

**Category:**  
**Non Residential**  
**(over £250k)**
**CLIENT:****FB Ltd.**

Becquet de Haut, Fermain Road,  
 St Peter Port, Guernsey

**ARCHITECTS:****Paul Langlois Architects**

La Villette Farm, Rue de la Villette  
 St Martins, Guernsey

**CONTRACTOR:****Consult and Build Ltd.**

# Oatlands - Phase 1



For many years Oatlands had been in decline due to non-viability, leading to a lack of investment and maintenance. My Client's concept was to upgrade Oatlands to a high quality, year-round destination with cross-generational appeal for both locals and visitors.

It is a two phase project. Phase 2 has just started on site and will consist of a new courtyard, rural style barns housing a state-of-the-art play facility and a covered outdoor area.

This submission is for Phase 1 only and relates to the existing buildings (including the listed brick kilns), restaurant and landscaped courtyard area.

The brief was to revitalise Oatlands with a coherent design and 'identity', referencing the important historic buildings. As well as providing leisure and craft-related retail facilities, the scheme was to recount the story of the area's social and economic past.

The practice was involved in all aspects of design including the heritage buildings, rebranding and signage, advising on external colour schemes, designing replacement shop fronts and interior design consultancy on the restaurant.

The existing thatch roofs were replaced and the buildings stripped back of unsympathetic additions from over the years to reveal their true historic identity.

The last remaining brick kilns in Guernsey were carefully renovated and repointed with lime mortar.

The courtyard area was cleaned up and the cider press restored and planted to provide a focal point. A sense of place has been created where people sit, meet or have a coffee. It can also be used for seasonal outdoor events.

Further work is still to be carried out on some of the building interiors, the redesigned carpark entrance and the replacement of some original signage.

Oatlands Centre is now thriving and visitor numbers are up. This is a legacy project which will provide Guernsey with an essential facility for years to come.

