

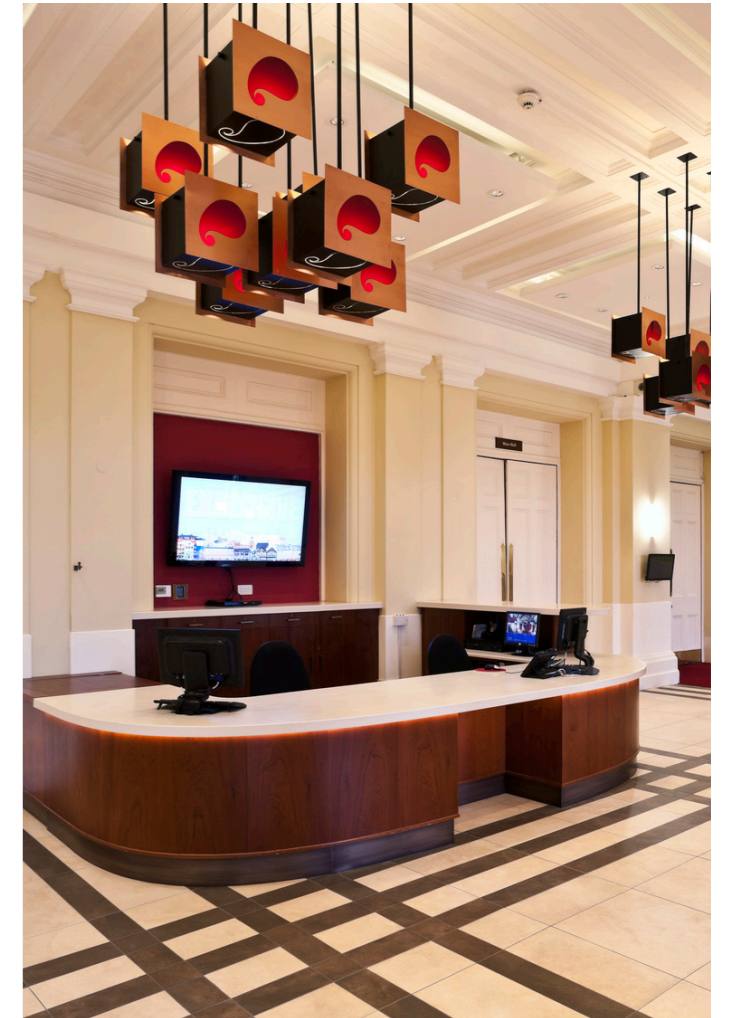
# PAISLEY TOWN HALL REFURBISHMENT



<b>LOCATION:</b> PAISLEY
<b>CLIENT:</b> RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL
<b>VALUE:</b> £2.4M
<b>SIZE:</b> 4000M2
<b>COMPLETION:</b> 2013
<b>SERVICE:</b> CONSERVATION, ARCHITECTURE
<b>SECTOR:</b> CULTURE
<b>CONTRACTOR:</b> CBC
<b>STRUCTURES:</b> URS
<b>SERVICES:</b> URS
<b>COST CONSULTANT:</b> ALLAN & HANEL
<b>LISTING:</b> CATEGORY A

Austin-Smith:Lord's conservation accredited architects were appointed by Renfrewshire Council in late 2011 to undertake essential repairs and improvements to the category A Listed Town Hall, ahead of the 2013 Gaelic MOD.

The brief was to create a high class reception foyer and arrival space and to include a new front entrance ramp and stair arrangement that would respect DDA legislation and create a true sense of arrival at the entrance to this landmark building in Paisley. The project also addressed the urgent need to undertake the repair and re-instatement of missing masonry balusters at the wallhead, together with essential external fabric repairs to slate and lead areas of the roof under the assistance of building grant support from Historic Scotland.



The Hall was constructed in 1879-82 to a design by the Belfast architect W.H. Lynn. The sandstone masonry had been chemically cleaned in the past, resulting in some loss of detail to the Corinthian capitals and dentil course.

Carefully selected Scotch Buff sandstone was used in the repair of these features using traditional lime mortars to bed and repoint the facades.

The masonry was DOFF cleaned and a new external lighting scheme was designed and added.

The creation of a 'timeless' understated entrance ramp and foyer space has fully refreshed this important building in Renfrewshire ensuring its continued appreciation and use by the community it serves.