

As a student surveyor for a design & build company in the hospitality sector the most inspiring element is seeing a derelict space intended for one particular use evolve into an enjoyable and eye-catching environment. The process of a space evolving is often slow, labour intensive and expensive however it allows a space to become useful and profitable once again.



A derelict barn used for the storage of stock was to the untrained eye a dead space with potential for storage and nothing more. However, with a wave of creativity and a splash of money, a lavish and most of all, useful space was to be created. Within an hour of the site being occupied it started to evolve. (Grape & Grain Arkell's)



Original features were uncovered which would soon develop into eccentric design elements, including an original air raid siren. Uncovered and protected, it was to become a focal point of the new brewery meeting room.

'I am inspired by the way a building designed and built for one function can be transformed into a building to undertake a completely different function'



It can almost be seen as a building being reborn into a new life. Even more inspiring is the fact that one building, thanks to changing trends and a heap of inventiveness, can evolve an infinite number of times throughout its life span.

Just take the BBC Television centre that has recently evolved into a huge residential complex that makes the most of the buildings wealth of history. This is a fantastic example of how a building can evolve completely changing the use of a building without losing it's heritage.

