

PROJECT SHEET



Project: The Barn
Client: University of Cumbria
Value: £800k



Works to regenerate Ambleside campus took place over 18 months and included £6m worth of refurbishment to seven buildings across Penrith, as well as new soft and hard landscaping. The works took place in a rural conservation area, and so regular meetings with the conservation officer and Local Planning authority were key to the success of this project.



Central to the campus is the Barn Theatre. The existing mothballed building was completely refurbished with high quality materials including granite flooring, velfac windows, komfort partitioning and white oak furniture and wall cladding.



The new modern extension now houses the University Library, Student Services facility and a café. Working closely with the design team and the University was essential in providing a high-quality building that was fit for purpose and within budget. Design Team meetings were held every 2 weeks, and through these meetings, various elements were redesigned by the design team and City Build, in order to value engineer the project. Through this we were able to save the University over £100,000 whilst not compromising on quality,

budget or programme.

Regular “meet the contractor” events were also held with the local community, and regular bulletins were issued to local residents to keep them informed on progress.

As part of our commitment to increasing the social value of our projects we held a “meet the buyer” event at pre-contract stage, allowing us to employ local subcontractors and labour on the contract. We sourced materials from as many local suppliers as possible and held several site visits for the University’s students.



“The Barn is a fantastic new facility on campus offering an exciting, modern environment for enterprise, study, information and research. The new redeveloped campus is really coming alive and being able to offer fantastic new facilities such as this will not only benefit our staff and students but also the wider community.”
Neil Harris - University Registrar