

Project Portfolio

Client	Hollyfields Sports & Conference
Location	Birmingham
Contract Value	£20,000 +



Hollyfields is the ideal venue for training courses, meetings, conferences, presentations and social events. It is the perfect place to stimulate fresh thinking and decision making.

Hollyfield's was founded in 1930 and operates as a social enterprise regularly holding the North Birmingham Social Enterprise meetings, which Fire Safety Managers has attended many times. It was at one of these meetings that we approached the general manager about offering them our fire safety services at a discounted price as per our social mission.



The building they currently operate in had many areas where it was worn and aged and even though they had an existing fire alarm system it was an old Gent system that was closed protocol meaning only Gent engineers could service it. These were becoming expensive and after a fault on the panel and being quoted an extortionate amount of money for a spare part it was decided they wanted a new fire alarm system with open protocol's to allow them to seek competitive quotes for the service contract.



After a full survey we decided to upgrade the fire alarm system with a 8 zone C-Tec Fire Alarm Panel with S65 Apollo Devices offering complete reliability at an affordable price. So our design team came up with the plans to replace the old Gent system with fresh open protocol devices. Whilst the team were surveying the building, they noticed many areas with poor or no emergency lighting and added this to our plans while the engineers were working on site.



We sat with the client to plan a work schedule as the business continued to trade with many rooms booked up for functions and therefore we needed to minimise any interruption but continue to carry out the work on consecutive days. We planned to complete the project in 10 days with 2 engineers, however we came across some issues with the existing wiring and hidden floor voids that you could literally stand up in. These were hidden under various rooms including the basement and nobody knew they were there. This required additional work as there were gas pipes and electricity cables running underneath the whole building and clearly needed further coverage.

After working an additional 5 days to remedy the issues the project was completed with the fire panel commissioned showing no faults. The client now had a fully functioning fire alarm system updated to the latest recommendations.

The old halogen emergency lighting was replaced with LED with plans to replace the rest of the building as and when they failed on a service. All fire extinguishers were serviced whilst on site saving the client additional attendance fees.

We were given the service contracts for all the fire safety back in 2017 and remain their preferred supplier in 2019. Supporting each others Social Enterprise with affordable costs is crucial in the current climate.