

# VOID:PROJECTS

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## COMMERCIAL WORKS

Since 1993 VOID has been substantially responsible for the design strategy and development of facilities for Lakeland Limited, working with Hanson Marston Mellor in Kendal. This relationship has seen us make extensive use of 3D computer modeling, allowing us to produce the substantial projects (up to £12m) generally associated with much larger practices, whilst still retaining a direct and personal service.

The Lakeland work has included shops and offices, as well as their distribution center in Kendal, on the edge of the Lake District National Park. The recent redevelopment of their call center, head office and main shop in Windermere, in the heart of the National Park, was achieved with great community support. Winner of an award as the best Commercial building in the history of the National Park, and runner up in the public vote for the best building development of any kind, it received a prestigious National Civic Trust Award in 2007.

In 2009 we won the contract to design a new Test facility for Spirax Sarco. In addition, we have been involved with several other industrial units and reorganization projects for local companies and developers.

▼ **Distribution Centre** (Kendal, 2005-6)  
 Phase 4 extension – the earlier high-bay storage building to the left, with new warehousing, loading bays and mezzanine office space. Connecting bridge over road to carparking and future phases.



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◀ ▶ **Shop Approach** – Above shows a computer rendering produced as part of the design process and used for the planning consultation; to the left is the finished shop; the curved wall provides dramatic views from the first floor cafe

Lakeland Limited  
Shop, Windermere, 2003



◀ **Shop Glazing** – the suspended structural glass wall to the entrance and the perforated mullions and shading to the curved wall provide great drama to the experience of shopping – this building is not just a shop, it is one of the foremost tourist destinations in the Lake District.



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▲ **Shop interior** - the roof form provides generous daylight throughout the shop, reducing the need for artificial light.

**Lakeland Limited  
Shop, Windermere, 2003**  
National Civic Trust Award, 2007

▼ **Interactive fountains** – finished construction showing programmed feature with 20 outlets set into paving



▲ **Green Roof** – the green roof over the shop changes throughout the year.

◀ **Canopy and Signage** – finished construction in etched glass and stainless steel; also shows paving, seating and landscape treatment



◀ **Distribution Centre** ▶  
(Kendal, 2001) – making a feature out of the fact that the building is built on stilts over a flood plain..



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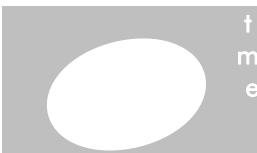
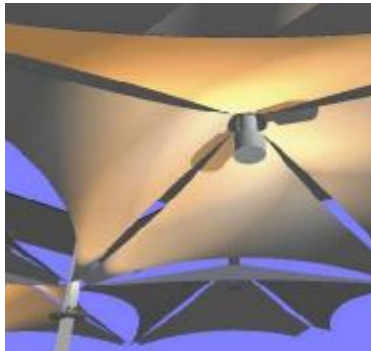




◀ ▲ **Distribution Centre** (Kendal, 2001) – several views of the dispatch building, staff café.

**Distribution Centre**  
(Kendal, 2001) ▼▼▼▶

– inside the dispatch building; a good example of how 3D modeling at the design stage can help integrate services, environmental control and workflow to benefit the final users.



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◀ **Landscape & signage** (Handforth, 2003) – a new shop in green belt, designed as a modern take on typical Cheshire agricultural buildings.



◀ **Café** (Handforth, 2003) – fitted into the curve of the roof due to planning restrictions on anything over storey



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