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FOREWORD



As Chairman of ProCon, and on behalf of the ProCon Board, I welcome you all to the 15th annual ProCon Awards.

In particular, we warmly welcome our generous sponsors and all the developers, architects, contractors and consultants and, for the first time, the photographers, who are the worthy finalists in this year's awards. As always, the competition for finalist places was fierce and the judges would like to acknowledge the range and high quality of the many entries received. We really appreciate their expertise and commitment in their scrutiny of applications and when visiting the nominated buildings.

The Architectural Image Award is an innovation for 2017 and I hope you'll agree that the judges have selected a range of stunning photographs, one of which will be named the winner in this category's first year. Congratulations to all the finalists whose work is showcased here tonight. Whether they win or not, their hard work in bringing their visions to fruition is cause for celebration.

This evening's awards will be the highlight of what is the hottest ticket in the Leicestershire business calendar. The perennial popularity of the ProCon Awards is hugely encouraging and underlines the vibrancy of the property and construction market in Leicestershire and Rutland. It is a sector that offers not only the means to positively impact on a constantly evolving built environment, but also generates any number of high quality careers for talented people to pursue. The fresh blood entering our sector deserve encouragement and opportunities for plugging into the networks on which our businesses thrive.

That's why this year ProCon established Emerging Talent, a group for people under 35 starting out in their careers to access help with career progression, mentoring and the forging of contacts. Some of them are here this evening and we wish them every success in developing their new group.

The 2017 ProCon Awards is blessed with the continuing backing of its corporate sponsors: Salus Approved Inspectors, Spearing Waite, Unique Window Systems and Westleigh Partnerships; the award sponsors: Infrastructure Investments, Gateley and Pochin, and many associate sponsors. Their contribution to this evening is vital and through their enthusiastic support we are able to present to you an evening and an awards ceremony with glitter and impact.

Please enjoy another memorable ProCon Awards ceremony, with thanks to the enormous amount of time and energy put in by the many people that have made all this possible.

On behalf of ProCon Leicestershire I wish all ProCon members and your guests a very enjoyable evening.



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6.45pm

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Exhibition

7.30pm

Call through for dinner

8.00pm

Introduction
Pam Allardice

8.15pm

Dinner

10.15pm

Guest speaker
and charity raffle
Gyles Brandreth

10.35pm

Awards ceremony

10.55pm

Closing remarks

11.00pm

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GYLES BRANDRETH

Gyles Brandreth is a writer, broadcaster, former MP and Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, now Chancellor of the University of Chester and one of Britain's most sought-after award ceremony hosts and after-dinner speakers.

A former Oxford Scholar, President of the Oxford Union and MP for the City of Chester, Gyles Brandreth's career has ranged from being a Whip and Lord Commissioner of the Treasury in John Major's government to starring in his own award-winning musical revue in London's West End.

A prolific broadcaster (in programmes ranging from Just a Minute and Wordaholics to QI and Have I Got News for You), an acclaimed interviewer (principally for the Sunday Telegraph), a novelist, children's author and biographer, he has published two volumes of diaries: Breaking the Code: Westminster Diaries ('By far the best political diary of recent years, far more perceptive and revealing than Alan Clark's', The Times) and Something Sensational to Read in the Train: The Diary of a Lifetime ('Witty, warm-hearted and deeply poignant', Daily Mail).

He is the author of two acclaimed royal biographies: Philip & Elizabeth: Portrait of a Marriage and Charles & Camilla: Portrait of a Love Affair, and a series of Victorian detective stories, The Oscar Wilde Murder Mysteries, now published in twenty-two countries around the world. His recent Sunday Times best-sellers include Word Play, a celebration of the English language, and The 7 Secrets of Happiness – No 1 on Amazon. His on-line course on Happiness is available from Gravy For The Brain together with a course co-authored with his son, rhetoric coach and barrister,



Benet Brandreth, on Mastering Public Speaking. His one-man shows have won multiple five star reviews at the Edinburgh Fringe and tour regularly throughout the UK.

As a performer, Gyles Brandreth has been seen in the West End in Zipp! One hundred musicals for less than the price of one at the Duchess Theatre and on tour throughout the UK, and as Malvolio and the Sea Captain in Twelfth Night: The Musical at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. In 2011/12 he played Lady Bracknell in a new musical version of The Importance of Being Earnest and in 2016 appeared in Hamlet at the Park Theatre in London.

Gyles Brandreth is one of Britain's busiest after-dinner speakers and award ceremony hosts. He has won awards himself, and been nominated for awards, as a public speaker, novelist, children's writer, broadcaster (Sony and Royal Television Society), political diarist (Channel Four), journalist (British Press Awards), theatre producer (Olivier), and businessman (British Tourist Authority Come to Britain Trophy).

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Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome (SADS) kills in excess of 650 people aged 12–35 every year in the UK. The JHMT was set up after the tragic death of Joe when he collapsed after a cardiac arrest minutes from his home on 4/10/12. Joe was fit, healthy and just 14 years old. SADS will never be eradicated but the JHMT is working to raise public awareness of this group of subtle heart conditions and to increase survival rates by teaching CPR in schools and sports clubs and ensuring the availability of community use Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).

In collaboration with other partner agencies the JHMT are:

- Ensuring a quality assured programme of CPR training is provided in all schools along with one AED in each secondary school.
- Increasing the number of sports facilities which adopt CPR and facilitating the purchase of a suitable AED within each facility.

- Working with all healthcare providers to create clinics for the investigation of SADS affected families.
- Working with UHL to improve the support currently provided to families following a sudden cardiac death (SADS related) for teenagers and young adults.
- Holding an annual conference (now in its 5th year) to increase awareness of SADS and its management for health professionals, sports coaches and all who work with children and young adults.
- Delivering an ongoing programme of targeted events to raise the public awareness of SADS – sudden arrhythmic death syndrome (SADS Awareness Week, 1st week October) – including the medical and associated professions e.g. PE Teachers, school nurses, sports coaches, sports managers regarding knowledge and research.

Tragically, young people like Joe are denied the right to experience life to the full and develop their potential. In June 2014, the JHMT also launched the Inspire Awards small grants of up to £500 to help young people aged 13–21 flourish across a wide variety of community sporting, entrepreneurial and creative art activities.

The work of Joe's Trust is a fitting tribute to such a gentle, loveable and humble giant who in his very short life touched the hearts and minds of so many people across the community.

www.jhmt.org.uk

ARCHITECTURAL IMAGE AWARD



**DMU –
Vijay Patel Building
and Queens Building**
Keith Cooper,
Northlight Images
Taken: January 2017

**Silver Arcade,
Leicester**
Lewis Buncher,
Leicester College
Taken: June 2017



**TGW Interior,
Market Harborough**
Jerry Wesley,
Jerry Wesley Photography
Taken: August 2016



TGW Exterior, Market Harborough
Jerry Wesley, Jerry Wesley Photography
Taken: January 2017

The Corn Exchange, Leicester
Keith Cooper, Northlight Images
Taken: April 2016



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The scheme is judged in terms of its impact in the following criteria:

- Creative approach to property development including the issues and challenges overcome
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- Sustainable aspects of the development/scheme
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- Budgetary considerations

Residential for the purpose of these Awards is classed as any scheme which is used for living purposes e.g. single dwelling, care home, housing development, apartments, student accommodation. Properties can be new build, conversion or refurbishment.

Small Residential means five units or less.

Number One Westhill Road, Leicester
submitted by Stephen George + Partners



A family home on Westhill Road has been given a glass-walled extension to provide a new living space for a growing family. The flat-roofed extension is designed in distinct contrast to the solidity of the existing period home. Replacing an existing garage and conservatory, its transparency enables the family to better enjoy their garden and its nearby mature maple tree which is incorporated into the design of the extension's outdoor space. Merging seamlessly with the existing spaces in the house, the extension at Number One Westhill Road was designed around a discreet steel frame. The glazed walls have minimal frames and equal consideration was taken with the internal and external views. The project has greatly extended the life of the property as a residential home, with the envelope of the existing building upgraded and improved.

Contract value: £250,000

Completion date: April 2016

Main parties involved:

Client: Mr & Mrs Bebbington

Architect: Stephen George + Partners

Contractor: Henderson's

Arboriculturalist: Ian Stemp Landscape Associates

Structural engineer: Grout Buckton Partners

Stoney Lane, Coleorton
submitted by Staniforth Architects



Four new houses were built on the site of the former surgery and home of the now retired GPs Dr John Jolleys and Dr Jaqui Jolleys who had lived there for 35 years. The doctors wanted to continue living on the site but replace the building with a smaller new home and three more houses. Two of the new houses are split level to suit the sloping nature of their sites. All four bring variety and visual interest to the location. Each of the four new homes has two wings at right angles, creating a sense of enclosure. They are designed and situated to sit together as a coherent development. Inside, the rooms are designed to be interesting and to have features that create delightful spaces. Exposed timber beams reveal the structural construction of the houses. Each home can accommodate a bedroom and en-suite on the ground floor, to provide for occupants with restricted mobility. Even the garages are thoughtfully designed, with recessed doors to provide a solid look.

Contract value: Undisclosed

Completion date: February 2017

Main parties involved:

Client: Dr John Jolleys and Dr Jaqui Jolleys

Architect: Staniforth Architects

Developer: Flightpath

Main contractor: RJH Building Construction

The White House, Wellsborough
submitted by Mercer Building Solutions



A former farmhouse at risk from neglect was brought back to life as a fine country home. Remodelling, refurbishment and sensitive extensions have created an aesthetically attractive home in landscaped grounds in a countryside setting. Additions include a triple garage block and an indoor swimming pool. All five bedrooms have en-suites and there is even an air-conditioned wine room. Period fireplaces were installed. Set in seven acres, The White House has benefitted from a complete redesign of its internal layout, with great attention to detail in the choice of materials. Structural work has achieved spacious rooms – and there is even roosting space in the loft for the brown eared bats that had colonised the old building's roof space. In the grounds, a new drainage scheme was created to divert all storm water to a large pond that is home to moorhens, mallards and carp. The landscaping features natural materials such as slate, oak sleepers and brick walls. A ha-ha between the garden and paddock was revealed and restored.

Contract value: £1.5m

Completion date: December 2016

Main parties involved:

Client: Mr & Mrs Warner

Developer, contactor and Quantity Surveyor: Mercer Building Solutions

Architect: Corporate Architecture

Structural engineer: Paul Byrne

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Large Residential means six or more units.

Heathcott Road, Leicester
submitted by emh group



Heathcott Road is the UK's largest Passivhaus residential scheme, with 68 homes meeting the ultra-low energy use Passivhaus standard. Regenerating 13 acres of derelict land, the project was a collaboration between the social housing provider emh group and the Saffron Lane Neighbourhood Council (SLNC). The thriving community enjoys affordable rents and heating bills of around £13 per year alongside newly planted woodland with 800 fruit trees and an adjacent permaculture farm. Leicester City Council sold the land to SLNC for just £1 to enable the community to work with emh group to develop what is described as a beacon for sustainable and affordable housing. The Passivhaus Trust says Heathcott Road is of national significance because it shows Passivhaus developments can be built at that scale to provide comfortable and healthy homes with very low running costs. Bringing together energy efficiency and affordability, the project attracted more than £2m funding from the Homes and Communities Agency. The homes face south with increased glass, are highly insulated and use controlled ventilation to maintain a stable inside temperature and good air quality.

Contract value: £9m

Completion date: January 2017

Main parties involved:

Developer: emh group

Contractor: Westleigh Partnerships

Architect: rg+p

Lady Martin Drive, Woodhouse Eaves
submitted by Corporate Architecture



Eight luxury homes were created on the redundant site of a former hospital and care home in Charnwood Forest. The steeply sloping site with mature trees saw many of the homes sold off-plan enabling buyers to help shape the final designs of their new properties. Careful selection of materials integrates the scheme into its picturesque setting. The eight individual homes were each designed to overcome the restrictions posed by the mature trees on each plot, integrating the development into the landscape. The spectacular southern view is a key feature, with a large sycamore tree central to the site being retained as a focal point around which the access road snakes. The palette of local materials – including stone – gives each home a striking identity whilst giving the whole development a visual theme. Timber frames and air source heat pumps are among the sustainable credentials.

Contract value: £8m

Completion date: December 2016

Main parties involved:

Developer: Willmark Homes

Architect: Corporate Architecture

Structural engineer: Barry Eames Consulting

Timber frames: Oakworth Homes

Arboriculturalist: Symbiosis Consulting

Lumis – Southgates, Leicester
submitted by Maber Architects



Lumis is the redevelopment of a former city centre bus depot site in the historic heart of Leicester, close to the Cathedral. The scheme of 558 student bedrooms are a mix of studios and clusters arranged in a group of four buildings set around a focal, shared courtyard. The buildings range between four and six storeys, and incorporate the iconic former bus depot entrance arch. The development includes lounges, study areas, meeting rooms, a gym, cinema room, community kitchen and laundry. The client's first student development, Lumis is designed to be efficient to operate with reduced running costs. The layouts were refined to create room and cluster groups to promote socialisation, addresses student isolation and encouraging them to stay on. The building envelope was designed to combat external noise and the materials were chosen to match the local surroundings, including the hard landscaping continuing seamlessly from the Cathedral. The interiors have modern finishes, with inspiration from the former bus depot in the form of seats and fabrics reminiscent of bus seating. The shared amenity spaces provide an active frontage which is a showcase for the development.

Contract value: £28.5m

Completion date: April 2017

Main parties involved:

Client: Viridis Real Estate Service

Architect, interior and landscape architecture: Maber Architects

Main contractor: Winvic Construction

Project manager and Quantity Surveyor: MDA Consulting

Structural engineer: BWB Consulting

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- How well the development meets occupier needs

Non-Residential for the purpose of these Awards includes commercial developments, educational establishments, retail, leisure, industrial and mixed use developments.

Small Non-Residential applicants have a contract value of £3 million or less.

● **Mill Lane & The Gateway Public Realm Project, Leicester**
submitted by Leicester City Council, De Montfort University and Danaher & Walsh



The Mill Lane & The Gateway public realm scheme has transformed this area of the city. The 2012 closure to traffic of Mill Lane provided an opportunity to create an inspiring public space to unify DMU's main campus. The University worked with Leicester City Council to deliver a space that benefits staff, students and the public. The vibrant streetscape was created in phases to minimise disruption to the University's busy life. The pedestrianised area of Mill Lane, running from the city centre end of the campus down to the riverside, has been transformed into a striking public pathway, complete with rain gardens which capture excess rainwater to feed trees and plants. The scheme also includes seating areas, flower beds and the same stone which was used to give Cathedral Square its own makeover. Decorative granite 'bookends' create low-level dividers and direct pedestrians along a meandering flow – echoing that the thoroughfare ultimately leads to the river. Floor lighting and contemporary LED lighting columns gently bathe the area in light after dark.

Contract value: £2m

Completion date: April 2017

Main parties involved:

Client and project manager: De Montfort University

Associate developer and project manager: Leicester City Council

Main contractor: Danaher & Walsh

Architect: AECOM

Quantity Surveyor: Faithful & Gould

● **Rawlins Academy – The Deep End Activity Centre, Quorn**
submitted by YMD Boon



A cracked swimming pool floor that could not be repaired in an eyesore building has led to the creation of a sports and activity hub at Rawlins Academy. The project saw the conversion of the swimming pool building to provide new spaces that are attractive, flexible and available to the school and the wider community. By avoiding the demolition of the building, the project has brought it back to life as a multi-use community sport, health and physical activity venue. The Deep End Activity Centre is fully accessible and suitable for a variety of activities such as dance, martial arts and table tennis. A kitchen was installed so the space could be rented out for conferences, bringing valuable extra revenue to the college. The engineering challenge of the empty swimming pool was tackled by creating holes in its base to allow water to rise in a controlled manner. The pool was filled with different size stones and covered by a new water-resistant concrete slab.

Contract value: £595,000

Completion date: May 2016

Main parties involved:

Client: Rawlins Academy

Architect, Quantity Surveyor and clerk of works: YMD Boon

Main contractor: Bonser Building Contractors

Structural engineer: Jackson Purdue Lever

M&E engineer: Jenks Associates

● **The Tithe Barn, Cosby**
submitted by brp architects



The Tithe Barn was carefully transformed into a new deli-cafe business in the village of Cosby, offering a high-quality place to eat, drink and socialise. A Grade II listed building dating to the 15th century, the former Coates Barn is an oak cruck and boxed frame building with a traditional thatched roof. The barn and grounds were lovingly and sympathetically converted to the new deli-café, whilst minimising alterations to the original features. The thatch roof was restored and cleaned and a new stone floor laid. The food service counter and interior of the barn was sensitively designed to be in keeping with the heritage of one of the oldest buildings in Cosby. The new English courtyard garden replaces a tarmac yard and a new boundary wall and crafted oak-framed Lychgate enhance the Conservation Area and the setting of the neighbouring church of St Michael and All Angels. Traditional construction and craftsmanship methods were used in making the oak-framed Lychgate, which included hand jointing and reclaimed Swithland slates for its roof canopy. The scheme has brought an important heritage building into public use and the landscape-led project integrates the barn into its surroundings.

Contract value: £500,000

Completion date: August 2016

Main parties involved:

Client: The Marriott Group

Architect: BRP Architects

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Large Non-Residential applicants have a contract value in excess of £3 million.

Fairfield Preparatory School, Loughborough
submitted by Studio-G Associates



The new Fairfield Preparatory School replaced the previous system-built classrooms and was designed to be welcoming, comfortable and stimulating. The glazed canopies, terraces and gallery provide a strong visual statement to the public face of the Loughborough Endowed Schools campus. There are ten classrooms, four learning support rooms and other spaces including a gymnasium, kitchen and dining hall, library and medical room. The school's interior is bright and airy, with roof lights and light wells plus internal glazed screens. The design brief called for the latest technology, high sustainability, low energy use and low maintenance, long life materials. Observation and discussion about the day to day working of the school and the aspirations of the teaching staff led to a design considered to be a whole team effort. The building features balconies as external teaching areas for first floor classrooms and a place to view the playing fields. All the ground floor classrooms also open onto external teaching space.

Contract value: £8m

Completion date: July 2016

Main parties involved:

Client: Loughborough Endowed Schools

Architect, structural and civil engineer: Studio-G Associates

Main contractor: Clegg Construction

Quantity Surveyor: Gleeds Cost Management

Service consultant: Couch Perry Wilkes

Leicester Royal Infirmary Emergency Department
Phase One, Leicester
submitted by Interserve Construction



The LRI's Emergency Department was designed as the most efficient and up to date A&E facility in Europe. The existing emergency department, one of the busiest in the country, was landlocked and would not meet the demands of five to ten years' time. The previous department was designed for 100,000 patients per year – the new one can accommodate 270,000, helping to tackle overcrowding and waiting times. There are 32 major bays with telescopic sliding doors to safeguard patient dignity and improve the control of infections. A dozen resuscitation bays have an embedded laboratory for improved testing and immediate access to a CT scanner and x-rays. An electronic, paperless system has also improved efficiency. Dedicated ambulance entrances now split the flow of adult and children arrivals, with separate waiting areas. The team used design to address the ageing population by creating the UK's first frailty-friendly emergency department. It also has an integrated mental health unit.

Contract value: £43.3m

Completion date: March 2017

Main parties involved:

Client: University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust

Developer: Interserve Construction

Project manager: IDP

Architect: Capita

Quantity Surveyor: Rider Levett Bucknall

Vijay Patel Building – De Montfort University, Leicester
submitted by De Montfort University



The Vijay Patel Building brought together all DMU's Faculty of Arts, Design & Humanities which had been spread across several buildings of different types and size. The brief was to transform the 1960s block construction that divided the campus into a modern flexible, landmark building to give it a new lease of life with a wow factor. The project's 11,000sqm of refurbishment and 15,000sqm of new build feature varying architectural styles that come together seamlessly to create a modern centrally located landmark building. The Vijay Patel Building has opened up the campus, connecting the River Soar through to Leicester city centre and provided a thoroughfare for the public. A bespoke floating staircase in the centre of a five storey atrium has created different spaces on each floor to encourage students from various subject areas to work together and collaborate. Another key feature is the landscaped green space connecting the heart of the campus down to the riverside, with new paths up to the canal and river edge allowing access and views that never existed before. A giant 36sqm LED screen at the bottom of the tower block end wall provides a major focal point for students, staff and members of the public.

Contract value: £43m

Completion date: March 2017

Main parties involved:

Client: De Montfort University

Architect: CPMG Architects

Main contractor: Balfour Beatty Construction

Project manager: Mace

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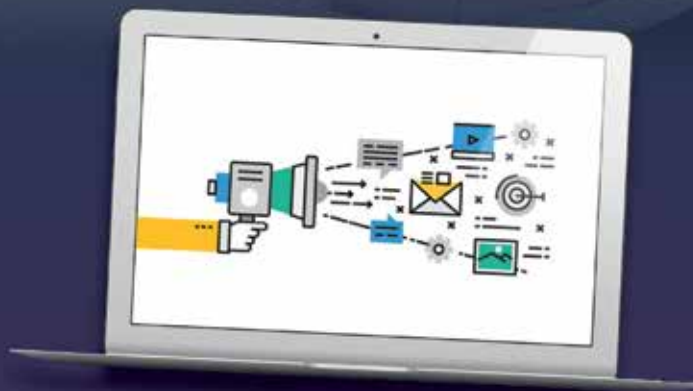
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An Award given to the developer/owner/designer of a building, scheme, landmark or other construction of any size or type completed within the 18 months prior to 30th June 2017 that the judging panel, including experts in the field, consider to be the best contribution to or catalyst for the regeneration of its local area within Leicestershire or Rutland. The project cannot have previously been submitted for a ProCon Award.

The development will be judged on the following criteria:

- **Catalyst for the regeneration of the wider area** – the extent to which the project has acted as a catalyst for the regeneration of the surrounding area or created opportunities for this to happen in the future

- **Economic regeneration benefits of the scheme** – jobs created or saved, investment brought in, training provided, etc
- **Social/community and environmental regeneration benefits** – including facilities for local residents, support for community groups, sustainability features, etc
- **Response to constraints and other regeneration factors** – e.g. how dealt with brownfield land, contaminated land, listed building status, etc
- **Quality of design** and building/conservation works
- **Development sensitivity** – to the surrounding area
- **Sustainable aspects** of the development/scheme
- **Budgetary considerations** – e.g. funding streams accessed, public versus private funding received, etc.

Abbots Oak – Phase One, near Whitwick
submitted by Sarah and Anthony Kurr



Abbots Oak is a Grade II listed building which has been a chapel, a family home and is now a boutique hotel after being saved from near dereliction by Sarah and Anthony Kurr. Using local craftspeople and suppliers where possible, a four-year renovation project has created a venue that is increasingly popular with local families for celebrations and for businesses to host events. The first phase has not only kept but enhanced original features whilst adding the modern luxuries expected at a country house hotel. Abbots Oak is a brick and stone house that started life as a small chapel. It was extended more than a century ago with an arts and crafts addition. Its new owners had to work carefully to make sure the renovations met the demands of its Grade II listed status. As the house had not seen major repair for some years almost all services such as plumbing, electricity and heating had to be restored or replaced. The property is now heated by a biomass boiler. The project team sought to retain features such as the oak panelling. An ornately carved, oak staircase has been lovingly restored as a key feature – it was reputedly taken from a house on London's Pall Mall where Nell Gwynn lived as a mistress to Charles II.

Contract value: £1.2m

Completion date: March 2017

Main parties involved:

Architect: HSSP Architects

Building works and landscaping: Martin Snutch & Co

Furniture: Fabco

Soft furnishings: Barkers Interiors

Cleaning: First Hygiene

Garden: Green Thumb

Leicester Castle Business School – De Montfort University, Leicester
submitted by De Montfort University



The refurbishment of The Great Castle Hall has created a new home for De Montfort University's Business School. Once Leicester's County Court, the Grade I listed building had not been in day to day use since 1990 and is on Historic England's Buildings at Risk Register. DMU invested £3.7m into the refurbishment of the landmark building, which is now in daily use by university students and staff and is also occasionally open to the public. DMU's aim in converting The Great Castle Hall was for any intervention to the property to be minimal, restoring features wherever possible, de-cluttering, but at the same time modernising it and upgrading the building. The two former court rooms and the cells are amongst Castle Hall's quirky and unique spaces. Its history stretches back 900 years – King Richard III probably stayed at some point – and DMU hopes that international students, in particular, will enjoy studying in the building. The project has not only brought new life and purpose to a historic building, but it is hoped it will act as a catalyst in attracting investment and new life to other properties along Castle View.

Contract value: £3.7m

Completion date: February 2017

Main parties involved:

Developer: De Montfort University

Architect: Maber

Project management: Concept Project Management

Quantity Surveyor: MDA Consulting

M&E engineers: CPW

Structural engineers: Curtins

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