



Airship Hangar 1, Cardington

Client Bedford Borough Council

The Grade II listed building, Hangar No.1 underwent major refurbishment with SWH working as technical advisors.

A major programme of refurbishment took 3 years to return the hangar, a Grade II listed building to its former glory.

Scott White and Hookins were employed by the local authority planning department to act as technical advisors for this project.

The practice has collated knowledge of the two large airship hangars at Cardington over the past 40 years, through inspections and surveys. English Heritage recommended to the Council that our practice fulfil the advisory role because of our unique expertise about these buildings.

Our engineers carried out regular inspections over 3 years, firstly to review the condition of the existing structure, and then also throughout the phased refurbishment.

The building's listed status has meant that much of the cladding and structure has had to be replaced on like-for-like basis to restore the building back to its original appearance.

The whole of the roof was replaced during the first phase, followed by the hangar doors. The side cladding was then resheeted in two stages to allow the buildings occupier to continue to operate.

