



Refurbishment and restoration

Great Hall, Royal Hospital Chelsea, London

Highlights

Axis completed a prestigious refurbishment project to reinstate and preserve the features of the Great Hall at the Royal Hospital Chelsea in 2015. The Great Hall, a Grade I* listed building designed by Sir Christopher Wren in the 17th century, still serves as a working dining hall for the Chelsea Pensioners.

Axis' relationship with the Royal Hospital began in 2012 when we carried out internal and external decoration projects here, one of London's most significant historical buildings which was founded by Charles II to provide his soldiers with a home in their retirement. Because of the craft, care and consideration we showed we were later entrusted with the refurbishment and restoration project to the Royal Hospital's Great Hall.

Specifications

- Grade I* listed building designed by Sir Christopher Wren
- Restoration of timber panelling
- Iron, joinery and masonry repairs
- Marble restoration
- Electrical rewiring
- Painting
- French polishing
- Brass reinstatement
- Cleaning of all fixtures
- Storage of priceless artefacts
- All finishes English Heritage approved

£61,000 Value

5 weeks duration



Before starting restoration works, we removed, protected and stored the Great Hall's priceless artwork. The redecoration works included iron, joinery and masonry repairs, marble restoration and electrical rewiring prior to painting, as well as French polishing, brass reinstatement and the sensitive cleaning of all fixtures. The room's grandeur is enhanced by its timber panelling, large doors and dining tables: much of the timber was stripped back, preserved and finished with a new lacquer coating prior to polishing.

Axis also undertook extensive research to ensure that appropriate materials, applications and craftsmanship provided a period-appropriate restoration; all finishes being approved by English Heritage.

Our Resident Liaison Officer kept the Chelsea Pensioners informed at all stages of the works.



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