



Whitchurch Hub, Cardiff

Case STUDY

Project OVERVIEW

Funded from Welsh Government's Integrated Care Fund and the Museums, Archives and Libraries Division, the refurbishment project at Whitchurch Library was to convert the historical facilities into a Wellbeing Hub.

The work included the construction of a new community multi-use room, as well as a new computer suite, private meeting rooms and new children's area. This was achieved during a collaborative design process, understanding the range of planned community and wellbeing services, activities and events. Flexible tables and chairs to enable multi-use and versatility were a priority to permit the

Wellbeing Hub to accommodate and facilitate the needs of their community.

Reflecting on nature and the lush surroundings, our team designed a bespoke children's library feature tree, with seat, integrated book display and storage, creating a fun welcoming area for children and families.



Cardiff council cabinet member Lynda Thorne commented on Walesonline.co.uk prior to the start "The focus of our wellbeing hubs will be to engage our increasing older population and help combat the impact of isolation on people's wellbeing by providing a range of services, events and activities based on their needs."

Many of the historical features of the building have been sympathetically restored such as the original teak doors, sash windows and bathstone, and, as with an older building, there were awkward obstacles to work around. Throughout the library, Reflection shelving was used with bespoke cladding which was scribed for seamless joining to the Edwardian walls. With a complementary reception counter, the entrance both welcomes and inspires visitors to spend time in the transformed building.



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