

THE ROYAL FOUNDATION OF ST KATHARINE

Limehouse, London

CLIENT: THE ROYAL FOUNDATION OF ST KATHERINE

VALUE: £930,000

CONTRACT PERIOD: 38 WEEKS

The Royal Foundation of St Katherine has been a centre for worship, hospitality and service since its founding by Queen Matilda in 1147. The present object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian religion by the provision and maintenance of a Christian Conference and Retreat Centre on their site in Limehouse, London, where the foundation have been since their relocation in 1951.

Completed by our London Division, this 38 week, £930k project involved the creation of a new Reflective Wing on the south side of their existing grounds. The largest part of the project was the construction of a two storey, traditional build accommodation block. Named The Victor Churchill Building in homage to the Foundation's former Chairman, the new 7 bed-roomed facility will be used by visitors on retreat. The facing bricks were carefully selected to ensure the new build's aesthetic matched that of the neighbouring Chapel and Master House, both of which are Grade II listed.

Alteration and refurbishment works were also carried out in the Main Building and Chapel to improve staff areas, create new toilets and form a new dining room, which will serve the neighbouring accommodation. Externally, a new secluded courtyard with patio and water feature help to create facilities that serve as a peaceful urban oasis for those looking to get away from the busy-ness of modern day life.

The Museum of London had a watching brief over the project following the discovery of a crypt belonging to a former 19th century Church; the original Church was destroyed during the blitz. Subsequent x-ray surveys for further unexplored ordnance were carried out under supervision of the Museum during the projects early stages.



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The success of the project and established working relationship has resulted in The Foundation's Trustees agreeing that Borrás become our preferred supplier

*Jonathan Byrne
Operations Director*

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