

Fire Reinstatement at Wool

Client

Halifax Insurance,
Crawford &
Company
Adjusters (UK) Ltd

Services Provided

Building
Consultancy

Timescale

18 Months from
Fire to Occupation

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The Project

On Thursday 5th July 2007, a substantial fire tore through a terrace of three historic and Grade 2 Listed cob constructed cottages, leaving the buildings substantially destroyed. So severe was the fire that only a small portion of the rear cob walls remained, with the front and party walls either collapsing in the fire, or dismantled by the fire brigade on the day of the fire for fear of injury. The reinstatement presented a number of issues that needed to be resolved, not least because of their status as Listed, and the issues pertaining to three separate demises being affected.

James Jacobs MRICS, Chartered Building Surveyor based in our Exeter office was responsible for the reinstatement of these three properties.

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The role of the Building Consultant is far reaching in cases such as these, and can be briefly summarized as follows:

- Liaison with the Loss Adjusters and appointment of a Structural Engineer to assess the remaining parts of the premises, and to undertake any further demolition, and arranging for all necessary temporary protection.
- Clearance of all debris from site, and arranging for all necessary temporary fencing.
- Preparation of measured survey plans, and specification, including regular meetings with the loss adjusters, and the property owners.
- Obtaining all necessary statutory approvals, including the preparation and submission of applications for Planning approval and Listed Building Consent
- Submission of the works to tender to local contractors, including preparation of a tender report, providing recommendations on the pricing as submitted.
- Preparation of all necessary Party Wall Notices as required.
- Supervision of the works through the construction process, as well as liaising regularly with the building owners, the Loss Adjusters, as well as the Statutory bodies as necessary.
- Handover of the premises back to the owners, and monitoring them through the defects period.

Alder King provided substantial support to all those involved with the reinstatement, ensuring that the project was delivered on budget, within the proposed timescales, and not least ensuring that the owners requirements and demands were suitably adhered to and managed as applicable.

We pride ourselves on our significant experience of substantial fire and flood loss, and James Jacobs has personally participated in other major fire and flood losses, including the reinstatement of several properties within Boscastle after the much publicized 2004 floods.

Below – works completed to the cottages

