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Whitnash Community and Civic Centre, Leamington Spa

Deeley Construction appointed to deliver this new hub for the local community in Whitnash

Contract value **£2 million**
Client **Whitnash Town Council**

Timeframe **October 2020 - October 2021**
Structural Engineer **MLM**

Contract **JCT Design & Build 2016**
Architect **Baily Garner LLP**

The project, which is the first Neighbourhood Plan to be formally adopted in the area, represents a huge success to the Whitnash Town Council and the local community supporting the project.

The council needed to replace the existing ageing community centre, which has served the town since it was built in the mid-1970s. The brief for Deeley was to build a new community hub building consisting of an office for the town council, meeting room, library, small café, and seating area together with small sports hall with associated storage, changing rooms and offices.

The works also included the provision of a new parking area, electric charging points, bicycle parking and associated storage and surfacing works. The football pitches at Acre Close were moved as part of the development and significantly improved in the process. The Community Hub building, a steel frame with brick and block structure, replaces several old community and amenity sites within the area.

Deeley Construction undertook a value engineering exercise prior to the contract start with the client's representatives and assisted in developing the clients specification. With part of the budget being raised through crowdfunding on the Spacehive page, meeting the budget of the client was an essential part of the process.

Work took place next to a tight residential and retail access road on Acre Close, so careful delivery management, neighbour and local authority liaison ensured minimal disruption to local stakeholders.

The Civic Centre provides space for groups that also bring activities that serve to help people with their mental well-being as well as their physical health.

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