

Bellabeg House

Strathdon



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Bellabeg House is an outstanding early Laird's house in the village of Bellabeg, in Strathdon, Aberdeenshire. It is listed category 'A' and is thought to date from around 1700.

Whilst predominantly Georgian, it has a number of additions and extensions. The owners were keen to replace an ugly 1950s lean-to extension, as well as remodel the grounds.

The new extension takes the form of an entrance lobby and large living space, and helps to open up the flow of the downstairs rooms in the house.

Use of local people in the design and construction of the development

The quality of the work undertaken is excellent, and has mainly been carried out by local contractors, including Alan Grant Grampian from Alford and Gordon Croll of Ballater. Great attention to detail has been paid to ensure an excellent quality of finish throughout both the internal and external works.

Working with the special qualities of the Cairngorms National Park

As well as being a feature of the village, Bellabeg House is also the focus for the annual Lonach highland gathering every August, as the games field falls within the house's ground. When designing the new extension and the reworked external spaces, the owners maintained the access through their grounds to the games field.



Location

Bellabeg, Strathdon, Aberdeenshire

Architect

Kenneth Lawson

Contractors

Alan Grant Grampian Ltd
Gordon Croll, Ballater

Owners

Dr and Mrs Marsh

Budget

£250,000

Awards

Cairngorms National Park Design Awards 2012 - Commendation

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Form of development

The main house already had a subsidiary wing on its west side, and the new design sought to replicate the scale of the wing by creating gables of the same width and pitch. Although similar dimensions externally, the new extension creates a vaulted living area, lit from two sides and from above via a lantern, creating a light-filled room for everyday use.



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