

### Description

- ◆ The Elms was built in 1900 and has served the community in a number of ways including a labour exchange and a hostel. It was acquired, along with its land in 2009 by Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change (CN4C) and Coastline Housing
- ◆ The building was designed to offer a point of reference to the community with the ground floor space with meeting rooms, atrium café and wet arts room and provision of flexible desk space for 'social enterprises' to assist in achieving the clients model of providing high quality and accessible services right in the heart of the community
- ◆ The meeting rooms were purpose built to offer facilities for space for meetings, ceramics workshops, teaching and learning and were provided with interactive whiteboards and projectors and included kitchenette facility.



### Involvement

- ◆ SDS undertook the performance and detailed design of the full refurbishment of the hub building to create a 4-storey 2,000m<sup>2</sup> Community and Social Enterprise Hub for Cornwall situated in the centre of Redruth.

### Benefits Delivered

- ◆ SDS were active participants in design team meetings and sustainability, accessibility, BREEAM, value and risk workshops and assisted in establishing the brief, and communicate the finally agreed solutions in a clear and coherent manner within a detailed set of tender documents for Constructor implementation. Throughout the project we were in dialogue with the Client to gain understanding of their value drivers and site requirements and assisted the Client in establishing their brief
- ◆ We provided proactive engagement at design team meetings, and design workshops.



*The Elms is a voluntary community and social enterprise hub for Cornwall, situated in the centre of Redruth*