



Job	Pocklington Arts Centre
Location	Market Place, Pocklington
Client	Pocklington Town Council, Arts Council England, Pocklington Arts Centre
Contractor	Hobson and Porter
Value	£550K

This project was delivered through the YORbuild framework. Hobson & Porter worked around the facility's events programme to keep it open and income maintained throughout the project. Refurbishment of the existing projector room and associated areas, with demolition of walls and floors to allow a new staircase to be installed, was being conducted while a full refurbishment of the central heating and boilers took place in the Grade II listed building. Renovation of the first floor, creating a new bar area, included replacing items such as windows and fire places.

The redevelopment has improved disabled access and security throughout the building, added a spacious open plan foyer, additional office space, meeting room facilities for external hire and an intimate second cinema screen dedicated to specialist film (foreign language, documentary and shorts) and live broadcasts. The aim of the work was to enhance the customer experience, make the venue more accessible and to ensure its long term sustainability.

During the project Hobson & Porter gave students from Bishop Burton College the opportunity to experience one of its live sites. As well as being able to see Hobson & Porter's construction staff at work, students and tutors were given information regarding the history of Pocklington Arts Centre, a tour of the site and an explanation of the work being undertaken.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for completing a complicated refurbishment project to time-scale and to budget. It is proving a greatly enhanced facility for the town and area. I would particularly like to highlight the splendid co-operation we had from your Site Manager Graham Gifford. He was a true professional, handling the problems of working in an old building so well. He managed the staff so well having total control over the site and yet helping us to continue running the Arts Centre. Thank you again for all your hard work and support on this project, which is a great tribute to your company".

- Richard Wood, Town Clerk, Pocklington Town Council

Fergus Aitken, YORbuild2 Programme Manager, commented *"We are delighted that YORbuild was the chosen procurement route for Pocklington Arts Centre. This demonstrates that the benefits which the framework offers can be successfully delivered across a wide variety of schemes."*



Pete Shaw, Hobson & Porter Contracts Manager with Janet Farmer, Pocklington Arts Centre Manager.

