

# The Met Theatre, Market Street, Bury

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<p><b>THE BRIEF</b></p> <p>H.H. Smith were awarded the prestigious project to refurbish The Met Theatre in Bury, which included the refurbishment and remodelling works to the ground, first and second floors of Derby Hall and part of the ground and first floors of the Edwin Street building which make up The Met, Market Street, Bury. The project was to provide new and improved studio and theatre spaces, a new bar area, workshop spaces, new dressing rooms and a new more accessible lift in the centre of the building.</p> <p>The restoration / refurbishment, works undertaken throughout the buildings required robust coordination, sensitive management, state of the art electrical installations, design features and subtle management of waste and debris. The heritage works were intended to protect and enhance the buildings quality historic features whilst bringing the centre into the 21st Century. The project was funded through public fundraising, capital investments from The Arts Council, Bury Council &amp; other benefactors all who had an interest in the successful completion of this project.</p> <p><b>KEY POINTS</b></p> <p>The Met's adjoining restaurant and bar, 'Automatic' continued to trade throughout the build period. The sandstone facade was 'DOFF' cleaned and re-pointed, and the roof, lead work and original sliding sash windows repaired and restored enhance the beauty of the building and to make the building water tight. The Auditorium seating was removed by H.H. Smith and a new seating system installed.</p> <p><b>CHALLENGES</b></p> <p>This was a complex heritage project with many unforeseen challenges which emerged as a result of the numerous building alterations that had taken place over previous years. The variety of works required multi phased work scheduling to ensure completion to programme.</p>	<p><b>LOCATION</b></p> <p>Bury</p> <p><b>SECTOR</b></p> <p>Comm/Cons/Rest</p> <p><b>CLIENT</b></p> <p>Bury Metropolitan Arts Ass</p> <p><b>ARCHITECT</b></p> <p>JM Architects Ltd</p> <p><b>PROJECT VALUE</b></p> <p>£2.5m</p> <p><b>CONTRACT</b></p> <p>Traditional</p> <p><b>PERIOD</b></p> <p>April 2016 - Dec 2016</p> <p><b>CONTRACT PERIOD</b></p> <p>40 weeks</p>
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