

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

Client: Canterbury Cathedral

Architect: Berman Guedes Stretton

QS: Artelia Ltd

Value: £8.3m

Buxton are pleased to have delivered the new Welcome Centre at Canterbury Cathedral, with associated extensive landscaping works to the Cathedral's precincts. This project formed part of The Canterbury Journey; the Cathedral's major five year improvement plan, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Canterbury Cathedral Trust and The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral.

The new Welcome Centre is located next to the Grade I Listed Christ Church Gate and is the first point of contact for visitors. The first floor have views of the Cathedral, and also contain an exhibition area, education and community space.

In addition we undertook extensive landscaping works of the Precincts to the South, South-West and West of the Cathedral. These works have improved accessibility and make better use of the space. The landscaping works have been carried out in four phases so as to maintain access to the Cathedral staff, visitors and worshippers. Safe alternative temporary routes were developed whilst works in these areas were undertaken.

The sensitive works have maintained the character of the World Heritage Site and have reinstated some of the original features, such as the flint wall in front of the Lodge shown on the original plans but never built.

