

The British Golf Museum, St. Andrews

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The Royal and Ancient established a museum in 1989 on a site immediately to the rear of their famous Clubhouse. The existing building was single storey with a roof mostly covered by an extension of "the Scores", an area of open grass links land between the town and the sea shore. Internally it consisted mostly of an exhibition about the history of golf, together with a shop and some offices. The Royal and Ancient approached the practice directly, having already established the principle of a first floor café with an alternative design, which had orientated itself northwards with a view to the sea in the distance, but a car-park in the foreground.

Our proposal also placed the café on the first floor but changed the orientation by ninety degrees so that the majority of the seats looked west towards the 1st tee and fairway. The building appears as a pavilion, and at the same time, the opportunity was taken to give the museum entrance façade more presence and visibility. On the ground floor the museum display has remained largely untouched, but the shop and reception have been reorganised.

The first floor café consists of 80 covers most of which are accommodated in window seats. On sunny days these can open to become outside seats as if on a balcony towards the north and south. The kitchen is located on the east elevation where there is a new terrace on "the Scores" for outside summer dining directly accessible from the kitchen.

Construction began summer 2014 and the project was completed in June 2015, in time for the British Open of 2015, where it may be seen as the backdrop to the 1st tee.

Other Details

Client Details

Architects	Bill Black, James Falconer, James Cockburn, Paul Pattinson
Structural Engineer	David Narro Associates
M&E Engineers	WSP
Quantity Surveyor	Morham & Brotchie
Client	The British Golf Museum, The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews
Size	Total 580m2, including new build and modified area of existing floor

Awards

2015 DIA - Best Commercial/Non Domestic Award
2016 Civic Trust Regional Award
2017 St Andrews Preservation Trust Pride of Place Award

Press

October 2016	The British Golf Museum Cafe	Architecture Scotland Annual 2016
9 October 2015	British Golf Museum	Premier Construction News
06 July 2015	New British Golf Museum and Cafe completes in time for The Open at the home of golf in St Andrews	e-architect
06 July 2015	British Golf Museum unveiled ahead of St Andrews Open	Urban Realm
24 June 2015	A Grand Reopening	The Scots Magazine
23 June 2015	British Golf Museum's new rooftop cafe is Open in time for international golf fans	The Courier
Winter 2014	British Golf Museum wins rooftop extension bid	Urban Realm
Winter 2014	Rooftop café approved for British Golf Museum	The Courier

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