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Nathan Swift Director

BSc, BArch. RIBA



Nathan joined us in 2002 after graduating from University he 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 offering 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.

Leisure Sector Experience;

Sapphire Ice & Leisure Centre – £30m New build facility in Romford for London Borough of Havering. The scheme included a; regional short course swimming pool, learner pool (with moving floor), fitness suite and national ice rink.

South Norfolk Leisure Developments – South Norfolk Council have invested over £5m across leisure portfolio. New and improved facilities include; swimming, fitness, studio spaces, personal training, health & spa and soft play.

Barnet Leisure Developments – London Borough of Barnet have invested more than £30m on two new leisure centres. Together the facilities will offer; a 25m 8 lane pool, 2x25m 6 lane pools, 2x learner pools, sports hall, fitness and studio's.

Wessex Leisure Centre – Working with F+G, Scape and Vale of the White Horse this new £15m Leisure centre will include; 6 lane 25m Pool, Learner pool, confidence water, fitness, studios, 4 court sports hall and full size ATP.

Harborne Swimming Pool & Fitness Suite – Birmingham City Council invested over £12m replacing the old 'Harbourne Baths' with a new 25m 6 lane pool, learner pool, fitness suite and studio in this urban centre location.

Kent Sport – The University of Kent's sports facilities where we designed over £4m of improvements to the dry sports offerings to the Canterbury campus creating a new sports hall, fitness suite, studio & five court tennis centre

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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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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 team 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.

Leisure Sector Experience;

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Blackbrook Leisure Centre – for Taunton Dean Borough Council, this £5m facility complimented the existing dry facilities with a new 6 lane 25m swimming pool, learner pool & health suite which also included; a spa and treatment .

Oundle School Sports Facilities - This £30m facility for Oundle school near Peterborough will create a new 50m pool with a boom and moving floor. Further facilities include a fitness suite, sports hall, studio and hospitality suites.

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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 stn 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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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 Keynesham Leisure Centres, including the technical specifications for the DBOM contract working with Max Associates and BaNES.

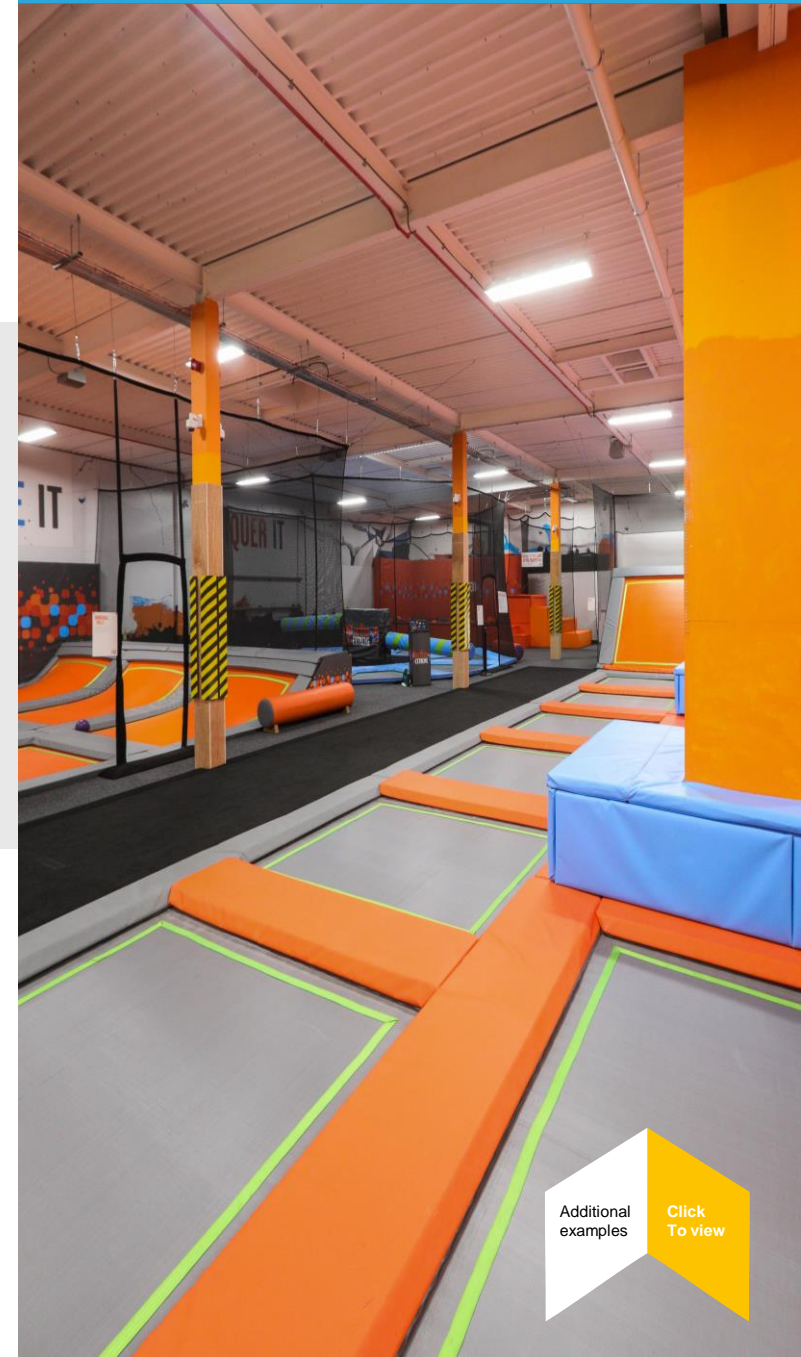
Once the DBOM was tendered, Saunders Boston joined the GLL / Alliance Team to further develop both designs to form a scheme that could be assessed in terms of business plan and capital cost.

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 phased was to chop the 8 court sports hall in half and create a 4 court hall one side with a fitness suite above 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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Blackbrook Swimming Pool & Spa

Taunton

Client: Taunton Dean 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 for 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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