

Glycol Cold Beer

Client: JD Wetherspoon plc
Location: Scotland, N England
Value: £300,000
Timescale: 78 Units over 35 Weeks
Design Team: LBF Architects



Challenge

As JD Wetherspoon rolled out a new super chilled lager and perfect wine system across all of their 691 licensed premises, Pacific Building were commissioned to deliver installations within business critical constraints in all JD Wetherspoon premises in Scotland and several in Northern England.

The project demanded consistent outcomes in varied contexts, as each pub has its own character and circumstances: the premises may be urban or remote, modern or many years old. In each pub all lager lines were replaced with new routes, and the bars were modified accordingly to accommodate the new dispensing systems before all the disturbed areas were reinstated. As there were no records of the existing lines, Pacific Building carried out assessments in advance of works commencing. With much of the work involving installations behind walls, in ceilings or under floors, it was expected that there would be a frequent need to react to situations as they presented themselves in the course of the work when the full picture of existing installation and structures became clear. Remedial work and reinstatement needs varied, but had to be accommodated in a uniform timeframe.

Approach

The key to the approach was to avoid disruption to the vital weekend trade. Pacific Building scheduled a fast-track multi-disciplinary team to work in shift patterns from Sunday evening through to Thursday. Detailed forward planning flagged up the potentially difficult projects, and empowerment of the teams on the ground at these locations with the ability to react quickly and creatively as issues arose was crucial in delivering results within the tight timescales, with the teams sometimes working long hours to meet the deadlines, and with up to four teams on site at any one time in the course of the project.

Results

78 pubs in diverse and occasionally remote locations were successfully completed in a 35 week programme, on time and on budget - with cold beers all round to celebrate!