

Media Information

REUBEN'S RETREAT RAISES THE ROOF (AND INSTALLS IT TOO!)

Reuben's Retreat is delighted to announce that they have completed the 3rd phase of their epic building project - the roof! The fundraising for the extensive roof was one of the most crucial phases of the project in order to make the building safe, warm and watertight.

The North West based charity has been staggered by the sheer speed of the fundraising effort which has enabled them to carry out works totalling £210,000. As always, Reuben's Retreat has relied heavily on local businesses who have been instrumental in not only installing the roof but remaining as close to its heritage as possible. More importantly they have worked alongside the charity to keep costs right down and deliver within 15 weeks.

Renowned firm LJ Roofing carried out the works supported by the amazing team at Carter Scaffolding. The finishings including pointing and painting were carried out by experts Weatherpoint and Delaney's respectively. Thanks are also due to International Timber who provided beneficial rates for the all-important roof battens.

A phenomenal 60% of the roof tiles have been restored from the original tiles and many of the broken slates, which date back to 1889, have now been placed at Reuben's resting place, linking the project to the inspiration behind the charity, Reuben Michael Graham who passed away in 2012 aged just 23 months.

Reuben's Retreat was set up by parents Nicola and Mike Graham following the sad loss of their youngest son Reuben. The family were determined that his death would not be in vain and wanted to help other families who had lost a child, or who have a child with life-threatening or life-limiting illnesses, by creating a place of solace and comfort as well as happiness. Based in Glossop, Reuben's Retreat will be somewhere families can relax, recharge, remember and start to rebuild their lives.

Nicola Graham, Founder of Reuben's Retreat and Reuben's Mummy comments:

'We are eternally grateful to the companies and kind hearts that have been involved in this project from start to finish. Each and every one of the suppliers have been both efficient and wholly supportive of our charity and its inspiration.'

Indeed, at the Reuben's Retreat Annual Ball in Summer, guests were invited to inscribe their own slate with a personal message in memory of Reuben and in support of Reuben's Retreat.

Nicola was given the honour of laying the first roof tile inscribed by her family and continues:

'We are overwhelmed with the number of tiles inscribed with a personal message. Our roof truly reflects everything we are trying to achieve through hard work, dedication and love. Both Reuben's name and his brother Isaac's were also inscribed in the roof battens near his tile and we are pleased that their names will live on for many years to come at the heart of our Retreat.'

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