

RICHMOND CASTLE, NORTH YORKSHIRE
ENGLISH HERITAGE

Client – English Heritage – xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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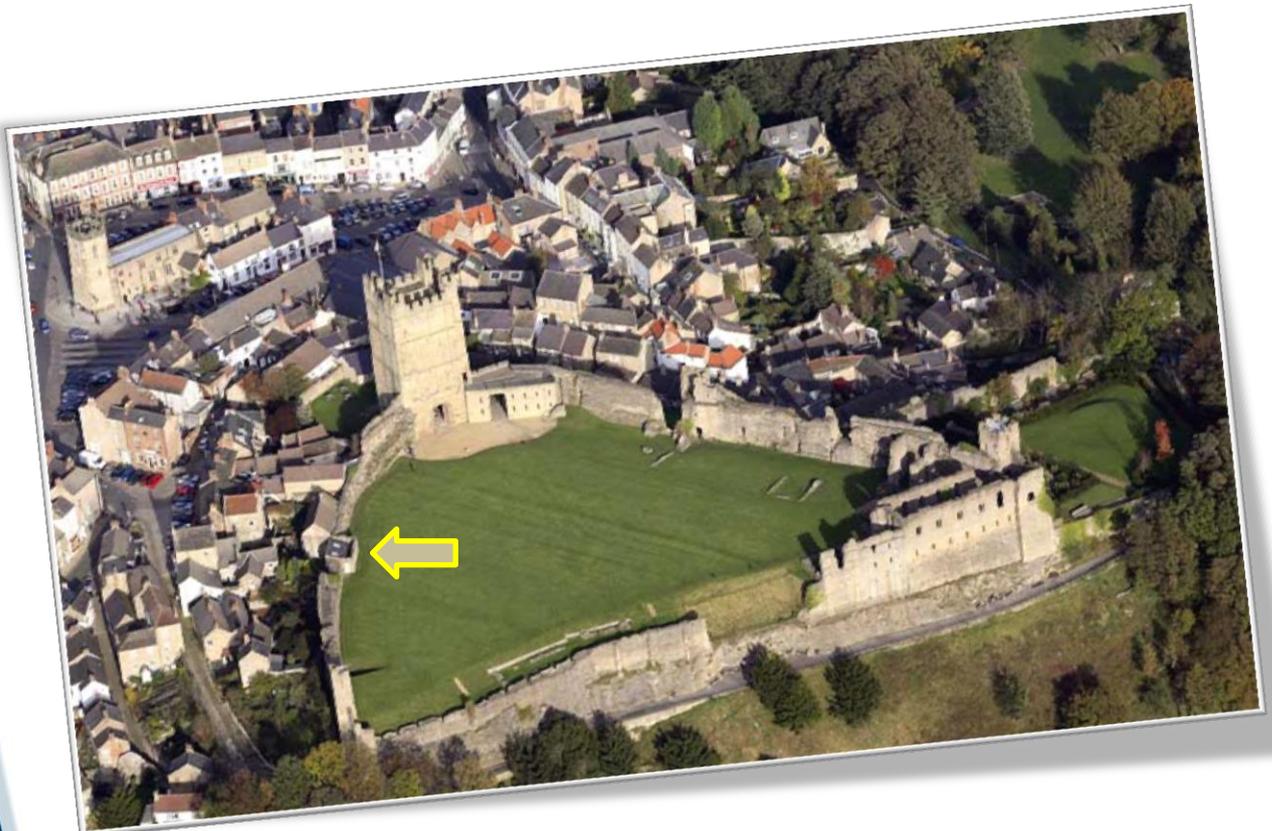
Architect – Donald Insall Associates Ltd – xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
📍 Bridgegate House, 5 Bridge Place, Chester, CH1 1SA
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Completion – February 2014 (5 Months)
Value - £120,000 (*JCT Minor Works Building Contract 2011*)
Site Man. - Neil Laverick

The project consisted of the demolition of an external toilet block and construction of a new facility, including new underground services & drainage.

History of the buildings

Richmond Castle in North Yorkshire stands in a commanding position above the River Swale virtually in the centre of the town of Richmond, with very limited vehicular access. It was originally called Riche Mount, 'the strong hill'. The castle was constructed from 1071 onwards following the Norman Conquest of England, and the Domesday Book of 1086 refers to 'a castlery' at Richmond and is classed as one of the greatest Norman fortresses in Britain.



The Works

The project was carried out whilst the castle was open to the public so it had to be planned, sequenced and managed to ensure that the public were not at risk and the castle could still function as a live visitor attraction. Our site manager continually liaised with the castle managers and arranged works around school visits etc.

The work included stone repairs, façade retention and works to the castle walls which have Ancient Scheduled Monument Status & Grade 1 Listing. The existing toilet block was stripped & demolished and a new one constructed inside the original façade. The existing floor was lowered and services/drainage trenches were dug from the WC to the castles entrance/arch. Both of these work elements had to be undertaken with a watching archaeologist.

The works were completed and opened to the public in February 2014.

