



Allenton Big Build

Contractor: Westville

INCA Awards 2019 Finalist

Category: Architectural Design



This project involved the conversion of a Church Hall into a modern Community Centre. The proposals highlighted facilities to include; community rooms, a community café, a sensory garden and an outdoor play area for pre-school children. The refurbishment would also provide a venue to host local theatre groups, youth clubs, toddler groups, dance sessions and big community events.

Following discussions, Westville were commissioned to render the external facade of the church hall, making it aesthetically pleasing and in tone with the surrounding environment.

Working to plan, Westville installed a two coat render system called Enviromin from product supplier SPS. This high performance, cement based polymer modified render, is based on a colour fast lime bloom free technology. Its fibre reinforcement provides high weather resistance and together with its cross-linked methodology, ensures excellent façade protection, as well as a high level of vapour permeability. Once completed, the finished render was then painted in appropriate tonal colours to blend seamlessly with the whole refurbishment.

As the walls had been identified as a cavity construction, before rendering, Westville set about filling with appropriate cavity insulation, thereby significantly improving the overall U-value of the building.

The icing on the cake was the huge iconic cross that proudly sat on the facade. Westville were keen to make this a real focal point and set about creating a textured cross with a shadow line, resulting in a striking finish that everyone commented on.

