

## HIGHCLIFFE CASTLE

### Brief Description

Highcliffe Castle is one of the most important houses of the Romantic and Picturesque style of architecture from the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century/ beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Its significance is recognised nationally by its Grade 1 status. The magnificent building, once lavishly furnished in the 18th century French style, remained a family home until the 1950s. In the late 1960s two fires rendered the building derelict. In 1977, to prevent further deterioration, Christchurch Borough Council purchased it.

The Castle's exterior was renovated in the 1990s, jointly funded by Christchurch Borough Council, English Heritage and the Heritage Lottery Fund. In 2008 a further £1.2 Million programme of repair was completed to enable public access to the State Dining Room, Butler's Pantry and East Tower.

Christchurch Borough Council has set the wheels in motion to achieve the next phase of the Castle's repair programme, with the help of funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund [HLF]. This aim of this project is to repair the East Wing and create a new public Heritage Centre with climate controlled exhibition space.



### Professional Services

Martin Thomas Associates are appointed to undertake all the Mechanical and Electrical Consultancy Work.

We were appointed for the Mechanical and Electrical input in 2007 and are now to be involved in the new project.

### Project Details

Location: Highcliffe, Dorset  
Client: Christchurch Borough Council  
Value: Various Projects up to £5.0m  
Dates: 2007 and Present