



Small Projects



Studio Bua

Nýp Guesthouse

£240,000

This guesthouse and cultural retreat overlooks the Breiðafjörður Bay Nature Reserve in western Iceland. It was constructed as a farmhouse in 1936 but was deserted in the 1970s. After falling into disrepair, the new owners began rebuilding it in 2001 and, since 2006, it has become a local cultural hub, hosting exhibitions, lectures and workshops.

Its latest phase has involved the renovation of the four-bedroomed farmhouse and extension of the adjoining sheep shed. This has added a further three guest rooms with a separate entrance. The entrance hall is oversized for additional use as an exhibition space, while the farmhouse is vertically divided into two volumes for living quarters and hay barn, with an additional floor creating an event space.

Driftwood reclaimed from the beach has been used as columns for supporting the new roof, while steel handrails, timber doors and beams have also been salvaged from various building sites in the area. Local building techniques are prevalent: stone-surf retaining walls, home-made clay tiles and corrugated Aluzinc for the overcladding, to withstand the heavy prevailing winds. *FW*

Location Western Iceland

Completion July 2019

Gross internal floor area 380m²

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Annual CO₂ emissions Unavailable

Photography Giovanni De Roia



Axonometric view

