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Holburne Museum



- Benefit:** Warmer and Quieter
- Type:** Refurbishment
- Listing:** Grade I

Sir William Holburne (1793–1874) was just eleven when, as a midshipman, he took part in the Battle of Trafalgar. It is thought as an antidote to the horrors of his early life at sea, William dedicated his adult life to collecting objects of beauty, which were eventually gifted to the city of Bath.

In 1916 the ornate Grade I Listed eighteenth century Sydney House Hotel was purchased to accommodate William’s collection and become The Holburne Museum.

The building underwent a £11.2m renovation and extension - including architect Eric Parry’s three-storey glass and ceramic extension designed to provide intimate state-of-the-art galleries and visitor café.

The main original part of the building now houses two magnificent galleries, including what was once the Hotel’s ballroom, now known as ‘The Ballroom Gallery’, whose central displays include silverware, porcelain and china collections; bronze statuettes and oil

paintings hanging alongside the room’s monumental windows and floor-to-ceiling balcony doors. With windows to three sides, The Ballroom Gallery is light and airy, capturing the sun throughout the day, presenting perfect viewing conditions but is potentially detrimental to the sustainability of the room’s exhibits.





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To help alleviate this hazard and to provide much needed added security, main contractor Sir Robert McAlpine consulted with the UK's leading secondary glazing specialist, Selectaglaze. With a wealth of experience within Listed and historic buildings Selectaglaze was uniquely placed to understand the very special nature of The Holburne's requirements.

In order to protect the exhibits from the harmful rays of the sun, Selectaglaze proposed a single hinged casement to each window incorporating Anti-UV glazing. And to provide an acceptable level of security the windows incorporated a multi-point locking system accredited to 'Secured by Design'.

Other design considerations included a paint finish to match the surrounding décor and maintenance of clean lines through the use of flush hinges and a flush lock. The finished result is secondary glazing which blends imperceptibly with the Ballroom's monumental sash windows with no additional sight lines to mar the spectacular views of this stunning Georgian city.



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