

Project:

Wickes Store

Client: Wickes Group Ltd

Principal Contractor: Hurst

Location: Trinity Street, Bolton

Programme: 10 weeks

Sector: Retail



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Brief

As part of their continued investment in their retail portfolio, Wickes opened a new store on Trinity Street in Bolton. They required a modern, customer-focused design that reflected their distinctive service model. Hurst was appointed as principal contractor to transform the former Decathlon store into a state-of-the-art retail space with upgraded staff facilities.

The 10-week project involved a full mechanical and electrical upgrade, including new heating and cooling systems, complete rewiring, and energy-efficient LED lighting.

Result

Hurst successfully transformed the outdated Decathlon unit into a modern Wickes flagship store in just 10 weeks, delivering the project on time, within budget, and to Wickes' high standards.

The new store features updated paint displays, a colour matching service, stylish tiling and flooring, and dedicated areas for Click & Collect, Park and Collect, and smart fulfilment. Refurbished staff facilities, racking, and outdoor areas also enhance the working environment.

Hurst's efficient management and attention to detail have made the Bolton store a standout destination for home improvement.

Scope of Works

- » Turnkey delivery from design to handover
- » Full M&E upgrade with new heating, cooling, and lighting
- » Installation of 20 kitchens and 8 bathrooms
- » Tiling and flooring by Hurst's in-house team
- » New shop front, curtain walling, and auto door
- » Removal of old canopy and dock leveller
- » Refurbishment of staff areas, racking, and outdoor zones
- » Cladding respray and car park improvements
- » Fit-out of Click & Collect, Park and Collect, and retail displays





Challenges

- » Tight timeframe: The 10-week project had to meet Wickes' high standards with handover two weeks before store opening.
- » Showroom installation: Included a new 4m x 4.5m shop front, curtain walling, and auto sliding door—requiring close coordination with structural engineers and fabricators.
- » Pre-works: Removal of the old high-level canopy required specialist equipment and strict adherence to health and safety protocols.
- » Delivery coordination: Coordination of deliveries on a live site between Hurst's own team, sub-contractors and Wickes products had to be meticulous managed, particularly in the final stages when products were being shelved.
- » Staff & high-level works: Oversight over 40 personnel, ensuring safe and efficient high-level construction throughout.

Solution

Hurst delivered a full turnkey solution, managing everything from design and planning to fit-out and final handover. This included assembling a specialist team and coordinating with the client's direct contractors to ensure smooth delivery.

The works involved the installation of 20 standard and bespoke kitchens, eight full bathroom displays, and tiling throughout, completed by Hurst's in-house division. Additional works included refurbishment of the external product area, staff amenities, racking, camping display, and rear yard. Hurst also oversaw a full cladding respray with specialist contractor Tor-paint, removal of a lorry dock leveller, and external improvements such as car park upgrades and new floor markings.





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