



‘IT’S JUST BRILLIANT’

This is how the Bishop of Sheffield described the Community Resources Centre at Sheffield Cathedral.

Designed by APEC Architects, and opened in March 2007, the project was an extension to and refurbishment of the Cathedral's existing community facilities; the prime function being the Cathedral's ministry to the homeless - The Cathedral Archer Project.

The new building of around 1000sqm consists of four inter-related suites which can be used separately or in combination, containing a variety of meeting, educational, and social areas, and a concourse for lectures, exhibitions and gatherings.

The slope across the site allows each of the two floors of the building to have ground level access; the upper floor connecting directly to the west end of the Cathedral Church.

At the lower street level, most of the floor area caters for the Cathedral Archer Project's well-established work for the disadvantaged. Serving some 250 people per week, this suite contains reception and administration facilities, fully equipped medical room, day lounge, dining area, main kitchen, lavatories, showers and laundry. When required, the project also has use of the two other activity rooms subdivided from the main community hall.

APEC Architects used structure, form and materials to refer to the existing cathedral complex, but the extension was kept deliberately low-key, eschewing any attempt at neo-Gothicism.



“ What is striking is the flexibility of the space and the quality of finishes, a quality which runs through into the lower floor ”

Stephen Lowe Bishop of Hulme and Bishop for Urban Life and Faith

“ What the Community Resources Centre has done is to show that new and renewed space in the Cathedral can be provided with a sensitivity and quality that can only add to the spiritual well being of the city. ”

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SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: COMMUNITY RESOURCES CENTRE

- Located at Grade I Listed Sheffield Anglican Cathedral
- Completed March 2007
- For the Cathedral Chapter
- Part of greater Cathedral development programme
- Building Contract Value £ 2.9 million
- Funded partly by European Regional Development Fund
- Home to The Cathedral Archer Project
- Home to the Big Issue, Sheffield
- Resettlement centre for Doncaster Prison

PROJECT TEAM

APEC Architects	Architects/ Lead Consultant
Main Contractor	Ellmore Construction
Quantity Surveyor	Gordon Cain
Engineering Services	Ove Arup
Project Managers	Turner Townsend

