

ALLTECH HOUSE

THE CHALLENGE

Specialising in farm efficiency software and consultancy, American giant Alltech were passionate about reflecting their eco-friendly credentials in their choice of materials for Alltech House, their new UK headquarters in Stamford.

We were delighted to be asked to contribute, alongside Trehearne Architects and principal Contractor John Paul Construction, who as part of the overall project were required to demolish the existing building, clear the site and erect a two-story structural steel frame ready for the elegant stone frontage.

Keen for their modern HQ to harmonise with the environment and ensure consistency with the local area, Alltech requested an impressive stone façade with large windows and logo created from our Greetham stone, quarried less than 10 miles away.

For aesthetic appeal, Trehearne Architects chose a combination of walling stone and ashlar, with large quoins at the corners. Using stone in three different ways was intentional, adding variety and interest when visitors arrive at Alltech House.

This was a project requiring technical expertise and precision as the large two-storey windows needed practical support for the stone heads, as did the stone over the entrance. Our team worked closely with the structural engineer to design and install purpose-made fixings.

Alltech also wanted to provide a creative atmosphere for its employees, so further areas of stonework were commissioned for the interior. Using the same materials inside and out gives good flow to a building and results in a timeless feel: the natural appeal and sensory value of stone is perfect for promoting well-being.

An on-site museum celebrates Stamford's heritage and connections to the original Roman road that passed by, further reinforcing its connection to the local area.

This wonderful little museum is housed in a room with rubble-stone walling rising above head height, to an all-round gallery at higher level. Continuing the theme, the main stairs from reception were also clad in our local stone.



THE DIFFERENCE




Projects like this fuse the best of old and new, maximising local resources while incorporating modern materials and design.

Alltech House is a very successful blend of modern and traditional techniques and features, totally aligned to Alltech's ethos and sensitive to the surrounding environment.

This was achieved by great collaboration and shared aspirations. Attention to detail at every point contributed to the overall success of the project.

Working closely with the client and the contractor, our experienced team carefully produced detailed drawings of all the stonework areas. The extent of the different types of stone was set out and confirmed, before our talented fixing team fitted the stone on site.

The result is a stunning building that truly captures the spirit and ethos of Alltech while sitting beautifully within the environment for which Stamford has become renowned.



“The transformation from industrial shed to the UK headquarters for a global business has been truly remarkable. Using Stamford Stone was instrumental in delivering quality to achieve this; it was also critical for integrating the building harmoniously into its local and historical context. The contrast of smooth and split faced ashlar stonework detailed in a contemporary style blends the local vernacular with Kentucky aesthetic to reflect the global outlook and local interest synonymous with the Alltech Group. This local reference is further emphasized within the central atrium, which is completely lined with a Stamford Stone dry stone wall, the perfect backdrop to a museum celebrating regional culture.”

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