

Case Study - Project Management

The Commandery, Worcester



THE BRIEF

The Commandery is a Grade I listed building at the heart of historic Worcester. The building is 800 years old and most famous for being the Royalist Headquarters during the deciding battle of the English Civil War – the Battle of Worcester 1651.

Worcester City Council have engaged Place Partnership to design and manage a programme of refurbishment and alteration works to improve and enhance the Commandery as a tourist destination. The enhancements include improved learning, income generation, promotion and environmental conditions as well as new displays and interpretation.

There are a number of stages to the enhancements:

- Phase 0 – Maintenance Works – Building Fabric Repairs and essential ‘electrical’ upgrades
- Phase 1 – ‘The Civil War City’ – A series of linked Garden Wing displays
- Phase 2 – ‘It Happened Here’ – New light and projection displays
- Phase 3 – Commercial and Visitor Centres
- Phase 4 – Medieval & Tudor Interpretations

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OUR APPROACH

As the Project Management team, we have carried out the full design package on the project including obtaining listed building consent. The design work involves refurbishment of the external and internal building fabric as well of extensive alterations to the electrical installations to allow the installation of the new displays and interpretation.

We have managed the project risks, timescales and overall costs, dealt with the translation of the brief into procurement documents, carried out the detailed design work, gained listed building consent, managed the appointment of the main contractor Joseph Woods Ltd and liaised with the client Worcester City Council.

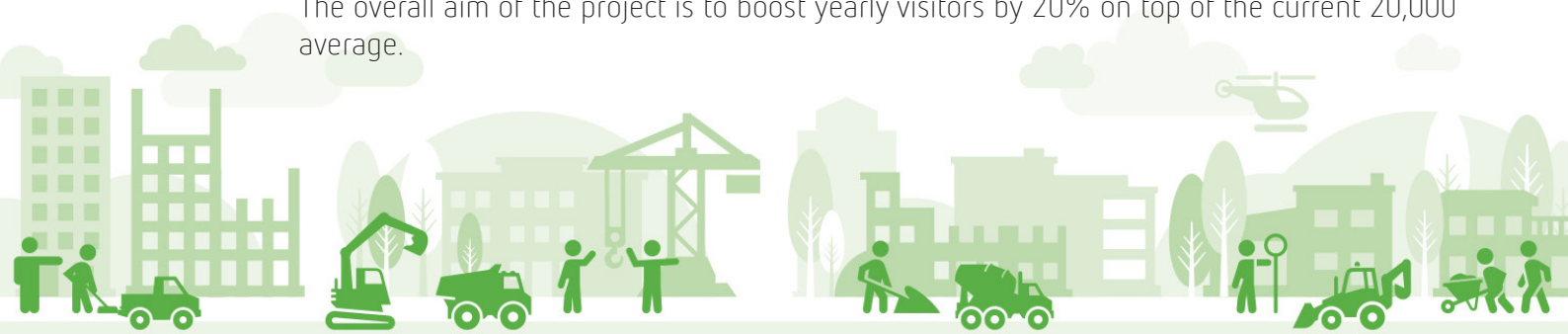


RESULTS

Work commenced on Monday 24th April 2017 with planned completion for Friday 2nd June 2017. The total cost of the work is £ 193,180. The works include repairs to the main roof, damp proofing works, internal decorations, window and general timber repairs. Electrical works include upgrading the fire alarm system, intruder alarm, CCTV and the electrical works for the new light and projection displays.

The budget has been secured through a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund and the tender has been delivered within the cost targets.

The overall aim of the project is to boost yearly visitors by 20% on top of the current 20,000 average.



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Our highly skilled professionals have spent many years understanding the requirements of clients in relation to the local built environment.

Our Project Management services include:

- Programme Management
- Project Management
- Development Management
- Cost Consulting / QS Services
- Building Surveying Services and Small Works
- Post-project Support

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