



Design Inspirations

The identity of communities of the Highlands has always been intertwined with the majesty of the landscape that surrounded them.

The architecture that emerged from this relationship is equally striking, driven by necessity whether it be for defence, crofting or industry.



The landscape determined the materials that were available and how the buildings could be constructed efficiently to make best use of limited resources. Climate influenced the positioning of buildings in the landscape to take advantage of shelter from the wind and cold.

In time, there emerged a handful of preferred building designs that provided the optimum balance for internal layout and efficient use of materials. The repetition of familiar building shapes and settlement patterns helps to give the landscape its distinctive character and appearance.

The use and re-use of tried and tested building designs across the region continued during the 19th century with the development of planned towns and coastal fishing stations, water mills, model farms and sporting estates.



We like to think of our designs as a natural evolution of this architectural tradition ensuring that the design of your home is in harmony with its surroundings to maintain an enduring appeal.

While the landscape and climate remain largely unaltered, our house designs reflect the changing way we live and work in the highlands today. Embracing the contemporary issues such as balancing modern technology with environmental sustainability.