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“The workforce themselves were flexible and dedicated to ensuring that the product was installed correctly and to programme while at the same time showing a good attitude to health & safety. Deliveries were always an issue to a very constricted site and Putney & Wood were one of the few contractors that actually made sure that the correct size vehicles and delivery slots were adhered too. All in all it was a pleasure working with them throughout the project.”

Glen Neal, Site Manager at Thomas Sinden

Architect: **Simpson & Brown Architects**
Main Contractor: **Thomas Sinden**
Material used: **Ancaster Hard White**
Value: **£85,000**
Completed: **July 2019**
Contract duration: **16 weeks**
Scope of work: **Design, supply and installation of limestone cills, heads and copings in brickwork façade**

“Putney & Wood were very professional in their approach to the project from start to finish, from the initial design stage to the installation of the stones themselves. We had a dedicated contracts manager assigned to the project and regular team meetings whilst the work was taking place to discuss any issues that arose during the installation periods.”

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St Albans Cathedral is one of the nation's highest profile cathedrals. Dating back 1,700 years, its history is as colourful and event filled as its magnificent exterior. A sensitive project from outset, the project began in May 2017 with archaeology digs and culminates with the modern Welcome Centre marrying the Grade 1 listed cathedral to the 1980s Chapter House.

Costing in excess of £7m, with £4m from the Heritage Lottery Fund and £3m raised from private donors, the new Welcome Centre, along with alterations to the Chapter House, provides a new visitor entrance,

retail space, interpretation and exhibition areas, the relocated vestry, renovation of the existing café, additional education spaces and improved accessibility.

Putney & Wood were appointed by Thomas-Sinden to design, supply, and install limestone cills, heads and copings within the Welcome Centre's brickwork façade. Although the contract value was relatively small, the sensitive nature of the project required meticulous attention to detail. The complementary testimonials demonstrate that our professionalism and customer care remain our highest priorities regardless of the size of the project.



“I did not want to let the opportunity pass without thanking you and your team for the outstanding effort in making sure the Welcome Centre was complete for the official opening last week. The opening was a huge success and we have received some excellent feedback from the client. I am sure you are all as proud as we are to have been part of such a special project and we look forward to continuing working with you in the future.”

Steven McMahon, Operations Director at Thomas-Sinden