



John Kelly Landscape Designer, Gaia Architects

John is a Landscape Designer with more than 25 years' experience, working primarily in the private sector on the design and implementation of landscape projects throughout Scotland. He has been working within Gaia Architects since 1997, bringing with him a wealth of experience gained in a number of Landscape Architectural practices.

Before joining Gaia, John was an Associate at Turnbull Jeffrey Partnership where he was responsible for designing a number of award winning schemes from intimate housing regeneration projects to large-scale reclamation projects, and rural and urban landscape master planning studies. His work includes Elm Row, Edinburgh (Civic Trust Commendation), Station Yard, Galashiels (BALI award), Fairfield, Perth (Environmental Regeneration award) and the Malmaison Hotel, Leith (Environmental Regeneration award). The awards were given for their innovation and exemplary approach to detailed design and use of materials. In addition, he designed the winning submissions for the Chambers Street, Edinburgh, and Calder Street, Coatbridge projects. He has often acted as project coordinator with responsibility for monitoring of project programme and fee budgets – a role he has since taken up within Gaia.

Latterly, John has gained particular expertise in housing renewal and urban design projects working with Steering groups comprising various public and private agencies, multi-disciplinary design teams of Architects, Quantity Surveyors and Transportation Engineers.

Some of John's recent projects include:

Study co-ordinator for the Glentress Forest Leisure Development Masterplan for the Forestry Commission Scotland and latterly landscape designer and project co-ordinator for a café, visitor centre and rural pursuits development within Glentress Forest.

Landscape co-ordinator for the Glencoe Visitor Facilities, including the restoration of the original Scottish Natural Heritage development, for the National Trust for Scotland.

Co-ordinator for the Aviemore North Housing Framework Study, for Highland Council and Communities Scotland.

Landscape designer for the strategy plan for the Blacklaw windfarm visitor facility, for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Co-ordinator and landscape designer for a brewery, shop, and visitor facility adjacent to a listed estate on the Black Isle, private Client.