

The Stockwell Colchester for Private Client



Having purchased a local public house our client had a vision to create a great town centre restaurant making the most of a building that is very important to the town of Colchester.

The Stockwell dates back to the 14th Century and has plenty of features remaining despite it's hard life. As an AABC Architect Ben Downie accepted the challenge of designing a restaurant that ensured the integrity of the building remained after the project was completed.

As well as 14th Century features the building had been altered in the years before Planning and Building Control Consent was required and some of the alterations were inappropriate to a historic building of this value. These have since been removed and replaced with traditional detailing that is appropriate for the building.

Along the way there have been discoveries. There's been the writing from Defoe that wasn't, a section of Roman Road, an inglenook, a mediaeval arch and some chimney corners as well as the Angel.

All of the discoveries added to the pleasure of creating a viable property from a medieval building and took the edge off some of the planning discussions to get permission on a listed building along the way.



Key features

- Agreeing design issues with conservation authorities
- Creative re-use of historic building
- Historic building repair techniques



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