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## SOUTH REGION

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### News Release

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## RIBA South elects new Chairman



Philip Waddy, the new Chairman of RIBA South

**Philip Waddy B.A.(Hons), Dip. Arch. (Oxford) RIBA FRSA** has been elected Chairman of **RIBA South**, the Royal Institute of British Architects region covering Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and Oxfordshire. Philip succeeds Robin Haddow as Chair.

Philip has over twenty years' experience as a Partner or Principal in private practice. His Abingdon-based practice West Waddy ADP is a multi disciplinary architectural and town planning practice employing 14 professional staff comprising architects, town planners, urban designers and technologists, plus support staff.

Philip's experience covers a wide range of areas including conservation, town planning, contract management and sustainable design. He is particularly experienced in steering complex developments to completion. He also has a special interest and expertise in historic buildings, having successfully

undertaken a number of sensitive conversion and restoration schemes on listed buildings. He is a consultant architect to the Friends of Abingdon, with responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of the Abbey Buildings and is responsible for surveying the fabric of many churches in Oxfordshire. Philip is presently chairman of the RIBA South Region Planning Group and also serves on the RIBA national Planning Group.

In his two year term, Philip aims to increase awareness of the work and services available through RIBA South, encouraging wider membership and involvement across the region. In particular he is keen to ensure that Regional office continues to support architects as well as students of architecture during the current economic downturn. Philip also intends to promote collaboration with other built environment professions across the region, most especially the RTPI. Philip believes architects and planners need to talk to each other more if improvements in the quality of the planning system are to be expected.

Philip took up his post in September 2009, as the current Chairman Robin Haddow stepped down.

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#### **Notes to the Editor**

1. For media enquiries, an image of Philip Waddy or an interview, please contact Carri Koon, Carisma Communications on 01366 387 027 or email [carri@carismacommunications.co.uk](mailto:carri@carismacommunications.co.uk).
2. RIBA South is based at RIBA South, Room GO1. Building LO19, University of Reading, London Road, Reading, RG1 5AQ. [www.architecture.com](http://www.architecture.com).
3. RIBA South consists of 1,650 registered architects and 248 registered practices.
4. West Waddy ADP is based at The Malthouse, 60 East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 5EB, Tel: 01235 523139, email: [enquiries@westwaddy-adp.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@westwaddy-adp.co.uk), [www.westwaddy-adp.co.uk](http://www.westwaddy-adp.co.uk).
5. 2009 marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of the RIBA. To celebrate this milestone the Institute is looking forward to a programme of special events to be held throughout the year that aims to show the breadth of our activities throughout the world of architecture, engage an even wider public and celebrate the benefits to society of good design. For further information visit [www.architecture.com](http://www.architecture.com).