

Chirk Court Care Home

PROJECT DETAILS

Built for Clwyd Alyn Housing Association, part of the Pennaf Housing Group, Chirk Court Care Home was designed specifically to provide EMI Care facilities. Consisting of 66 specialist en suite bedrooms which meet a range of requirements of the residents, Chirk Court also includes a hairdressing salon, kitchens, restaurants and residents lounges and a garden area for the residents to enjoy.

 **Client: Pennaf Housing Group**

 **Contract Period: 72 Weeks**

 **Completion Date: June 2016**

 **Value: £5M**

The construction programme consisted of two elements which included the refurbishment of existing buildings and the construction of a brand new accommodation building. The new building consists of a timber frame with brick facade and tiled roof. Founded on standard concrete strip foundations, a large planar-glazed entrance/orangery provides the main access to the building which links directly to the newly landscaped car parking areas.

SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION

Delivering a sustainable development which would provide a long-standing solution for dementia care was a priority for Anwyl and the client...

-  BREEAM Very Good rated building
-  A new plant room built-in with a building management system to provide heat, hot water and controls.
-  PV panels installed to provide sustainable energy
-  4.43 Air Permeability score achieved



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CHALLENGES

Throughout the construction of the new build, the existing care home remained in full operation...

It was vital that whilst Anwyl were on site, access routes to the existing building were maintained for staff, residents, their visiting families and external NHS staff. Anwyl's project team formed a good relationship with the care home manager in order to establish the best way to deliver the new project with minimal disruption. Anwyl's site manager engaged the project buying team in order to agree just in time deliveries with the care home manager to prevent conflict at peak times.

During the initial stages of the project, Anwyl were required to construct the timber frame for the new building 2 meters away from the existing, fully occupied building. This presented a significant fire hazard. In order to reduce the hazard Anwyl employed a fire risk engineer, who worked with the team, in conjunction with Trada, to develop fire mitigation strategies.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Anwyl Construction worked closely with the community to ensure a number of positive outcomes were brought about to the local and surrounding areas of Chirk.

 The company formed a partnership with Communities First, a Welsh Government anti-poverty programme. As part of this partnership Anwyl, along with Pennaf, invited a group of unemployed individuals on to site for a taster session. As a result, Anwyl also made four work placements available to these individuals.

 Anwyl Construction and Pennaf were keen to utilise this building development to engage the next generation of potential construction experts, they worked closely with the local primary school to educate the children about the career opportunities within the industry and nurture their aspirations.

 During their time on site in Chirk, Anwyl formed a relationship with local football club Chirk AAA's, as a result Anwyl purchased materials to carry out the refurbishment their disabled WC at the grounds, they also pledged sponsorship of the club for 2 complete seasons. This sponsorship allowed the club to continue with into each season and purchase new team kits and training tracksuits.

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