

### CASE STUDY



### Introduction

The Old Chapel in Gothington was built in 1833 and was originally owned by the Countess of Huntingdon's Trust. Today the building is owned by The Old Chapel Community Project (Registered UK Charity No. 1179607), a charity set up in 2018 by villagers of Gothington, who wanted to ensure that The Old Chapel would remain a place the community could use for years to come.

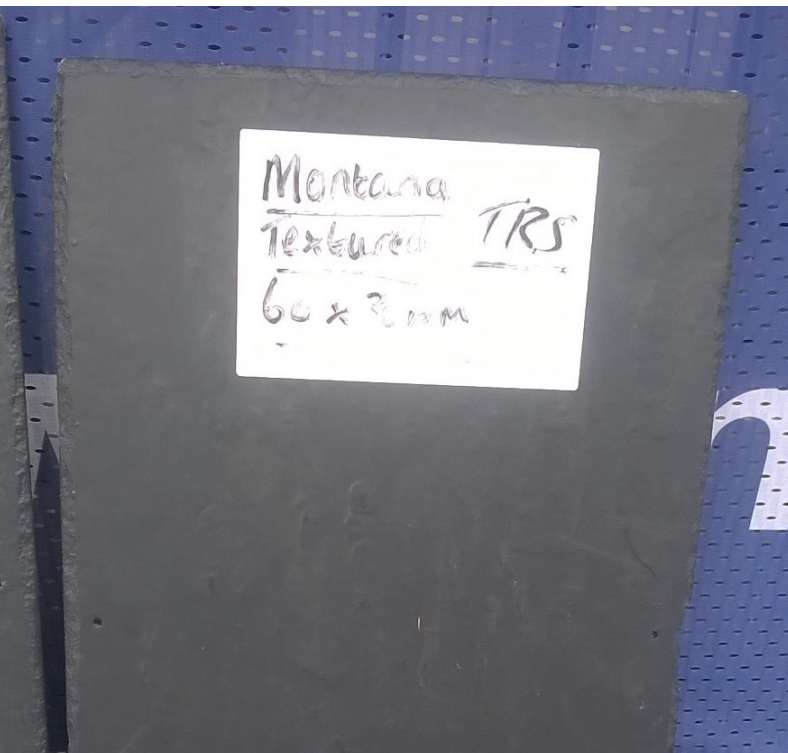
### Project:

We have undertaken the extensive renovation of Gothington Chapel, near Cheltenham. Works included the repair and replacement of roofing to the main structure and porch, specialist stone repairs and rendering. Internal refurbishment, repairs and both internal and external decoration works were completed. Works involved replacement of toilet facilities. All works were delivered on time and on budget.

## Specialist Trades

We worked with selected sub-contractors to ensure we had all the necessary trades for the extensive refurbishment of this listed property.

Works were managed by one of our most experienced SMSTS qualified Site Managers with over 25 years of successfully completing demanding projects in a variety of settings, including heritage buildings.



## Material Selection & Approval

We are committed to delivering projects that seamlessly integrate with the existing architectural context. We prioritise client satisfaction and understand the significance of ensuring the finished product harmonises with the surroundings. To achieve this, we have a well-established practice of providing clients with sample materials. This crucial step allows clients to visualise how the materials will interact with the existing structure, ensuring that the final result is sympathetic and enhances the overall aesthetic.

## Listed Buildings & Heritage

With extensive experience in restoring listed buildings, we possess a deep understanding of the strict protocols governing heritage preservation. Our track record highlights our commitment to upholding architectural legacies. Each restoration project involves a delicate balance between past and present, as we navigate complex regulations. From façades to interiors, our seasoned team approaches every detail with care. We seamlessly blend traditional craftsmanship with modern techniques, revitalizing structures with storied pasts. Our portfolio showcases our dedication to preserving history, safeguarding the beauty of heritage for generations to enjoy.



## Kitchens & Bathrooms

As part of this project, we undertook a significant amount of work internally. This included the replacement of toilet facilities as well as extensive pre-decoration works and decoration thereafter.

We have experience of working on the installation of a wide range of kitchen and bathroom solutions, including those designed for use by disabled individuals. Our extensive experience in delivery of disabled aids and adaptations in social housing provides a great opportunity for us to maintain these skills.



## Social Value

Delivering social value is important to us. We strongly appreciate the knock-on effect in our local communities as a growing company with strong local roots.

- Supported 5 apprentices
- Provided work opportunities to 7 local companies
- Spent 60%+ on materials within local supply chain
- Diverted over 99% of waste from landfill
- Used this Case Study to promote the sector

## Lessons Learnt

The delivery of this project was not without its challenges, but they were all overcome and risks mitigated to deliver an exceptional project to the complete satisfaction of the client and guests alike.

Lessons we learnt along the ways include:

- The early and timely ordering of materials was critical.
- Works were delivered during the COVID pandemic and therefore working practices had to be adapted for the safety of all.
- Collaborative working with the client was essential and we used our experience to deliver value engineering.
- We were required to flex our labour and call on additional resource from our other divisions as well as to work overtime to complete the works in good time.
- Works were delivered in a residential area and therefore we needed to be mindful to the limitation of noisy and dusty works.



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