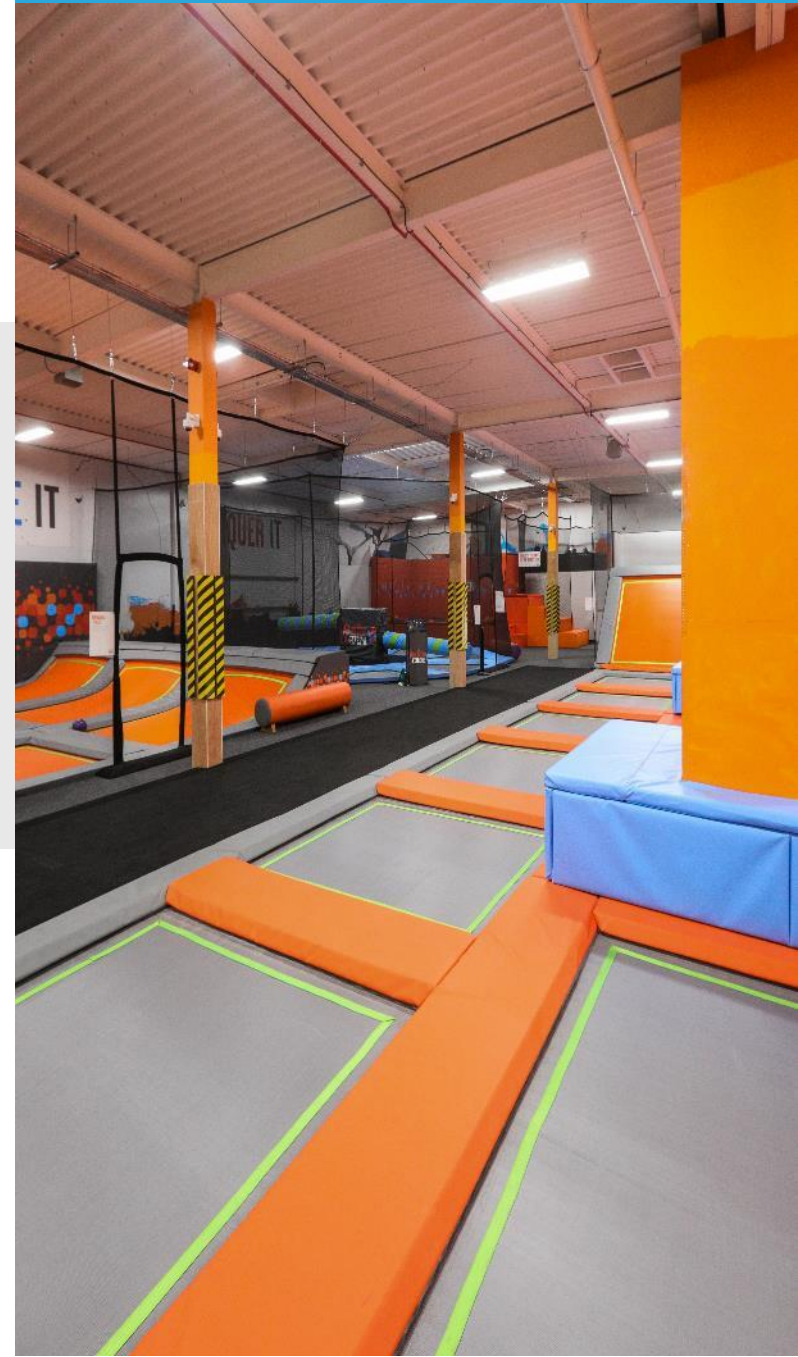
Once the DBOM was tendered, Saunders Boston joined the GLL / Alliance Team to further develop both designs to form a scheme that could be assessed in terms of business plan and capital cost.

The scheme was broken down into 3 phases on site to accommodate the need to keep the majority of services live throughout the construction process.

The construction was also phased to allow the income generating services to be completed at the earliest opportunity – The first phase was to chop the 8 court sports hall in half and create a 4 court hall one side with a fitness suite above the ten pin bowling on the other.

The project had the added complexities of people sleeping rough and drug use in the underground car park, through to having to accommodate the match-day crowds for Bath Rugby Club, whose ground is directly behind the leisure centre.

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South Norfolk Leisure Developments

Wymondham, Diss and Long Stratton

Client: South Norfolk Council / Kier / Alliance Leisure

Value: £6.5m (approx)

Status: Complete



- 25m 6 Lane Main Pool / Learner Pool
- Village / Group Changing
- Fitness Suite (200 Stations over three sites)
- Health Suite / Spa
- Studio / Spinning (150sq m / 20 Strn)
- 2x 4 Court Sports Hall
- Café's
- Soft Play



Project Details

Saunders Boston Architects have engaged with South Norfolk Council on multiple projects at Diss, Wymondham and Long Stratton Leisure Centres through various procurement routes. Each concept has been developed around a community aspiration combined with a strong ambition to make the centres more economically viable whilst delivering visitors a first class experience.

The largest scheme at Wymondham had been developed in an adhoc manner with a 1980's Sports Hall, 1990's Swimming Pool and a series of internal alteration in between.

The key challenge we encountered was how to bring all these elements together along with a new build fitness suite extension which becomes the focus of the improved facility. The main entrance / café becomes a 'hub' allowing access to the key facilities from a central location.

The contemporary new additions are designed to provide a dynamic **face** to the centre acting as a 'shop window' for the members fitness suite and cafe complementing the health suite and refurbished sports hall, swimming pool and studios.

"Saunders Boston's design has rejuvenated our existing facilities and brought them together with our new fitness suite, health suite and hub which dramatically improves our customer's experience".
Steve Goddard (Head of Leisure) South Norfolk Council





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Blackbrook Swimming Pool & Spa

Taunton

Client: Taunton Deane Borough Council / AECOM

Value: £5m

Status: Complete



Pool Complex comprising:

- 25m 6 Lane Main Pool
- Learner Pool
- Village / Group Changing

Health Suite comprising:

- Spa Pool
- Relaxation Area
- 4 Heat Experiences
- 5 Treatment Rooms

Project Details;

Saunders Boston took this complex project from inception, working with a Leisure Developer, through to completion with a Design and Build contractor beginning with a Site analysis and financial viability with Strategic Leisure. Followed by a feasibility Study for Alliance Leisure Services and a concept Design for Taunton Deane Borough Council.

Our primary appointments for Planning and Detail Design for AECOM and Working Drawings / Site activities of D&B Contractor BAM.

The scheme raises the profile of Sport and Leisure in the Borough with this bold design that reflects the activities inside the building. Cool and Water of the swimming pool shown in the blue tones with Fire and Earth of the spa shown in the reds and oranges.

The building is designed with shallow mono-pitch roofs reducing the effect of the massing on the green field context. No gutters were included to ensure that nearby trees do not create a maintenance problem – All the rainfall flows down the roof and walls to ground level gullies.

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Abbey Leisure Centre

Barking, Essex

Client: London Borough of Barking & Dagenham / Willmott Dixon

Value: £10.5m

Status: Complete



- 25m 6 Lane Swimming Pool
- Fitness Suite (50 stations)
- Multi-purpose Studio
- Martial Arts Studio
- Health Suite & Spa

Project Details;

Saunders Boston were appointed as part of the 'delivery' team alongside D&B main contractor Willmott Dixon following a competitive tender and interview process. Our role was to complete the building design originally undertaken by another architects practice who were retained in a client side role.

Saunders Boston has worked closely with the contractor team to ensure the integrity of the design was fully executed during the delivery process. Taking on the role of lead designer during our appointment we were responsible for coordinating; structures, services, acoustics and fire engineers as well as specialist design elements such as the filtration system.

Architecturally the development sits comfortably in its context adjacent to a regeneration zone and the listed 'Barking Town Hall'. A combination of concrete colonnades, contemporary brick work and glazing ensure the building achieves its own identity.

This project offered a number of technical challenges, including a cast in situ helical feature staircase with built in feature lighting, projecting brickwork which creates the effect of a swimmer moving through the water and a concrete colonnade.

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Harborne Pool & Fitness

Birmingham

Client: Birmingham City Council / Wates

Value: £12.2m

Status: Complete



- 25m 6 Lane Swimming Pool
- 13m Learner Pool
- Village / Group Changing
- Fitness Suite (60 Stations)
- Dedicated Kids Gym
- Multi-purpose Studio (150 sq m)



Project Details

Saunders Boston were appointed by Wates Construction as lead consultant forming part of the delivery design team through the Birmingham Construction Partnership (Framework).

The completed scheme, on the site of the former 'Harborne Baths' at Lordwood Road, demolished the original 1923 baths and re-built it to create a contemporary intervention in this Birmingham suburb. Pre-cast concrete facades create a plinth to the building with a pre-patinated copper 'wedge' forming the most striking feature of the design.

Sustainability was key to Birmingham City Council's brief, this project has achieved a BREEAM rating of 'excellent' and includes sustainable features such as a green (living) roof, water saving measures, solar energy, naturally lit spaces and resourcing of sustainable materials.

The scheme has been recognised by the RICS and SCALA.

".....you demonstrated good technical skills, especially with the knowledge of swimming pool standards and technology to assist in the delivery of an excellent completed facility".

Steve Jarvis, Service Integration Head, Birmingham City Council





Calderdale Leisure Centre Brighouse & Sowerby Bridge

Client: Calderdale Council / Willmott Dixon

Value: £10m

Status: Complete



- 2x 25m Community Pool
- 20m Training Pool
- Learner Pool
- Multi-purpose Studio's
- Fitness Suite (100 stations over both sites)
- Outdoor Tennis (Brighouse)

Project Details;

When Calderdale Council elected to close three aging sites in the district, Saunders Boston were appointed to design two new replacement Leisure Centres in Brighouse and Sowerby Bridge. The schemes were designed in response to an urban regeneration concept as two strikingly modern insertions into the existing urban grain.

At Sowerby Bridge the massing of the building, the strongly curved river elevation and the form and materials were chosen to contrast with its surroundings. The site is the former outdoor market within the town centre of Sowerby Bridge.

Whilst at Brighouse the building is sensitively handled with several mono-pitched roofs stepping down with the naturally sloping site. Materials were carefully chosen to blend with the surroundings and include reconstituted stone, composite cladding, cedar timber cladding and standing seam aluminium roof.

Our appointment included a full architectural and interior service for Willmott Dixon on a design & build basis under a partnering contract through the SCAPE framework. The scheme was recognised as the Regional Winner of 'Community Building' LABC Building Excellence Award'

"The facilities have been well received by the public.... and has quickly established within the community which is testament to the design"

Duncan M. Brundell, Calderdale Council





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Darwen Leisure Centre

Blackburn

Client: CAPITA / Blackburn with Darwen Council

Value: £12m

Status: Complete



- 25m 8 Lane Short Course Pool
- 4 Court Sports Hall
- Fitness Suite
- Multi-purpose Studios
- Cafe

Project Details;

Darwen leisure Centre was developed in partnership with Capita, the current framework Architect for the Authority. Saunders Boston led the process up to and including planning with support from Capita, and then Capita delivered the project with assistance from Saunders Boston. The whole project was delivered in a seamless manner with all the right experience around the table.

The project combines state of the art leisure facilities with the requirements of an adjacent 'LIFT' health centre and the wishes of the local community who wish to retain the character of the old baths.

The main swimming pool is an 8 lane 25m Regional Short Course Pool with a boom and floating floor running the length of the pool that was funded by Sport England. This arrangement maximises the shallow water potential of the pool for swimming lessons etc, whilst ensuring that lane swimming over 25m is always available.

The centre also boasts changing facilities that were designed to accommodate the diverse range of ethnic groups with the community and is fully DDA compliant.

Images courtesy of Lancashire Telegraph

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Kent Sport Leisure Developments

Canterbury, Kent

Client: University of Kent

Value: £5m

Status: Complete



- 4 Court Sports Hall
- Fitness Suite (160 stations)
- Multi-purpose Studio
- 6 Court Tennis Centre



Project Details

University of Kent appointed Saunders Boston, following a competitive tender and interview process, to design a redevelopment of the existing centre, including extending the fitness facilities, creating a new sports hall and a 6 Court Tennis Centre.

The scheme includes a new four badminton court sports hall to Sport England standards. The existing fitness suite has been completely modernised and extended to form part of a 800 sq m fitness and high performance free weights suite. The extended fitness suite provides a new face to the facility, creating a 'shop window' along an existing University thoroughfare.

The new facility also includes a 'physiotherapy hub' forming a practical relationship between academic courses and real life. The new first floor 280 sq m multi-purpose studio can be sub-divided and is suitable for various activities including; spinning, aerobics, yoga, martial arts and conferences.

The new Tennis enclosure which forms the hub of the Tennis Centre is located on the edge of the University campus adjacent to the main outdoor sports facilities. This comprises of three indoor Tennis & Netball Courts and three outdoor courts on the site of the previous outdoor courts.

Saunders Boston's understanding of leisure operations and processes, were a key part of their service and provided a major asset during the project".

Graham Holmes, University of Kent





Wellcome Trust Exclusive Hotel

Hinxton, Cambridge

Client: Wellcome Trust / RG Carter

Value: £2.5m

Status: Complete



- 64 Bedroom Hotel Learner Pool
- Reception Foyer
- Ancillary Servicing Spaces
- Plant including back-up generator



Project Details;

Saunders Boston were appointed by the Wellcome Trust through design & build main contractors RG Cater, to provide a full architectural and interior design service on the delivery of the latest development at the Wellcome Trusts Conference Centre's facility.

The new building is essentially a four star hotel on the Wellcome Trusts Hinxton campus, south of Cambridge providing 64 Double / Twin Bedrooms to visitors and dignitaries visiting the Wellcome Trust.

Each Bedroom includes its own en-suite bathroom and was fitted-out to the highest interior standards with dedicated oversized suites to assist disabled guests.

The construction of the building combines both traditional and contemporary methods with predominantly load bearing block walls, B&B floors, concrete planks and flat roofs with a green/living roof, photovoltaic panels and rainwater harvesting.

The completed scheme achieved BREEAM rating of 'Very Good'

"Working with Saunders Boston has been a very pleasant experience, with a most successful outcome and a high degree of client satisfaction, they are a pleasure to work with".
Dave Scott, Wellcome Trust





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The Bell Inn Hotel & Restaurant

Stilton, Peterborough

Client: The Bell Inn

Value: £1m

Status: Complete



- 19 Bedrooms
- Restaurant
- Public Bar / Lounges
- Conference facilities

Project Details;

The Bell Inn dates back to 1500 (today's buildings date from 1642) and was one of the major coaching Inns on the Great North Road. Dick Turpin was reputedly one of the regulars and this is still remembered today by the naming of the room above the archway as 'Dick's Room'. The Inn is also known as the birthplace of Stilton cheese. By the time Saunders Boston became involved with the building it had been deteriorating for over a century, but its new owners wished to restore the Inn to its former glory. This involved enlarging the existing restaurant, improving the public bar, providing a new restaurant, kitchen and extra toilets, as well as a major renovation and extension to form a new hotel.

The hotel now comprises of 19 double bedrooms, a function room capable of seating up to 100 people, as well as other smaller conference rooms and lounges. Much of the original building was in such a poor state that it had to be dismantled stone-by-stone and then rebuilt.

The new extension was designed in brickwork to avoid confusion between the "original building" and the "modern extension". The design of the extension and choice of materials was, however, carefully considered to blend sympathetically with the old.

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Stilton Pavilion – Community Hub

Stilton, Peterborough

Client: Stilton Parish Council

Value: £0.57m

Status: Complete



- Community Hall
- Changing Rooms
- Community Room
- Kitchen
- Grass Pitch
- MUGA



Project Details;

Saunders Boston were appointed following a competitive tender process to provide full architectural design and lead consultancy service.

Working closely with the Parish Councils Steering Group for local amenities, Saunders Boston have developed a phased master plan for the development of this edge of village site.

The overall development includes; new grass pitches, an all weather flood lit training pitch, play area, BMX track centred around a new community pavilion.

The proposed pavilion has been designed to marry in with the local character of the historic village whilst providing a modern facility to suit a range of activities ranging from; performance arts to judo. The flexible design also allows the pavilion to be split into two distinct elements; two ten changing rooms and officials changing spaces are to the east and community facilities to the west which includes a 250 sq m main hall, community room and kitchenette.

The environmentally conscious design includes a large photovoltaic array, natural ventilation to key spaces and water saving measures

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Batchwood Bowls & Golf Pavilions

St Albans

Client: St Albans & District Council

Value: £0.5m

Status: Complete



- Club Room
- Changing
- Kitchen
- Bar
- External Terrace

Project Details;

Saunders Boston were appointed following a number of feasibility studies on this edge of city leisure facility central to Batchwood Golf Club on the periphery of St Albans.

Saunders Boston have worked closely with the client and stakeholders in leading a full design team to design two new pavilions for both the Bowls & Golf Clubs at Batchwood Hall.

The design has been developed to be slim line and efficient on a modular grid to give the client the flexibility to proceed on a modular procurement route to deliver the scheme as soon as possible.

Each pavilion includes a club room, kitchenette, bar, changing and ancillary spaces.

Architecturally the designs use sympathetic materials to suit the 'tree lined' edge of city site by using a combination of timber, render and glazing. .

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