

Case Study: Hawkstone Hall

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Hawkstone Hall is one of the country's most desirable 18th century mansions with 37 bedrooms and enviable views of the Shropshire countryside. This magnificent 43,400 sq ft manor house and country estate is understood to date from the 1700. Since its purchase by the Distinctly Hospitable Group in 2017 the house has undergone major refurbishment program which will see the Hall transformed into a luxury wedding and events venue.

The Challenge

During the redevelopment and refurbishment of the building Kiwa Fire Safety Compliance were enlisted to assist in retaining as much of the building's original fabric whilst meeting regulatory compliance concerning life safety.

Contracting Client:

BNP Architects

Location:

Shropshire, UK

Sector:

Heritage

Key Elements:

- Grade 1 listed
- Fire risk assesment
- Fire safety engineering advice
- Review of alarm system
- Analysis and recommendations



The Solution

We provided the client with a detailed assessment of the current and prospective conditions of the building, identifying areas of issue that would need to be resolved to meet building standards.

Taking into consideration the age of the building, historic changes and intended future use of the structure, we adopted a thorough holistic approach. This enabled compliance through the creative use of fire compartmentation, avoiding the overprovision of systems and ensuring minimal invasiveness at all times.

The Outcome

We produced a detailed review highlighting the issues presented with a building of historic significance and its intended use as a busy hotel.

Targeting effective and compliant alarm and detection systems and ensuring the integrity of compartments were among the key areas of discussion. Hawkstone Hall reopened for business in April 2019 and is proving to be a huge success.



“Since our foundation, we have continued to deliver robust, innovative and cost-effective fire safety solutions.

Indeed, we have lent our expertise to developments right across the built environment spectrum, from the necessities of Residential, Education and Healthcare to the more iconic buildings of the past, such as historical royal palaces and stately homes.”

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