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horncastle:thomas is a RIBA Chartered Architectural Practice formed in 2011 in Douglas, Isle of Man, by Karen Horncastle and Martyn Thomas.

Both are RIBA Chartered Architects. Since qualifying, Karen has been in practice in the Isle of Man for twenty five years; Martyn worked for two leading architectural firms in the North West of England before returning home to the Island in 2010.

Both have experience of working in a variety of established and new building types, including listed and registered buildings, new buildings in conservation areas and in sustainable design.

Karen and Martyn were joined by a third Chartered Architect, Andrew Traynor in 2014.

A belief in the value and benefits of good modern design underpins the practice's approach. They have worked on a range of projects from sustainable office developments to house extensions, alterations to church buildings to new-build residential properties and renovations to registered buildings.

Always considering context, environment, local constraints and craft, combining design technology and sustainable technologies with an understanding of the past, horncastle:thomas retain an aspiration to find quality in every project.

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Rose Cottage: a new house in Union Mills, recently completed; internal view from the living space showing the dining area, kitchen and mezzanine snug above.

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Below, right

Rose Cottage: internal view from the front door looking towards the kitchen terrace.

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Right

Sketch designs for: terraced house extension, Peel; the Castlegate development in Castletown for Manx National Heritage; refurbishment and extension of terraced house, Castletown.

