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Conservation of Grade 1 Georgian stable stalls and exterior of Hamstone building. Lime plastering of upper storeys to form office suite, kitchenette etc. Roofing work including new roof-lights & leadwork, renewal of lead gutters to cornice. Specialist glass floor panels; window and door refurbishments. New lift, modern partitions, services, fire alarm & sprinkler systems. Timber conservation, rainwater goods, new contemporary windows, decoration (interior and exterior), stone courtyard works.

Location: Sherborne, Dorset

Contract period: 10 months

Value: £823,337

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The East Stables on the Sherborne Castle Estate are a fine example of a Georgian stable block built from a mixture of Hamstone and local Sherborne stone.

The U-shaped stable block stands as an imposing building on the Estate. Corbel was appointed to carry out a sympathetic conversion of the upper grain stores into a high-tech office suite for the Estate's management team, whilst retaining the original stables on the ground floor.

Partitions were added under the large trusses to create natural breaks and manageable office space in the building, without losing the impact of the historic timbers. Extensive carpentry repairs were completed to floor joists and original stud partitions. A new mechanical, electrical and data system was weaved through the existing structure.

Externally, extensive Hamstone repairs, indents or replacements were carried out to the mullion windows, and new contemporary diamond shaped windows were cut in.

Large purpose-made rooflights were fitted to bring vast amounts of light into the office space. The entire cornice lead gutter was replaced.

A passenger lift was installed to enable disabled access from the ground to the upper floor, opening the building to all visitors. All areas were finished to a high standard, creating a light, functional space for the Estate to enjoy for many years.