

Client: The Landmark Trust

Property: Alton Station

Project: Conversion of Redundant Platform Waiting Rooms

Service: Design, Detailing, Procurement, Inspection & Archaeology

Property Listing: Grade 2 (of special interest)

Significance: The waiting rooms are part of the Alton Station on the now defunct North Staffordshire Railway.

One of several listed structures on the site, the stationmasters house and waiting rooms provide the only remaining examples of Italianate railway architecture in Staffordshire.

The building is built with stone walls under a clay tiled roof, with important surviving Minton tiled floors.

Value: £ 114,000



Issues & Operational Needs Arising & Addressed:

The scheme for sensitive rehabilitation of the waiting rooms and ticket office to provide holiday accommodation met twin objectives, to provide a sustainable use and reduce vandalism.

Building investigations informed designs, subsequently developed with the Conservation Officer to meet conservation & operational needs, building regulations, DDA and health & safety obligations.

Planning, Listed Building and Building Regulation consents were obtained.

The design & delivery, acknowledging a conservation ethos of minimal impact and reversibility, and the consideration of the scale & extent of new materials, to limit damage or

devaluation to the integrity of the historic fabric & form, retained the sense of place & historic use whilst introducing new circulation routes and openings, directed according to fabric sensitivity and condition.

The protection, repair and final re-use of surviving historic elements including floor tiling, fireplaces, sanitary fittings & hatches, and the matching/replication of tiles, latches and handles, together with the careful management of service runs both internally & externally, and the introduction of sensitively designed external lighting both to improve negotiation of the site and to deter unauthorised access, minimised the impact of the scheme on surviving historic materials & perspectives.

The redecoration, based on the last decorative scheme at the time of line-closure, sensitively presented the conversion, whilst encapsulating earlier decorative schemes.

Delivered to:

- Budget
- Programme
- Conservation Standards
- Quality Standards
- Health & Safety Standards
- Operational Needs

