

Case Study

Nettlecombe Court



Craftsmen in the
Conservation of
Historic Buildings

Refurbishment of a Grade I Elizabethan House owned by the Field Studies Council.

Nettlecombe court is a Grade I listed Elizabethan House, on the site of an earlier medieval house, with significant additions in the 1700s and late 18th and 19th century modifications. It is property of the Field Studies Council housing a residential field studies centre for the Exmore National Park. It is historically significant decorative plasterwork from 5 different periods.



Ellis and Co refurbished the interior of the property including the removal of artex decorated and false ceilings, modern partition walls for the reinstatement of original rooms. We repaired plasterwork ceilings, and replastered and redecorated walls. Joinery works included repairs to failing beam above student commonroom which houses historically important plasterwork.





Preparation and decoration of doors no. 120 and windows no. 60. Approximately 1000m of skirting and 1025 of cornice. Replacement of the flooring and installation of digitally designed cladding.



Electrical and Plumbing work including re-wiring, installation of emergency lighting, the removal of redundant plumbing to lighten the ceiling loads and reduce flood risk and installation of heating, shower, WC pods and a cold water tank in anticipation of future plant room installations.

The project instructed by Thread Architects with a value of £989k was completed within a very tight six-month programme in 2017 to reduce disruption to the use of the centre which closed for the duration of the work. The project was delivered on time and under budget.

