



Stanbrook Abbey Hotel

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The Practice was appointed by Clarendo to provide architectural design and conservation expertise for the conversion of the Grade II Listed Stanbrook Abbey near Malvern, Worcestershire, into a hotel, wedding venue and conference facility.

As well as works of restoration and conversion the project included an extension to create a new arrival space, enlarged banqueting facilities and roof terraces that provide expansive views over the surrounding landscape.

Due to the scale of this ongoing project the work is being undertaken in several phases.

In 2017 the hotel was purchased by Hand Picked Hotels who are continuing its development.



Stanbrook Abbey - a brief history

Stanbrook Hall was purchased by the Benedictine nuns in 1835 when work began on its enlargement and adaptation to provide the basis for the abbey. In the late 1860s Edward Welby Pugin, son of the renowned Gothic architect Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin (joint architect for the Houses of Parliament) was appointed to design a new church for the abbey. The completed church with its distinctive brick and stone banding provides a distinctive landmark in the area.

During the 1870s proposals for a completely new abbey, based on E.W Pugin's plans were drawn up. The Gothic design proposed cloisters and accommodation ranges that wrapped around a large courtyard. Although the plans were never fully realised a substantive part was completed with the construction of the north and east wings.

Increasing maintenance costs and a fall in the number of nuns at the abbey led the Benedictine Community to put the Abbey up for sale and find a new home in Yorkshire. The last nun left Stanbrook in 2009.



Comment from TripAdvisor

"What an amazing place! We stayed for 2 nights and were completely blown away. Every door seems to lead to a secret or a story or another corridor to explore. I love the mix of old and new architecture, the candles in the cloisters after dark are so romantic. Definitely want to go again."