

Whitecross Court - Plymouth

Project Reference: Lift Modernisation



Lord Mayor congratulates Temple Lifts on an excellent job

Background Every lift that Temple Lifts maintains or modernises is always important to us. Lifts are also essential for the occupants of any building, particularly when the lift is in sheltered housing, for elderly people.

So, when a failing hydraulic lift that was installed in a three-storey apartment block at Whitecross Court, Plymouth needed modernising, Temple Lifts were there to help. The 29-apartment block built in 1994, owned by Plymouth Council and managed by Westward Housing, required a full modernisation of the lift's hydraulic system and aesthetics. As with all projects of this type, our local sales engineering team undertook a full lift survey to allow us to submit a detailed tender proposal, along with our recommendations. Shortly after our submission, we were delighted to be awarded the modernisation contract for this essential lift.

The process The project involved our locally approved subcontract engineers removing the failing equipment, along with the existing lift car. We subsequently undertook the installation of a new lift car, landing entrances, car operating panel landing push buttons and indicators. We also replaced the lift controller, hydraulic pump/valve, and tank, – and to ensure all worked perfectly, we completely rewired the installation.

Our work The modernisation was undertaken in a fully occupied residential building near several of the residents' apartments, which required extra care on our part to limit noise and inconvenience to the tenants.

As we approached the commissioning and handover of the lift to Westward Housing and Plymouth Council, Mark Shayer, the Lord Mayor

of Plymouth, was invited to see our work and meet with the residents and one of the Temple Lifts subcontract engineers responsible for the lift modernisation.

To everyone's delight, the lift was formally handed over to the Council with compliments from Mark Shayer and the residents to Jim Partridge, one of the fully certified engineers who worked on the project.