

## Case study

# Phase 2 at Hull Minster

‘Phase 2’ involved significant reconfiguration of the inside of the Grade I Listed, 700-year-old Church.

The removal of the timber pews that were installed during Victorian times, reverted the Nave back to its’ original open, multi-use space, not only for worship but also for events, festivals and performances, which has vastly increased the Minster’s revenue making capabilities which is crucial for its’ ongoing upkeep and day-to-day running costs. A number of key, intricate pews were retained and reconfigured alongside the construction of a new, ‘narthex’ entrance porch, new paving being laid throughout, and various mechanical and electrical upgrade works completed, including the installation of a new underfloor heating system.

A major challenge was obtaining approvals from Hull City Council, the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), and the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Alan Wood & Partners collaborated closely with the design team to address concerns early on.

During Phase 2 works in the Nave, the crypt below posed design and construction challenges due to limited cover above its brick arches. The floor build-up, including underfloor heating, required careful planning. The team worked with the contractor to ensure temporary works, load restrictions, and machinery use did not damage the crypt.

Another key challenge was the repositioning of the 1380s font, one of the oldest pieces of furniture in the Minster. Although it only moved a mere 5 metres, this process was critical to allow the installation of the new ‘narthex’ structure that created a porch area designed to prevent draughts, retain heat in the Minster and once more provide a more welcoming feel.



Location:  
Hull



Client:  
Holy Trinity  
Development Ltd



Architect:  
Bauman Lyons



Value:  
£1.7m



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