



External Works - Thetford, Norfolk

Overview

In 2023 we completed an extension for one of our residential clients based in Thetford. After a successful project the first time round they got back in contact at the beginning of 2026 to discuss further ideas they had in mind to develop their property.



Completion Date: May 2026

Scope of Works: Construction Works

Project Management and Construction Team: Wayne Dewing

Project

After surveying and evaluating each of the possible projects for our clients, they decided to proceed with a scheme to address their rear retaining wall and fence, which had grown delapidated and was in need of some remediation.

To consolidate the retaining wall we first removed the top course of blockwork, which for the most part had come loose and was beginning to lose its efficacy in retaining the land. We then dug & poured a concrete strip foundation on the clients' side of the wall, which formed a fixing point for our new top course of blockwork. Now tied into a concrete foundation, this new blockwork will provide more than adequate retention to our clients' land for the foreseeable future.

The upgrades to the fencing were aesthetically motivated rather than functional. We removed the old timber fence before installing a 25 metre run of metal weave fencing, which matches other areas of the property where it's been installed. The new fence will eventually rust to complete the finish and match the existing.

Project

It is always great to receive phone calls from clients wanting to explore further projects with us following a good experience. We were very happy with the results and look forward to future returns to this property to undertake the other developments.



The works included strengthening and rebuilding sections of the existing retaining wall, alongside the installation of a new 25-metre run of metal weave fencing, creating a secure, long-lasting and visually improved finish.



Completion Date: September 2025

Scope: Construction Management & Trades

Project Management and Construction Team: Ben Trundley & Wayne Dewing

Phase 3

Fast forward to September 2025 and our latest return to Tilney St Lawrence Village Hall. In this phase, the largest of the 3, we were commissioned to replace the entire Main Hall floor, used for dance lessons, school classes, and a multitude of events.

The challenge with this phase was the required specification for the flooring, arising from it needing to be suitable to have dance lessons on. In short, a dance floor needs to have an element of 'spring' to it, as to assist students with jumps and lifts while they practice and perform. To create this spring you need a specially designed floor build up. After removing the existing floor and giving the area a good clean we laid a damp proof membrane which will protect the new floor from any rising damp or moisture. Over the membrane, adjustable levelling cradles were set out at regular intervals and checked with a laser to ensure they all had the same finishing height, this would reassure us that our new floor was going to be perfectly level. On top of the cradles are timber battens with a layer of foam on the backing, and it is this foam that contracts and expands under impact, giving the floor its sprung nature. Finally, the premium hardwood floor covering was fixed over the battens before plastic skirting was installed to the perimeter of the Hall.

As well as replacing the main floor area, we reclaimed some of the original floor boards and reinstalled them on the stage, which previously only had a plywood covering.

Conclusion

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