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# The Langley Castle Newsletter



Dr & Mrs Madnick are delighted in taking Langley Castle to the next stage of its prestigious history.

Since purchasing the Castle in 1986 Dr Madnick has striven to improve the fabric of the building, both inside and out.



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## *Dear Friends*

We at Langley Castle Hotel are passionate about improving the Castle and services we have to offer.

We have mentioned the extension of CastleView on few occasions and after many years in the planning we are now proud to showcase eight new guest bedrooms.

In this special edition of the Langley Castle newsletter we would like to tell you the story of the build.

Regards



Anton Phillips, General Manager

## *From the start*

The original concept of CastleView came from a derelict out-building set 80 meters from the Castle (Pictured below) with potential for conversion.



Planning consent was given in 1994 to convert the building into eight new guest rooms/suites and a small conference room.

Right from its conception, it was our vision to continue the extension. This has now been achieved and represents an investment of over 1 million pounds.



## *In keeping*

After the work was complete on CastleView II in June, the main comment from customers is how the building looked like it had been there for many years.

Langley Castle and surrounding grounds are grade 1 listed. English Heritage worked closely with our architects to ensure the building was in keeping and to blend into the original CastleView conversion.

Many traditional skills and crafts were used throughout the build, including lime based mortars techniques that have not been used for 100 years.

When the fencing that was around the site eventually came down in June the transformation was incredible. Now was the turn of the interior designers to add the 'wow' factor to the rooms.



(Overleaf you will find a calendar of events during the build with some of the completed furnished rooms)

# Calendar of events for CastleView II Build October 08-June 09



The excavators moved in on October 2nd 2008, with a close eye kept by an independent archaeologist.



With the basement complete, work begins on the ground floor.  
December 2008



By January 2009 the build was up to the first floor and steel supports were manoeuvred into place.



The snow came in February, but the British weather would not stop the building work.



The roof beams were positioned ready for the joiners to work on the beams.



The shape of the building becomes apparent once the roof beams are fixed by the joiners.



With the roof tiles on, the building is almost water-tight and work inside the building can continue.



The scaffolding comes down in April and we have the first chance to see the building in all it's glory.



View of CastleView I & II taken from the roof of the Castle when the fencing was removed. May 2008.



Interiors of two of the ground floor rooms. Each room has been designed with couture fabrics and wall coverings. Much of the furniture has been hand made by our interior designers from Hexham, Compleat Interiors.



An interior of one of the bathrooms. Marble work surfaces and additional lighting finish the room.



All of the upper rooms have been designed with zip-link beds, the rooms would normally be set as doubles but may be changed into twin bedded rooms.



An exterior shot taken through the landscaped gardens. CastleView II was open for business June 11th 2009