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Mike Honour /Lattice Period Windows Ltd specialise in the manufacture and installation of steel windows and traditional leaded lights, also Part L compliant double glazed windows, all hand made by our team of experienced craftsmen, many of whom have been with us since inception.

We have recently completed a total refurbishment of the windows in the historic codebreaking building, Block C, at Bletchley Park, which will open as a new Visitor Centre in June 2014. This was part of a major, Heritage Lottery Funded restoration project, returning Block C as well as fragile wooden codebreaking Huts to their 1940s appearance and atmosphere, allowing them to be opened to visitors to this hugely popular heritage attraction for the first time.

Our company also specialises in the refurbishment of existing period windows and leaded lights utilizing wherever possible existing materials to preserve originality and able to provide bespoke blacksmith fittings to match those from bygone days.

We specialise in Listed Grade 1 & Grade 2 properties, We are able to give advice on your conservation requirements for your property, through each stage sourcing colours, Glass and Window furniture, to preserve the look of your property whilst improving insulation.

We are a friendly family business and will we will aim to achieve the look you require, which can be done in different phases to suit your budget.

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HRH The Duchess of Cambridge walking past Block C The Visitor Centre which we refurbished all of the windows in.



HRH The Duchess of Cambridge talking to Veterans who worked in block C, showed a full screen that we refurbished.



HRH Duchess of Cambridge talking to Lady Marion Body, who worked with her Grandmother Valerie Glassborow, in Hut 6 showing a window we refurbished.

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SWA member helps to restore WW2 codebreaker building at Bletchley Park

Home to the World War Two codebreakers, Bletchley Park has this year completed an £8-million Heritage Lottery Fund financed restoration project to create a world-class heritage site. This has seen the transformation of the formerly derelict Block C codebreaking building into a vibrant visitor centre, a process that involved Steel Window Association member, Mike Honour Windows, renovating over 100 original window units.

Mike Honour Windows worked with Fairhurst Ward Abbots, the specialist conservation contractor, carefully to remove the windows, many of which were large and made up of multiple units. This process involved numbering and labeling each window so that it could later be reinstalled into exactly the same position.

All the windows were taken to the workshop at Mike Honour Windows and renovated over an intensive three-month period. Many were corroded, especially along the bottom rails, since they had been installed before the days of galvanizing. To take the surface back to bare metal, each unit was shot blasted. In line with conservation principles, as much of the original steel as possible was retained but, where the corrosion was too great or pieces were missing, replacement sections were inserted. Luckily, the original windows were made using standard F7 sections which are still readily available. Consequently, the missing bars could be replaced relatively easily by being welded in and ground back.

Along with the windows, the ironmongery, including handles and stays, was carefully salvaged and renovated. Where repair was not possible, replicas were made. Many

of the windows had deliberately been installed above head height to avoid people peering into the building and possibly seeing the codebreaking secrets inside. This made opening the windows difficult so permission was granted to change some of the fittings to cam and pole operation. To achieve this, a local 'lost wax' engineer cast brass copies from one of the original cam stay openers.

Once each window unit was complete, it was hot-dip galvanized. A high quality polyester powder coat finish was then applied in a colour carefully matched to exactly the original bright green of the war time period.

The refurbished windows were reinstalled into the Block C building by the team from Mike Honour Windows. Rather than the glazing being fitted with silicone as is normal today, each pane of glass was face puttied into the metal frame in the traditional way from outside.

Martin Brewer, site manager with Fairhurst Ward Abbots, comments: "Mike Honour Windows helped instruct our people in the careful process of taking the windows out. It went very well and they were well organized and professional in what they did. The finished windows look good."

For further information on the Steel Window Association, please visit www.steel-window-association.co.uk or call 0844 249 1355.

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