

Capital projects

AND ESTATES DEVELOPMENTS 2002/3

DURING 2002/03, MAJOR PROJECTS TOTALLING OVER £36M CAME TO A SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION. THEY INCLUDED:

Dorothy Hodgkin Building. This £18m project to provide a new centre for Neuroendocrinology was completed in July 2003. It houses several major research teams who will move from various parts of the estate.

South Block Chemistry refurbishment. This major internal and external refurbishment, costing £4.7m, was completed in November 2002. It provided important facilities for the research teams in Chemistry, in particular for the housing of laser and mass spectroscopy equipment.

Earth Sciences' new facilities. A two-storey extension to the Earth Sciences laboratories, Inner Court, was completed in February 2003. The project comprised a £1.4m building project and £2m of specialist equipment.

Churchill Building laboratories. Completed in June 2003, this £1.3m refurbishment of the laboratories in the Churchill Building has provided new facilities for the study of infectious diseases in animals.

ALSPAC facilities. With the purchase of the former Children's Hospital site for £3.4m came the opportunity to create a new centre for ALSPAC. A sampling laboratory was created and the former Outpatients Building was adapted to provide space for the ASLPAC study team.

Joint boilerhouse decentralisation. Although not externally visible, this £2.8m project to disconnect the University from the main UBHT steam plant was completed in time for the heating season in October 2002. Cost savings of over £400,000 per annum should be achievable.

Student accommodation at Chantry Court. A management contract was put in place for the provision of 224 study bedrooms in the former Gaunt's House in Denmark Street. This scheme will provide much-needed accommodation for postgraduate students.

SEVERAL PROJECTS ARE STILL ONGOING, INCLUDING:

Long Ashton. Planning consent for development of the former Institute of Arable Crops Research site at Long Ashton was secured in December. Final details are being completed which will lead to the sale of the site for development by December 2003.

SRIF(2) Programme. The Sciences Research Infrastructure Fund, round 2, was announced during the session. Bristol's share of this fund will be £28m and planning work is now under way to bring several more projects to fruition.

Capital allocation, round 3. A further capital fund from HEFCE, worth £6.9m, was announced in June and earmarked for disability needs, teaching infrastructure and scientific laboratories.



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The Centre for Sport, Exercise and Health

This new £5m building, next to Senate House (shown under construction, top, and completed, above), replaced the facility at the end of Woodland Road. Its presence in the heart of the precinct has brought a very lively feel to the Tyndall Avenue area.