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THE VILLAGE PUB GETS ALTRO TREATMENT FOR PRACTICAL, FUNCTIONAL FLOORS AND WALLS

Altro Stronghold™ 30, Altro Whiterock

Altro Stronghold™ 30 safety flooring and Altro Whiterock™ hygienic wall cladding are helping to provide a practical, functional solution in the kitchen of a traditional Cotswold pub.

The Village Pub is an exclusive bistro-style establishment set in the heart of the picturesque Cotswold village of Barnsley. Owned by Colcot Health & Leisure Ltd, which owns four leisure properties throughout the Cotswolds, it has a quirky yet traditional feel with Cotswold stone construction, flagstone floors, inglenook fireplaces and a homely atmosphere. Earlier this year, The Village Pub was transformed and now boasts six newly-refurbished bedrooms that combine stylish modern touches with traditional influences.

The kitchen has also undergone a complete refurbishment. The aim was to create a modern, functional new kitchen area, and it was a complex project involving stripping and removing a 3ft-thick stone wall to extend the kitchen and make a walk through, installing completely new wiring, damp-proof membranes, flooring, wall cladding and kitchen equipment – all in the space of just two weeks.

This mammoth task was overseen by Stan Berwick, of QSP Food Solutions Ltd, a catering designer. He said: "My job was to work with the group head chef and the installer to produce a design and deliver a finished product that was fit for purpose. The specifications of the project demanded products that offered superb quality and durability, and the flooring and wall cladding needed to meet these needs as well.

"The installer, Rudge Brother & James, recommended Altro Stronghold 30 safety flooring and Altro Whiterock wall cladding as the ideal solutions for our needs. Personally I would only ever use Altro Whiterock wall cladding because the quality is perfect; it holds its colour, it's durable and easy to clean. It's the best product on the market by a long way."

Altro Stronghold 30 is a 3mm-thick flooring designed for safety in wet and greasy conditions where frequent spillage is likely, so it is ideal for commercial kitchen use. Boasting Altro's highest rating for slip resistance, it also offers long-term durability and ease of cleaning as well as added noise reduction, comfort and strength underfoot. For added hygiene, Altro Stronghold 30 also features a bacteriostat to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

Altro Whiterock is a cost-effective sheet extruded from a high quality, food safe PVCu polymer for operating temperatures up to 60°. It is easy to clean, impact resistant and grout-free. It meets current EU Directives on health and hygiene.

Stan Berwick added: "Altro Stronghold 30 was the best product for our needs. Two weeks is a very tight turnaround for a complete kitchen refit, so we needed a product that was quick to install, would offer great quality, and was both practical and durable. The results are fantastic. It looks great, and the feedback I have had is that it's simple to clean and the chefs are delighted.

"For Rudge Brothers & James to achieve what they did in such a short timeframe is a really tremendous achievement."

Jim Heal of Rudge Brother & James is used to working with Altro products, as the company is an Altro Whiterock Premier Installer. "This was a very demanding project because we had such a lot to do in a very short space of time," he said. "It was a 24-hour a day programme and we had to do a great deal of preparation, which included laying AltroProof Duo™ damp-proof membranes before we put down 120m² of Altro Stronghold 30 flooring."

AltroProof Duo is a two component, solvent-free, high-build epoxy resin surface damp-proof membrane. It is applied as a

two-coat system, providing protection for water sensitive floor coverings.

Jim Heal added: "We also used AltroFix™ 19 Plus solvent and water-free adhesive to fix down the flooring because, once it's cured, it's resistant to moisture. The kitchen steps were fitted with Altro Stronghold 30 with metal nosings, and the floor was coved into the Altro Whiterock wall cladding for a seamless finish. The great thing about Altro products is they are so quick and easy to install, which was essential for this project."

Edward Stevens, Property Services Manager at Colcot Health & Leisure Ltd, is delighted with the Village Pub's new kitchen. "The pub was closed for a two week period and to strip out, completely refit and commission the kitchen in that time was quite a tall order, but it all came together perfectly. It was great teamwork.

"The new Altro floors and walls look superb. What we needed was to give the kitchen a facelift, a more practical design, better functionality and ease of maintenance. We have certainly achieved all that. It looks spotless."

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