



T J Evers gives new lease of life to listed building in the heart of Colchester Town.

During the 1700's the property was owned by the member of parliament Sir Isaac Rebow which is when the house was originally rebuilt. The team unearthed a section of wallpaper hidden behind the lath and plaster dating back to the 1700's when King William III was a frequent visitor. This wallpaper was carefully exposed and framed during our project and can now be seen in one of the rooms.

A team of archaeologists were on site at the beginning of the project exposing the existing footings by hand uncovering parts of the original building.

The refurbishment works involved the strip out and light demolition throughout the building and part demolition of a single storey extension, to enable the creation of three new office spaces and a shop. Rebow house was extended to the rear by constructing a modern glass single storey structure with brick piers and a green roof, fitting perfectly in between the existing wings. This provided a reception area, a kitchenette and WC facilities.

The challenges experienced on this project included re-designing foundations, replacing rotten timbers that were infested with death watch beetle and woodworm and reinforcing the buildings structure. This involved the propping of the existing building so additional timbers and new steels could be installed. The issues were dealt with sympathetically due to the restrictions put in place by the Historic Buildings of Colchester Borough Council.



**CLIENT** Tollgate Partnership Ltd  
**ARCHITECT** Purcell  
**VALUE** £1,000,000 + extra works  
**PERIOD** 55 weeks  
**COMPLETED** October 2020

