

CASE STUDY

Binfield Parish Council:

The Foxes Den: Coffee - Food - Community



A Meeting Place For Local Residents

Binfield Parish Council, which was set up in the 1890's, is set in the vibrant village of Binfield, surrounded by large rural areas, within the countryside of Berkshire. The name Binfield originally derives from "Bent Grass Field", which translates from the Old English "beonet and feld".

The council have a strong community spirit. Residents tend to remain for many years and are heavily involved in local issues and organisations.

The parish council building, located within a picturesque park setting, is The Foxes' Den, a café providing both a meeting place for locals to enjoy a catchup over coffee, and various options for hiring spaces to accommodate parties, quiz nights, and other social gatherings.

KCM were originally contacted by the parish council with a view to refurbishing their existing domestic style kitchen and servery, hoping to create a more commercial setup that could better support the café's daily operations and future needs.

The staff liked their current kitchen, but they needed something more robust to cope with the day to day use. The layout was familiar and functional, but the equipment and finishes weren't designed for the demands of a busy working environment.

Upgrading to a Commercial-Grade Kitchen

KCM partnered with the local council to convert a domestic café kitchen into a fully commercial space. Initial conversations over phone and email helped shape a design that reflected the council's goals and addressed limitations such as restricted electrical capacity.

One of the main priorities was to keep the café open during the works. KCM planned the programme carefully, using a phased approach that allowed the café to continue operating with minimal disruption.

The transformation included the removal of outdated domestic units, along with the installation of new plumbing, upgraded electrics, hygienic wall cladding, and commercial-grade ventilation. To retain a warm and familiar feel, Steelplan powder-coated base units were chosen and paired with stainless steel worktops from Bridge Fabrications. All elements were installed by KCM's in-house team.

The new layout featured Lincat equipment including an induction hob, fan-assisted oven, high-speed oven, and a filtration canopy, providing flexibility for a more varied menu. The wash-up area was also upgraded with a Sammic dishwasher and a reliable grease management system to ensure ongoing compliance.

The entire project was completed in just three weeks on site. Careful coordination meant the café stayed open throughout, continuing to serve the community without interruption.

“We engaged KCM to refit our community kitchen which is used daily by the community café. At the start of the project, KCM communicated with all stakeholders and worked with us to reach the best solution to meet our needs. They adhered to the project timeline and went above and beyond to ensure that the cafe could still operate throughout the work.

The team were clean and tidy and worked diligently to minimise disruption resulting in the project being delivered on time and within budget. KCM have been a great company to work with and we would highly recommend their services.

**Cercie Rance, Parish Clerk
Binfield Parcish Council**



“It was a pleasure to be involved in this project from the initial consultation and design through to final installation. Our objective was to transition the facility from a domestic setup to a commercial-grade kitchen while carefully retaining a familiar, domestic style.

By installing powder-coated base units and high-performance Lincat equipment, we successfully upped their game. To ensure continuity, we established a temporary station, allowing the café to remain operational throughout the three-week program.

Steve Shepherd, Project Sales – KCM



About KCM

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