



Kensington Palace, set in Kensington Gardens in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, has been a residence of the British Royal Family since the 17th century. Built in 1689 it was the birthplace of Queen Victoria and is currently the official London residence of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

Kensington Palace Renovation

Darke & Taylor Ltd were the M&E Services Contractor for this £12 million building contract at Kensington Palace to enhance the existing building and construct a first class visitor experience including new shop and café for Historic Royal Palaces. The contract involved the remodeling, alteration and refurbishment of parts of the Palace (including specialist and bespoke lighting) while the remaining areas stayed open to the public.

Scope of Works:

- M&E Lead Contractor
- Submains & Generator
- Small Power
- Lighting & Emergency Lighting Systems
- Data & ICT Cabling
- CCTV & Presence Detection
- Fire Alarm
- Heating Systems
- Hot & Cold Water System
- Underfloor Heating

Management Team (incl length of service for Darke & Taylor):

Director in Charge: Simon Newton MBA, Commercial Director (12 years)

Associate Director & Project Manager: Keiron Richmond, Contracts Manager (16 years)

Estimating & Design Engineer: Matthew Gordon BSc, (10 years)

Lead Electrician/Site Foreman: Mark Adams (28 years)

Specialist Subcontractors: CH Lindsey Mechanical, Honeywell Gent, Security Services Group, PowerTechnique Generators

PROJECT TEAM

Client:

Historic Royal Palaces

Main Contractor:

Mansell Construction

Project Manager:

Gardiner & Theobald

Building Services Consultant:

Giffords/Ramboll

Scheme Value:

£1,400,000

Programme:

September 2010 to July 2012

Contract:

Competitive Tender, Mansell

Domestic Subcontract



The two-year project transformed Kensington Palace into a stunning visitor attraction. The site now boasts first class educational and recreational facilities, five exhibitions and a new shop.