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### Bristol City Council

**Project:**

**Public access space CCTV scheme**

**Client:**

**Bristol City Council**

**Value:**

**£130,000**

**Overview:**

The Bedminster area, to the south of Bristol city centre, is becoming an ever more fashionable shopping and recreational destination for people across the region. Despite suffering badly from bombing during the war and partially stagnating since then, more recent regeneration works have resulted in a cultural renaissance – the area now has a theatre, bar district and many new shops and services to entice visitors.

The council wished to ensure the lasting appeal of the area by creating a safe and reassuring environment for those taking advantage of the new social facilities, while maintaining public order and deterring crime. CDS was appointed to design and install a CCTV camera system to meet these targets.

**Project description**

The innovative CCTV system that CDS designed and installed comprised both analogue and digital technologies to great effect. By utilising existing and cheaper analogue cameras with digital video software codecs, CDS was able to offer a solution which offered the functionality of a digital system (with compressed data recording as opposed to cassette recording, instant time-coded video recall, instant camera control, simple timeline navigation and the possibility of remote IP viewing) while saving on cost and adding time-and-labour-saving convenience for the client.

The project involved the construction of rigid camera-holding towers around Bedminster; and a new control room was developed from scratch to include a CCTV matrix system – fully integrated into the city’s main network matrix – featuring a high-tech graphical user touch-screen interface.

Digital recording devices for the new Bedminster network were incorporated and integrated into Bristol City Council’s main existing CCTV system, and CDS also delivered a 12-month maintenance contract following provision of the system.