

WHEATLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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To whom it may concern

Re Savvy Construction, Maintenance and Renovations

I am delighted to write in warm support of Savvy, the Contractor for the Wheatley United Reformed Church's recent rebuilding project. The project ran from February to October 2019.

The goal of the project was to renovate our Victorian hall and to demolish an old room and build a new annexe for church and community use. This annexe includes kitchen and office functions, a state of the art audio-visual suite, and new WC facilities for less abled people.

The church is in the centre of a busy village, in a conservation area, and has no land around it. This meant that all work had to take place in a very restricted space, with all waste material having to be carried off site daily. It was really important to us to be sensitive to our neighbours and surroundings.

From the outset Savvy's work was excellent in all respects. Several particular qualities stand out:

First, Savvy worked really well with our architects, Brocklehursts, and any issues that came up were communicated clearly to both them and to the project team and resolved speedily.

Second, they were totally on top of things from the outset, sharing a detailed and comprehensive time chart in advance and keeping the project team informed at all times of any deviations from the plan - which turned out to be minimal and of little consequence to the overall project.

Third, the quality of their workmanship was excellent, and they were very understanding and highly responsive to questions from the project team at all times.

Fourth, they made great relationships with the immediate neighbours - hugely important for us all - and the neighbours were rather sorry to see them go!

Finally, at the end of the project, there was an "aftercare" service - a person whose sole job it is to ensure that any unforeseen issues that might arise after end of any of their projects are attended to promptly. There have been very few, but in each case we have felt really well looked after.

The church were delighted with the result; a beautifully restored hall and a new room that, internally, provides a beautiful meeting space for church and village, and externally, enhances the Square in which the church is located.

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