

Charlestown dock head

project	Charlestown Harbour dock head building
location	Charlestown, Cornwall
client	Square Sail Shipyard Ltd (Robin Davies)
dates	1998-present. Awaiting funding. Planning and Listed Buildings Approval received
cost	£1million (approximate)
area	810m ² (internal) + dry dock



English Heritage approved this insertion into a harbour which is entirely Grade-II* Listed, and the only unspoilt Georgian port in the British Isles. It was finally agreed that the preservation of the way of life of the village and its traditional trades (sailmaker, shipwright, rope maker, blacksmith, joiner) was more important than preserving only the 'look' of the village.

The proposed building contains a workshop, sail loft and visitors' centre related to a proposed dry dock at the head of the existing listed Georgian harbour. It sets out to be a 'real' place - a working part of the port. It will be entered from the upper level roadway, but most of the building will be below road level. It will be built in traditional heavy timber, weatherboarding and slate.

