

PROJECT SHEET



Project: Astley Hall Coach House Events & Exhibition Centre
Client: Chorley Borough Council
Value: £1.08m



City Build was appointed via competitive tender to carry out the refurbishment of the grade II listed Astley Hall Coach House & Farmhouse to create useable public spaces which would complement and improve the existing facilities available at the Hall and in the park.



Previously the building had not been sufficiently maintained and been subject to a spate of vandalism which had left the building exposed to the weather and in a considerable state of disrepair. Therefore, before the internal refurbishment could commence the building had to be made structurally sound and watertight. These works included major repairs to the building's structural elements, the re-roofing of the building and repairs and re-pointing of the external façade.

Due to the listed status of the building all the works were undertaken in consultation with, and under the supervision of, English Heritage. All materials had to be

locally sourced from approved suppliers and traditional construction techniques employed. This included the use of hydraulic lime mortars, locally quarried stone and the works being undertaken without the aid of mechanical hand tools / grinders.

Following these initial works the building was fully refurbished to create events and exhibition spaces, a café, toilets, and teaching areas for use by the local community. Again, all works had to be undertaken in a manner sympathetic to the status of the building and within the overall project budgetary and time constraints maintained.

We arranged weekly "look ahead" meetings with the Coach House staff, so that everyone involved in or impacted by the project was fully aware of the forthcoming 7 days construction activities. These meetings allowed us to hone our programme, for example to avoid noisy activities at particular times, and resulted in us developing an excellent working relationship with all parties which was fundamental in the project handing over on time and within budget.



"The standard of the works is excellent. You have managed to deliver the project in keeping with the age and history of the building. You provided a professional and helpful service, for which we thank you." - Paul Richardson – Simon Fenton Partnership (Astley Hall Project Manager)