



How to deliver successful contemporary architecture in an area rich in heritage and tradition

Creating a new legacy

Windlesham House School is one of the UK's top independent schools. Established in 1837, the historic school estate is set in 65 acres within the beautiful South Downs National Park.

In 2014 Windlesham embarked upon an ambitious phased programme to renew its sports facilities, including the replacement of an 80 year old swimming pool that had gone past its serviceable life.

The school had not delivered a substantial new building in 30 years and in 2015 they selected **Ashfold Management Services** to project manage the sensitive design, management and delivery of new state-of-the-art facilities.

Opened in Spring 2018 by former Olympic swimmer Mark Foster, the new pool and sports hall is already proving very popular with children, their families and staff.



Contemporary design driven by a heritage location

The new 25m swimming pool and four court sports hall has been cleverly designed to nestle into the South Downs landscape and complement the historic architecture of the Windlesham House School estate, without compromising on providing children with welcoming, safe and fun new facilities.

A palette of sustainable materials

The light-filled pool features warm glulam beams and colourful lane dividers that represent the school colours. Externally it is clad in cedar shingles and a sedum roof. A flint wall - a feature of the estate and the Sussex area - has been cleverly introduced to minimise the impact of the new building.

Strategic advice for award winning projects

In our role as project manager and contract administrator, Ashfold provided advice and strategic direction to the school's client team, helping them deliver this highly commended new building. Initially this included selecting and appointing the project team, agreeing and managing project cash flow.

Sussex Heritage Trust Awards 2018, Public and Community - Highly Commended

The thriving sedum roof of the new pool



A traditional flint wall connects the new building to the school estate



Cedar shingles and flint in detail

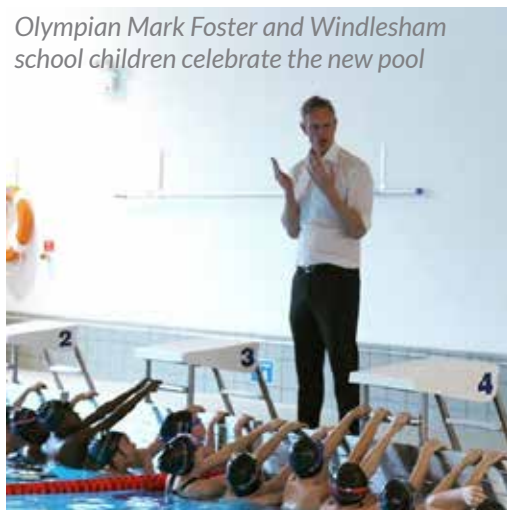


"The finished build is fantastic. It really has surpassed all my expectations and is going to transform the lives of many generations of pupils and staff."

-Richard Foster, Headteacher



Olympian Mark Foster and Windlesham school children celebrate the new pool



New sports halls connect to the pool, changing facilities and viewing areas



Project summary

Location: Pulborough, West Sussex

Size: 2,382 sqm (internal GIA)

Budget: Confidential

Dates: 2015 - 2017

Project team

Project Manager: Ashfold Management Services

Concept Architect: Neil Holland and Victoria Holland Architects

Delivery Architect: Saunders Architects LLP

Contractor: Kier Construction

Structural Engineer: Elliott Wood

Services Engineer: E3

Ashfold Management Services

The Ashfold team offers a unique knowledge of construction project management. We understand the intricacies of each project and use our combined skills to successfully deliver beautiful buildings and practical spaces for clients in the education, commercial, residential and cultural sectors.

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