

Chelsea Old Town Hall refurbishment

October 2018

Restoring a Grade II* listed gem



Following the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea's decision in 2016 to invest in securing the future of this beautiful building, and consequent start on site in January 2018, we would like to invite you to read on for an update on improvements and restoration that has already been completed at Chelsea Old Town Hall.

Details as to what will be happening over the next few months (until targeted finish on site of early 2019) can be found as always here:

 www.rbkc.gov.uk/newsroom/council-capital-projects/chelsea-old-town-hall-refurbishment



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The Halls

All bookable halls – the Main Hall, Small Hall and the Cadogan Suite – have now been restored to their former Victorian grandeur. The work in all ceremony rooms along with the improvements to our Conference and Events area has been meticulously carried out by specialist decorators to preserve the fabric of this special building. Work completed on the Halls includes a deep clean and restoration of marble columns and redecoration of the walls, ceilings and decorative mouldings. There is also now a new, state-of-the-art AV system along with enhanced and restored lighting in the Halls and surrounding areas. The enhanced Halls are now bookable again, for events taking place 6 October 2018 onwards.

For all bookings and related enquiries, please continue to use the following:

 venues@rbkc.gov.uk

 020 7361 2220

 [www.rbkc.gov.uk/
royal-borough-venues/
chelsea-old-town-hall](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/royal-borough-venues/chelsea-old-town-hall)

Ground floor areas

Improvement work to the main reception will begin in November 2018. At the same time, the meeting rooms at Chelsea Old Town Hall will also be created. We plan to reopen the new meeting rooms to the public in early 2019 providing modern, well-equipped spaces for the Council's frontline services to meet with the public. The areas used by Council staff are also being refurbished. New and



improved office accommodation, staff toilets, kitchens and common areas are being provided as part of this holistic project. In addition, we are fitting a new security system and improving on the fire alarm system currently in place.

Registrar's Office

As of August 2018, your Registrar's Office has relocated to the Kensington Town Hall. Ceremonies are being held in the Civic areas of the Town Hall on Hornton Street, while all other appointments are taking place in the Customer Service Centre of the Town Hall. In the meantime, a much-needed refurbishment of the original space in Chelsea Old Town Hall takes place. Work on the Registrar's Office is due to complete in early 2019.

To register a ceremony, please visit:

✉ registrars@rbkc.gov.uk

☎ 020 7361 4100

📍 Kensington Town Hall
Hornton Street
London, W8 7NX

or get in touch via:

🌐 www.rbkc.gov.uk/registrars
Kensington Town Hall

Phasing of the work

As can often be the case with old Victorian buildings and refurbishment work done on them, a certain amount of damp was discovered in the basement after starting the work.

The project team along with specialist sub-contractors appointed through Ark Build PLC undertook extensive surveys of

the building to investigate the damp further. Following on from the findings of these surveys, a number of measures are being undertaken to treat the damp found and as much as possible future-proof Chelsea Old Town Hall from experiencing similar issues again. This has meant that your Adult Social Care and Family and Children's Services teams will only be able to return to the Chelsea Old Town Hall in early 2019. Until then, Family and Children's Services will continue to be located at Pembroke Road

Family and Children's Services:

 0207 361 4194

Out of Hours:
020 7373 2227

Adult Social Care Services:

 020 7361 4077/4052

Council Offices, while your Adult Social Care Team are located at Kensington Town Hall and are, as always, contactable.

General update

We continue to wage an ongoing battle against the extreme weather conditions of 2018 – first with the snow experienced in February and March 2018 and the recent thunderstorms and excessive amounts of rain. The Council's project team is making all necessary efforts and working closely with the contractors, to ensure that we preserve and restore the beauty and historic fabric of this beautiful building.

Should there be any changes to the phasing or timeline otherwise due to inclement weather conditions, we promise to update you again.

Please contact us with any questions or comments via email to:

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