



**Hambleside Danelaw Ltd**  
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### **Dryseal provides intricate solution to World Heritage Site project**

Hambleside Danelaw's Dryseal component based GRP roofing system now features on a newly restored Victorian castle that forms the gateway to a World Heritage Site in Dorset.

The grade 2 listed Durlston Castle has just received a £5.5 million facelift helped by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The architects and the lead contractors, Greendale Construction, chose Dryseal for its robust quality, compatibility with differing substrates and the ease with which intricate detailing can be formed on site. For these reasons, and because it offers an effective lead and copper alternative, Dryseal is increasingly specified for use on heritage buildings.

Hi-Tec Roof Systems, a long-standing approved installer of Dryseal across the South of England, achieved first class results with the system by forming the required detailing around the masonry abutments, on the stairways, including a spiral staircase, fall arrest system posts and achieving continuity between the roof covering and the lining of an unusual internal rainwater gutter with sundry discharge chutes.

Hi-Tec's managing director Steve Mulcock commented:

"We have been using Dryseal for some 17 years and have never experienced a failure. We are so confident in the way that the Dryseal system deals with all of the traditionally difficult roof penetration and interface problems that we use the product whenever we have a job that requires intricacy, toughness and aesthetic appeal. We especially favour the heritage system with decorative rolls installed, to enhance the product's appearance and to imitate lead. In the case of Durlston Castle, the Dryseal interacts with lead flashings and original stonework to create a seamless, waterproof finish."

Andy Fell, Dryseal manager at Hambleside Danelaw, added:

"The Durlston Castle project and a recent installation on a grade 1 listed church in Bromsgrove to replace stolen lead show that specifiers like the detailed replication of appearance that Dryseal provides for heritage projects.

"Modern and versatile GRP material offers an excellent service life, strength and eventual recyclability. In comparison with other GRP systems, Dryseal is precisely manufactured under very controlled conditions to ensure a consistently high quality performance. Dryseal as a sophisticatedly manufactured and pre-cured GRP roofing system is consigning to history the 'bucket and brush' approach so often associated with GRP."

Depending upon the installation, Dryseal is covered by an independent insurance backed guarantee of up to 25 years and can only be installed by Hambleside Danelaw's approved contractors.

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#### **Notes to editors**

##### **1. More about the Durlston Castle project**

Durlston Castle near Swanage in Dorset has been transformed over the last 18 months into an attractive visitor centre and gateway to the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site. Previously neglected for several decades, the building suffered badly from dry and wet rot, rust and damp. The girders were rusting and water was pouring through the roof in places.

The approved Dryseal contractor gave consideration to the provision of movement between the original and new construction of the project. These details, once formed 'in-situ' with glass fibre matting, tissue, resin and top coat, constitute versatile, robust and durable seals with long life expectancy and are unique. All Dryseal areas have now been finished with timber decking on the stairs and terraces and with stone ballast on the roofs. More about the project can be read here: <http://www.durlston.co.uk/index.php?id=57>.

##### **2. About Hambleside Danelaw**

Multiple sustainability and innovation award winner Hambleside Danelaw Ltd manufactures low carbon Glass Reinforced Polyester (GRP) roofing products in Daventry and Inverness. The British company's product range includes Dryseal roofing system for flat and low pitched roofs; Insulator and Contour rooflights and wall lights; and Danelaw flashings, roof and wall ventilation products. Its Dry Fix or mortarless solution to roofing and ventilation is increasingly seen as the future of the roofing industry. Accredited with ISO 14001 and ISO 9001 and members of Planet Positive, Hambleside Danelaw invests heavily in sustainability and many of its products feature recycled materials in their construction. More information is available at: [www.hambleside-danelaw.co.uk](http://www.hambleside-danelaw.co.uk).