



**Location:** Bath

**Project Value:**

**Project Start Date:**

**Project Completion:**

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## Project Information

### Background

Caswell Group was appointed by the University of Bath to undertake asbestos removal works to facilitate the total refurbishment of the block.

An asbestos risk assessment of Building 1 West identified the presence of asbestos containing materials (ACMs) in the structure. Caswell Group's remit was the removal of these ACMs from the building.

Key elements of the project were removal of all ACMs and a full environmental clean prior to the refurbishment work:

- Removal of asbestos sprayed insulation to all steelwork
- Removal of all internal block, brick and plasterboard walls
- Removal of insulation board column cladding and fillets

The £1 million project took place over a six month period in 2015, finishing on time and meeting the agreed budget.

### Project challenges

Due to the nature of the site, some services were required to remain live during the asbestos removal process. The project was located in the middle of the campus which presented logistical challenges in itself including plant movements and waste transfer. The works required the erection of extensive scaffolding to provide both working platforms and building protection to allow the removal of the roof. All potential issues were managed to the satisfaction of the client. Daily air monitoring of the atmosphere was carried out to ensure the safety of

everyone working on the project.

## Result

The project was carried out on time and to the client's full satisfaction, meeting the duties laid out under the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012. The work was carried out in a professional manner with no disruption to the university, its staff or students. The University of Bath now has a safe, high quality living environment for its tutors.

## Client testimonial

Houshy Houshmand-Rahimi, Asbestos and Compliance Manager at the University of Bath, said: "Building 1 West was a project that went very well. The University of Bath had identified asbestos containing materials in this building in the form of sprayed coating, lagging, AIB and some AC as well as bitumen felt.

The works were completed on time and within budget and to my full satisfaction. I would like to compliment the site Manager, Jason Ryder, for the professional manner in which he and his team ran the project. Martyn Whalley, Director of Estates at the University of Bath, was very pleased with the progress, cleanness and consistency of the project with regards to health and safety."

Stephen Summerfield, Managing Director of Caswell Group, said: "Caswell Group are delighted to be working with the University of Bath again to complete the second phase of works on this project. This was a large, high profile venture in the middle of the university but with a well-developed plan and working closely with the university, its staff and its students we completed the job with no disruption to the users. I'm very proud of what the Caswell Group team have achieved."

