

Case Study

Sawyer's Arms Manchester

Client: Mitchell's & Butlers
Location: Deansgate,
Manchester
Value: £500,000
Timescale: Four weeks



Challenge

The project to upgrade the Sawyers Arms in Manchester presented two main challenges – to preserve the historic features and to keep the period of closure to an absolute minimum, due the pub's prime, city centre position and its popularity. It is reputed to be the oldest pub in Manchester, dating back to 1730, and is a listed building of unique character, revered for its external extravagance which hints at a history of mosaic, mahogany, tile and etched glass. Therefore, a sympathetic and professional approach was vital.

The Sawyer's Arms is part of the Nicholson's brand of great British pubs, reputed for their distinctive buildings, intriguing history and vibrant atmosphere and operated by pub and restaurant giants Mitchells & Butlers.

Approach

Strategic planning and communication with the clients were key as Pacific drew on their vast experience of delivering to deadline and to budget. The project was commenced on November 10, 2014, and completed on December 7, 2014, meaning a minimal loss of trade to the bar.

The project involved the removal and replacement of beer pumps, the installation of a new pizza oven, timber treatment and installation, new walls, flooring, decoration, curtains, ironmongery, screens, new seating and kitchen and washroom makeovers.

Results

The Sawyers Arms is now back to its extravagant best. Artworks are highlighted by tasteful lighting, quirky lamps and feature pendants. Throughout the pub, there are antique tiles, cut-glass mirrors, dark ornate Victorian bar counters, velvet curtains with gold tassels and Chesterfield sofas.

First-time visitors and regulars alike appreciate a traditional pub of unique character, revered for its eclectic range of real ales and its quality food.