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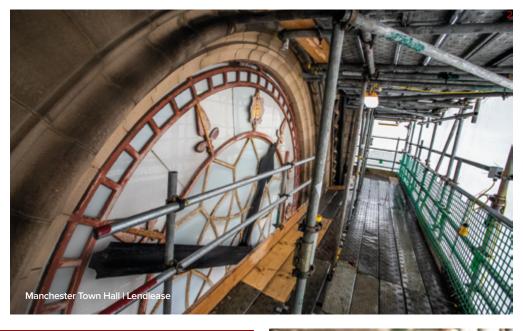


Expertise in Heritage Building Access

Scaffolding Solutions that Protect and Restore

Brand Access Solutions has been supplying bespoke, in-house designed scaffolding and access solutions to the leading heritage contractors for decades – working on some of the country's most historic buildings. Heritage is in our DNA.

All of our branches provide scaffolding, Mastclimber, and hoist services, offering a complete hybrid access solution. Covering the whole of the UK, we deliver consistent safe, efficient, and expert services wherever your project is located.



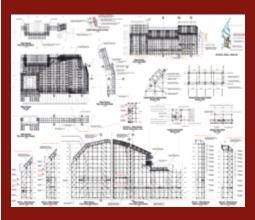
When it comes to providing scaffolding on precious, Grade 1 and Grade-2 listed historic buildings – few can claim as much experience or success as Brand Access Solutions.

Manchester Town Hall, Wentworth Woodhouse, Glasgow School of Art, the British Museum, New Register House – all safely preserved in recent years, with safe scaffolding and access provided by Brand Access Solutions.

Our teams provide tailor-made, completely bespoke, designed engineering solutions to meet our clients' needs.

Designs Brought to Life in 3D

Manchester Town Hall



Speaking about the Town Hall design process, Brand Access Solutions Design Manager, Chris Jones said: "The Revit drawings were fantastic for the temporary roof phase of the project as the client was able to see a 3D model of each temporary roof around the building which helped with amending the design to avoid potential clashes.

"Each of the Revit drawings had a QR code which enabled the client to view the 3D model of the temporary roofs, zoom in and out and spin it around to see particular areas of interest to them. It worked out really well."











Manchester Town Hall

Grade I-listed landmark

A standout example of Brand Access
Solutions' heritage scaffolding expertise is the
Manchester Town Hall restoration—featured
on this spread. This iconic project is the UK's
largest commercial scaffolding undertaking,
supporting a £347 million restoration of
Manchester's Grade I-listed Gothic landmark.

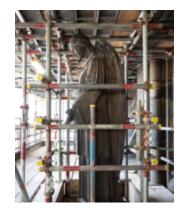
Completed in 1877, the Town Hall had never undergone full restoration—until now. The scale was immense: 140,000 roof tiles, over 30 chimneys and spires, and intricate stonework all required careful access to enable expert repair.

Brand Access Solutions delivered more than 200 scaffold structures, totaling approximately 3,700 tonnes. These included independents, birdcages, beam sections, staircases, chimney scaffolds, 10,000m² of temporary roofing, and 22,000m² of access platforms. Multiple combined staircases reached a total vertical height of 450 metres, all erected by a team of 50+ scaffolders—including 12 locally trained apprentices, adding social value to the project.

Due to the building's listed status, scaffold designs were carefully developed to avoid physical contact with the historic structure wherever possible. Contracts Manager Craig Parry explains:

"Normally we'd use transoms for strength, but on a heritage site like this, that's not allowed. Each tie-in had to be precisely located and submitted for English Heritage approval—an incredibly detailed process for a project of this scale."

Overcoming such challenges is where Brand Access Solutions excels. With one of the most experienced design teams in the industry, a rigorous approach to safety, and robust logistics, we deliver the complete heritage access solution—with precision, care, and professionalism.







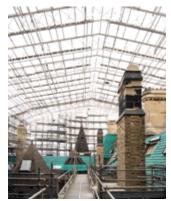














Precision Protection for Prestigious Projects

Temporary Roofs

Weather protection is a critical element of any restoration project—and our clients expect innovative, high-performance, and bespoke solutions, especially on heritage sites. Brand Access Solutions leads the market in delivering advanced, tailored weather protection systems that safeguard works and ensure productivity in even the most challenging environments.

Prestigious building refurbishments demand equally high-calibre weather protection—something Brand Access Solutions has delivered for decades.

Our bespoke temporary roofing systems are designed for speed, safety, and minimal impact on heritage structures. Each solution is engineered in-house to suit the specific requirements of the project, ensuring a dry, well-lit, and safe working environment that integrates seamlessly with ongoing restoration works.

We engage early in the design process to develop weather protection systems that are convenient to use, easy to maintain and tailored for efficiency. Our modular roofs span up to 40m and can be assembled in situ or craned into position—minimising working at height.

Whether covering an entire structure, a roof, or a specific work zone, Brand Access Solutions provides flexible, high-performance protection. Sections can be removed mid-project to allow crane access and the installation of specialist equipment—making our systems ideal for complex heritage restorations.

When it comes to safeguarding productivity against the British weather, Brand Access Solutions has it covered.



Every Brand Access Solutions temporary roof is designed with practical foresight—from lower profiles to withstand wind, to custom drainage and snow management plans. We even ensure contractors can easily open sections for deliveries. It's all engineered to work seamlessly, so your teams can stay focused on the job.









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Securing the Longest Façade

Scaffolding Expertise for Wentworth Woodhouse's Complex Restoration

Early collaboration with clients is key to understanding the unique requirements of prestigious and sensitive buildings. Our engineering and access teams work closely with stakeholders to capture every detail, ensuring tailored solutions that support programme efficiency and project success.

Wentworth Woodhouse near Rotherham is the largest private home in the UK and the country house with the longest façade of any in Europe – at 606 feet (185m) in length – providing a sizeable challenge for Brand Access Solutions scaffolding, design and temporary roofing teams.

But, thanks to superior advance planning, it took just 12 weeks to fully install the 30m tall scaffolding, which included almost 300 stairs two of which were for public use. The public were invited to 'rooftop tours' by the Wentworth Woodhouse team... such was the faith in our work at height knowledge and scaffolding.

Speaking about the project to the local press, Tom Woodhead from Woodhead Group said: "This project required an exceptional collaborative approach with our scaffolding sub-contractors, Brand Access Solutions, architects Donald Insall Associates and consultants to design and install such a complex scaffold system."

Protection of the public and the contractors was of paramount importance, as were the bespoke designs for accessing and protecting many of the country house's unique, fine historical architectural pieces.

Jonathan O'Connor, Regional Manager for Brand Access Solutions added: "We've been operating across the UK for 100 years and are familiar with creating tailored access solutions for all sorts of buildings and applications, including some of the UK's most loved historical buildings, like Wentworth. Our team worked in collaboration with the client to progress the scheme smoothly and safely to ultimately allow Wentworth Woodhouse to continue to welcome visitors safely for decades."













Amy Stamford, Woodhead Group Quantity Surveyor said: "Brand acccess solutions have been a great asset to the team at Wentworth, from their early involvement to the day-to-day work on site, the relationship has always been excellent. The project at Wentworth Woodhouse has been challenging and brand access solutions have consistently gone above and beyond to support Woodhead Group as the main contractor. From a quality perspective, their work has always been of exemplary standard and we would not hesitate to work with them again."

Many other scaffolding challenges were met on site. With Wentworth being Grade 1 listed, the scaffolding could not be attached to the building like on other projects — so the structure was secured with anchors, which were drilled to the ground and were designed to splay out to prevent the scaffolding from lifting off the floor in heavy winds. And, due to the size and weight of the scaffolding structure, heavy duty fittings were utilised throughout. Bespoke scaffold frames were constructed around the building's many 600kg historic urns.

Brand Access Solutions Commercial Vice President said: "This is exactly the sort of high quality, complex project that showcases what our nationwide, highly skilled, professional and growing business consistently provides for top clients and main contractors on iconic structures – safely, efficiently and cost-effectively."



Massive in Scale, Precise in Execution

Wentworth Woodhouse came with some remarkable statistics. Standing at 30 metres tall, the scaffolding was the height of six double-decker buses. The temporary roof spanned 1,500m²—roughly the size of six tennis courts—and required around 700 tonnes and 50,000 metres of scaffolding tube.

Laid end to end, that's the equivalent of scaling Mount Everest more than five times. And impressively, the entire structure was delivered with an average team of just 10 Brand Access Solutions operatives on site.

"We developed a bespoke access solution to meet every aspect of the client's brief," said Jonathan O'Connor, Regional Manager. "It was an honour to work on such an iconic heritage building—and the project was recognised with praise from the NASC, even making the cover of their Yearbook







From Ashes to Art

Brand Access Solutions: A Long-Term Commitment to Glasgow's Landmark

Following two devastating fires in 2014 and 2018, Brand Access Solutions have played a key role in the restoration of the iconic Mackintosh Building at the Glasgow School of Art.

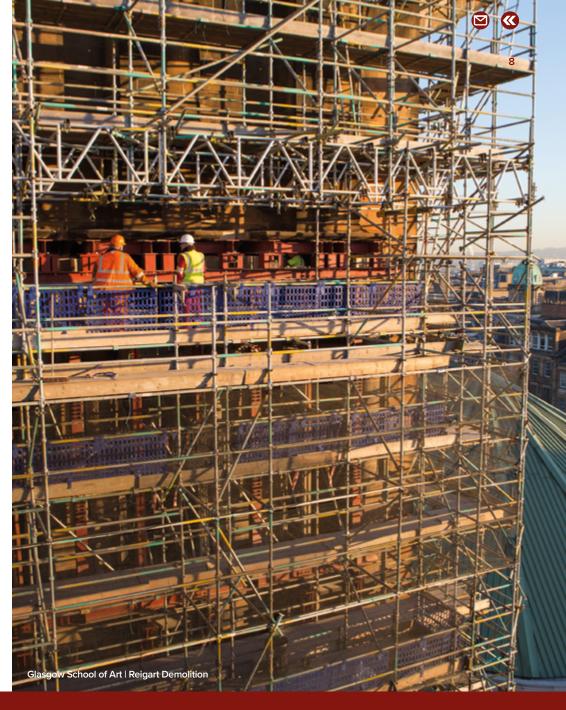
Initially appointed as Principal Contractor in 2014, Brand Access Solutions delivered bespoke scaffolding, a temporary roof, and façade retention to stabilise the West Wing after the first fire. During this phase, works were carried out by three squads of 2–3 scaffolders. Tragically, a second, more destructive fire in 2018 decimated the entire structure. In response, a 25-strong team was rapidly deployed to install urgent façade retention systems, preventing collapse and securing the building. Once stabilised, operations returned to the smaller squads to progress restoration work.

Throughout both phases, Brand Access Solutions provided custom-designed access and scaffolding solutions tailored to the site's evolving and highly complex needs. The team continues to support the project as a subcontractor to several main contractors, with over 775 tonnes of scaffolding on-site at any one time, enabling safe and efficient restoration.

Restoration is expected to be completed around 2032. If achieved, this will mark one of the longest-running contracts in Brand Access Solutions' history—spanning 18 years. The Mackintosh Building, one of the world's most celebrated architectural landmarks, will rise once more with support from Brand Access Solutions' expertise and dedication.

Stuart Dougall, Regional Manager, commented:

"This has been a real team effort on a project that's drawn significant public and media attention. We're proud to have delivered a mix of bespoke and traditional scaffolding and access solutions throughout and are excited to continue working on this iconic restoration."







NASC Award-Winning Access Solutions

New Register House, Edinburgh

Brand Access Solutions is proud to be delivering a flagship scaffolding and temporary roofing project at the Grade-A listed New Register House — a neoclassical landmark on Princes Street in Edinburgh, and home to the National Records of Scotland.

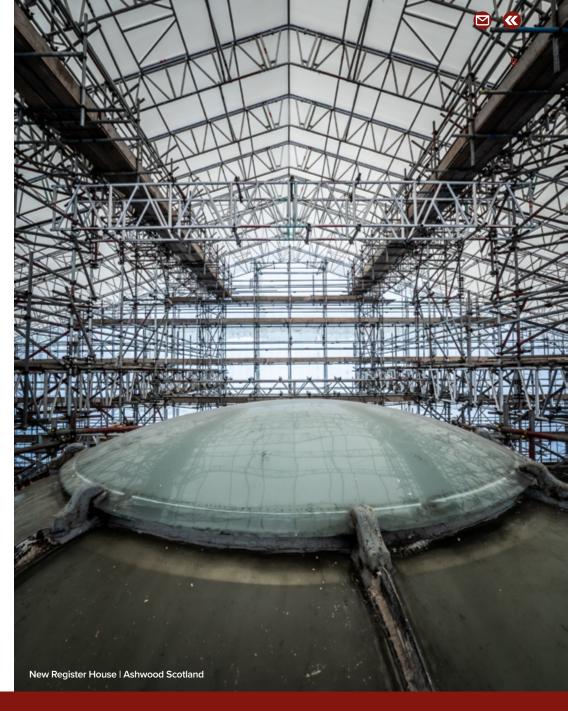
Appointed as Principal Contractor in 2021, we were tasked with designing and delivering a bespoke, tie-free access solution to support vital preservation works. This complex, large-scale project began in June 2023 and is scheduled to continue through to September 2025.

Working from our Edinburgh branch, we provided full façade scaffolding using tube and fitting, internal crash decks and birdcages, and a Dessa D78 temporary roofing system covering 2,000 square metres. All scaffolding and access structures were designed inhouse with engineering support from the BrandSafway division in the Netherlands.

The scaffold perimeter measured 168 metres, rising up to 34 metres in height. A 44-metre roof span was supported by a 38-metre double spine beam, transferring loads onto the building's gutter level and reinforced dome. Eight major support towers were engineered to handle downward loads of up to 5,800 kilograms and uplift forces of up to 3,700 kilograms each — a total of over 46,000 kilograms of downward force managed with precision and care.

More than 30 kilometres of scaffold tube and 2,500 couplers were used, all installed without any physical ties to the historic structure. A custom system was also developed to safely strengthen the internal dome to carry the required loads.

The project has been recognised with a NASC Award for a large-scale project, and was a finalist in the Design category, praised for its innovation, coordination, and exemplary safety standards.



Hybrid Access at Cambridge University

Brand Access Solutions delivered an innovative hybrid access solution for the refurbishment and re-roofing of the Sidgwick College Lecture Theatres at the prestigious Cambridge University.

Working in close collaboration with main contractor SDC Builders Ltd, our engineering team designed and installed an external Cuplok access scaffold and temporary roofing system to support the extensive renovation works.

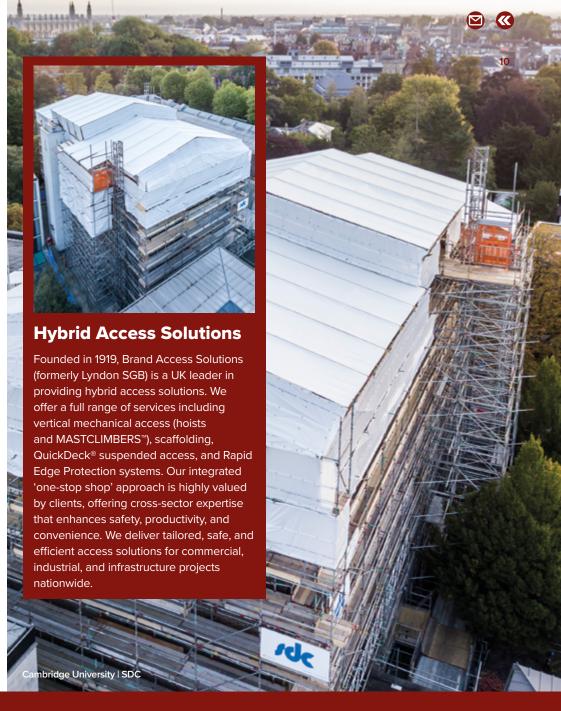
To meet a demanding six-week installation schedule, up to 14 scaffolders were deployed on site. Brand Access Solutions provided expert installation of two hoists, ensuring efficient vertical access for both goods and passengers to the roof levels.

Brand Access Solutions Regional Manager, Mark Regan, commented:

"This has been another outstanding example of our ability to deliver a fully integrated, in-house hybrid access solution—combining scaffolding with mechanical vertical access to meet the client's specific needs. Despite challenges such as underground services and working in a live university environment, the team delivered safely, efficiently, and on time to ensure the project stayed on schedule for Christmas completion."

Steven Yanusauskas, Site Manager for SDC, added:

"Designed and installed in record time to meet the client's expectations, we successfully appointed, planned, and delivered a significant volume of work within a very tight timeframe."









Jenners, Edinburgh

Scaffolding and Temporary Works for a Historic Landmark

Brand Access Solutions is delivering complex scaffolding and access works on the sensitive restoration of Jenners—one of Scotland's most iconic heritage buildings. Located on Princes Street in Edinburgh, this Category A-listed structure dates back to 1838 and is undergoing a major redevelopment to create high-end retail, hospitality, and leisure spaces while carefully preserving its original Victorian character.

Working in partnership with GRAHAM Construction, our team was appointed to design and install internal and external scaffold solutions across all areas of the building. These works are essential to the restoration of original features and the safe delivery of construction across ten floors and over 17,500 square metres of floor space.

This long-term project began in July 2024 and is set to continue through to June 2027. The site features a 36-metre-high scaffold with 18 lift levels and over 25 skilled operatives working on-site. The structures include gantries, birdcages, propping, cantilever scaffolds, banner frames, and a range of other bespoke systems—each engineered in-house to meet the exacting requirements of the site.

Stuart Dougall, Regional Manager, commented:

"Heritage restoration is a core strength of Brand Access Solutions. Jenners presents a unique set of challenges, but our design-led approach and experienced team have delivered outstanding results. We're proud to be contributing to the future of this landmark building."







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As one strong team, we support our customers:

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- > **Hünnebeck** stands for safe and highly efficient formwork, scaffolding and safety technology.

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