

Multi Use Centre, Bridgwater YMCA

Pollard has a long standing relationship with the YMCA dating back to 1887 when the company constructed the very first YMCA in Bridgwater. During the 1960s Pollard also constructed the second YMCA and in 2009 secured the contract for the Multi Use Centre.



The project comprises a new sports hall and fitness studio, common room and café, function room and administration.



This new building presented a number of challenges to our team. It is located in a tight site wedged between the canal and the existing building, with access only available on two sides of the building. The proximity of the canal required us to implement the most stringent of environmental controls on fuels and chemicals.

Finally the structure itself is wedge shaped with a mixture of steel and concrete frames with various roof finishes. Elevations are clad in Trespa, with large glazed sections.



Externally the centre offers boathouse facilities for canoeists and a large car park.

The client remained on site moving into the new building whilst we built the car park.

The building is being assessed under BREEAM with the client aiming for an 'outstanding' grading.

The project has been recognised at the South West Built Environment Awards, a collaboration between the CIOB and Constructing Excellence, where it won Project of the Year, and at the regional LABC Awards, taking the prestigious "Winner of Winners" award.