

Project name: Wessex Bar Refurbishment

Quick facts	
Project value	£177,000
Client name	UPP
Work start date	Start on site 18/08/2014
Completion date	Handover 17/09/2014
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Wren no., Building name, building no.	1464419, Wessex Hall, W089

Project stakeholders

Client :- UPP

Contractors : Francis Construction

Consultants :- Stride Treglown

For the University :- David Young, Tom Murphy (Bailey Partnership)

Existing situation: The old Wessex Hall bar had reached the end of its usable life and was in desperate need of a refurbishment. A previous wren 1455635 provided the feasibility and design work that was subsequently incorporated into the refurbishment.

Project benefits: The new Ice House boasts amazing coffee, cocktails and beer, all reasonably priced. There is now a 25 seat HD cinema. It is open to all members of the University as well as their guests, and the venue is available to hire during vacation periods.

Progress/work schedule: The project had a very tight programme, as can be seen from the start/completion dates- a little less than 4 weeks. This was complicated by the fact that the building was in use during the construction period, creating lots of interfaces and obstacles to be overcome. Similarly, the budget was extremely tight, eventually coming in at about £925 below the estimate.

Did you know: Stride Treglown lead designer Kenton Simons designed the bar interior. All 25 cinema seats are authentic old theatre seats.

Before Pictures: (provided by Kenton Simons at Stride Treglown)





After Pictures: (taken from http://www.reading.ac.uk/catering/BarsandLateNight/Cater_Ice_House.aspx)



