



Newton's Place, Newton Abbot

St Leonard's Church is a Grade 11 listed building dating back to 1835. The project comprised the internal and external refurbishment of the redundant church to form a new town museum, Council office and community space.

A complex development given the nature of the building which had stood empty for over 10 years, featuring new ground floors to create flexible space for exhibitions and events, the installation of a first floor to provide rooms for a variety of community uses and a complete re-roof. Upwards of 65% of the existing Welsh slate tiles were reused with the remainder being from reclaimed sources.

Close cooperation with the Council's archaeologists took place, as during the course of construction a number of significant historical features were uncovered most notably a previously unknown building beneath the Church during excavation works for the lift shaft. Investigations indicated it was a substantial medieval building, possibly a public building.



Client: Newton Abbot Town Council
Value: £1.7m
Completed: June 2020

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