

A selection of moveable walls at the Mountsorrel Memorial Centre



In December 2016 work was commissioned by Mountsorrel War Memorials Trust and Mountsorrel Parish Council to construct a new multi-purpose facility following the demolition of the former Memorial Hall. The new Memorial Centre building includes a theatre, a café space, two shops and a crèche as well as a music and arts performance / practice room and meeting and conference rooms.

Working with Franklin Ellis architects and contractor, Stepnell, Style was specified to install three separate moveable walls in different parts of the building.

In the main hall, a 6 metre high fully automatic DORMA Variflex moveable wall was installed in front of the stage. This seals it off when not in use but creates a dramatic opening to shows, with the panels moving at the push of a button to reveal lighting, smoke machines and performers on stage.

In the foyer, a toughened glass DORMA Varitrans moveable wall allows the café to be either closed off or made part of the open plan space; the glass wall enabling the café to be visible when closed, giving a sense of space and light in the lobby.

Upstairs in the meeting room, another Variflex moveable wall enables Mountsorrel staff to offer a large meeting and training room, or hire out two smaller individual rooms.

"This is a great example of how we can offer different moveable wall solutions for different purposes, and where we can offer sound advice," said Mike Fine, Style's director for the Midlands.

"During the design stages the six metre wall was going to be manual, however we had concerns that this was a very tall wall to handle manually and drew to the client's attention the possibility of making it fully automatic. Acknowledging that this was a better solution, the fully automated version agreed.

"It also demonstrates the breadth and range of our product offering, catering for all room types and budgets, from fully automatic systems, semi-automatic and manual ones. By offering flexible space to venues like Mountsorrel, we can help them maximise revenue by changing the room space to cater for different functions and events."

To protect the longevity, and acoustic integrity, of all moveable walls. Style recommends its aftercare and servicing package, with routine, scheduled servicing from its national team.

