

Museum of Somerset Taunton Castle

A contract to undertake the refurbishment and redevelopment of Taunton Castle, a Grade 1 Listed Scheduled Ancient Monument. The project has been a great showcase for the versatility within the company incorporating as it does a major restoration, complex M&E services and extensive structural works.

The pictures give a flavour of the work carried out but nowhere was the project more demanding than in the Great Hall, where we piled, erected steelwork, moved roof trusses and installed a mezzanine floor and a lift.

The completed project provides state of the art galleries with interactive features, a learning centre, multi-purpose gallery for touring exhibitions, welcome building, café and shops.

The job has involved a good deal of contact with both the client and organisations within Somerset, with Taunton Civic Society, Somerset College, The Chartered Institute of Building and Somerset County Council having guided tours of the project.

Reopened to the public in September 2011, the redevelopment was funded through grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Somerset County Council and significant donations from a number of sources including the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society.

