

THURSFORD CASTLE, NORFOLK MARLEY ALUTEC



Marley Alutec's Evoke eaves solutions and Evolve rainwater ranges have perfectly complemented the uniquely modern character of a stunning residential project, Thursford Castle, which incorporates the ruins of a 19th century chapel.

Derelict since the 1930s, the 180-year-old chapel is now the focal point of the Great Snoring-based development, with the ruined walls forming the entrance courtyard to a single storey, contemporary-designed home.

Venturemark Property Investments worked with LSI Architects to create the clever design. The five-bedroomed home is almost anonymously arranged behind a tall garden wall, with the fenestration and roofline products carefully considered to achieve minimal visual impact, to reinforce the wall's solid character.

Marley Alutec's Evoke composite aluminium coping system was used around the perimeter of the new build's flat roof, with the product's discreet lines in keeping with the project's architectural expression.

At less than ten miles from the coast, Thursford Castle also required materials able to withstand the harsh elements. With a weathertight butyl adhesive seal, the Evoke coping system will maintain a 100% weathertight seal throughout its 50-year life expectancy and outlast any EPDM compression seals normally used. The system is also BRE tested to withstand hurricane force winds of up to 176MPH. Its Nano self-cleaning paint finish also keeps maintenance costs to a minimum.



Also specified for the build was Alutec's Evolve Deepflow rainwater system, including the Flushfit downpipe in 76mm. Ideal for larger properties such as this 340 square metres home, the system has a flow rate of up to 4.9 l/s and 232m2 per downpipe. Manufactured from marine grade aluminium, it is highly corrosion resistant and will never need re-painting.

After comparing Marley Alutec's products with a zinc-capped guttering system, Mark Hickling, proprietor at Venturemark, specified the Alutec products in a 7021 Granite Grey finish throughout, as they were able to achieve a similar aesthetic, yet offered superior durability.



Mark said, "I was not only impressed by the quality of Marley Alutec's products, the customer service was also fantastic. The team's enthusiasm and passion for this unique project really shone through and they were supportive from the initial site visit, right through to completion.

"I had some queries around outlet suitability and the coping system's installation - the team was always on hand to offer advice and had the technical expertise to overcome any issues.

"I've installed plenty of rainwater and coping systems before and found these were simple to fit. I'm delighted with the end result, and I'd definitely use Marley Alutec products again in future."

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