

**HISTORY DEPARTMENT – 43-46 NORTH BAILEY**  
**DURHAM UNIVERSITY**

Client – Durham University – xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
☎ Estates & Building, Holly Wing, Mountjoy Centre, Stockton Road,  
Durham, DH1 3LE  
☎ xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx ☒ xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Architect – Howarth Litchfield Partnership – xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
☎ 4 Old Elvet, Durham, DH1 3HL  
☎ xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx ☒ xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Completion – April 2014 (5 Months)  
Value - £700,000 (*JCT Intermediate Form of Building Contract 2011*)  
Site Man. - Neil Laverick

After successfully completing a similar scheme at 48-50 North Bailey we were awarded a contract to carry out the refurbishment of the History Department which occupies 43-36 North Bailey. The listed buildings are all within the World Heritage site perimeter on the Durham Peninsular.



**History of the buildings**

North Bailey is the main access to many of the buildings on the Durham Peninsular and can only be accessed via the city centre/market place. It falls within the Conservation Area and boundaries the World Heritage Site. 46 North Bailey is a single Grade II Listed Building which was built in the early 17<sup>th</sup> Century. 44 & 45 North Bailey comprises of a pair of Grade II Listed Houses

which were also built in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. 43 North Bailey, although not listed, is still of historic significance and within the Durham City Conservation Area.

### The Works

The turnkey project included the relocation of the staff, furniture and possessions to another building during the works and their repatriation into the completed buildings once the works were complete. The construction works comprised mainly of the alteration and refurbishment of the existing history department. This included minor demolitions and alteration, asbestos removal works & a full rewire. As the works progressed we discovered serious structural problems, façade derogation and roofing problems, all of which had to be undertaken and incorporated into our planned timescale and before the students returned.





The works were carried out in a delicate and considered manner. We also worked with the design team and client and were able to hide many of the services within the fabric without disturbing the historic features.

The building was successfully completed on time and opened to the staff & students in September 2014 for the start of their academic year. We have received excellent feedback from the design team and end users.