

Attleborough Enterprise Centre - Case Study



"The centre can contribute positively to this development and support Attleborough to achieve its goals."

Patrick Hacon - Chairman Norfolk County Council.

"The learning centre is a jewel in the crown not only for the town but for Norfolk's adult education service as a whole"

Cllr. John Gretton - Cabinet Member for Cultural Services, Norfolk

"We're delighted with how popular the centre has proved to be ... with learners and local businesses. Most bookings have been word-of-mouth, and many have been repeat bookings, which is the best recommendation of all"

Gilly Plumb - Partnership & Enterprise Officer, Norfolk County Council.

Project Sheet

Lead Designer

Michael Spicer at NPS

Structural Engineer

J. P. Chick

**Principal Constructor
Bluestone plc (Morgan
Ashurst)**

Client

**Norfolk County Council
Adult Services**

Construction Cost

£1.8 million

Construction Programme

June 2005 – May 2006



Attleborough Community & Enterprise Centre involved refurbishment of an existing 16th Century timber-framed building, demolition of outbuildings and the construction of a new extension to the rear to provide an up to date inclusive facility fitted with the latest technology.

The new building is a prominent "gateway" to Attleborough within a Conservation Area opposite the church. Planning requirements necessitated archaeological monitoring and historic building recording throughout the demolition, excavation works and structural repair to the existing building.

A crèche with specialist crafts rooms and meeting/teaching rooms and separate access has been created in the existing building and the new two-storey extension provides further accommodation - a new entrance and reception area, conference halls, offices, IT suite, internet café, kitchen and toilet facilities.

Although of modern construction, the extension complements the existing building incorporating a brick and render façade, clay pantile roof and large areas of glazing. The configuration provides a central courtyard and secure play area for the crèche enabling more car parking to be provided.

Sustainable and careful design incorporating solar panels, low energy lighting, high efficiency gas boilers, natural ventilation and rainwater storage has enabled the building to achieve a **BREEAM** rating of **Very Good**.

Procured under NCCs **Partnering Framework**, the Centre acts as a local learning hub for business, creating opportunities to boost income generation and enterprise around Attleborough providing a venue for meetings, training and presentations where three conference rooms combine into one, for bigger events. There's also a "comfy" classroom for informal meetings and additional rooms for syndicate use.



The Adult Education Service works closely with Attleborough High School, and the Centre offers network training to both individuals and businesses.

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