

# National Trust – Lanhydrock House case study

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## Project Overview

Lanhydrock House in Bodmin, Cornwall, is a period property set on vast grounds covering almost 900 acres, with some parts of the Grade-I-listed building dating back to the 1620's. The dangers of fire are by no means unknown in the house's history. In 1881, a fire started in the kitchen chimney and was spread by high winds, destroying many of the house's Jacobean features. Later it was refurbished in high Victorian style, with a number of fire safety precautions introduced that still survive today.

The National Trust has managed the house since 1953 and is responsible for preserving this valuable property and its rich history, including the priceless Jacobean ceiling in the Long Gallery of the north wing, which survived the 1881 fire.

## Customer Needs

- Comprehensive fire detection system within the house and other property on the grounds
- Reputable supplier who would respect the premises

## Solution & Benefits

The National Trust recently implemented extensive fire safety works and turned to Chubb to upgrade its detection technology and supply a reliable and effective fire alarm system.

Chubb has installed detectors throughout the property and in a church on the grounds that is also connected to the fire alarm system, all to British Standard L1 requirements\*. In the event of a fire, staff are alerted by pager and the addressable system means that the location of the fire can be pinpointed to a specific zone.

*"Naturally, as this house is a Grade-I listed property with many irreplaceable features, I have a responsibility to ensure that any suppliers we work with fully recognise the implications of*



*any work carried out, and are respectful both of the property and the ongoing efforts of our conservation staff,"* said Paul Holden, House and Collections Manager, Lanhydrock House. *"One of my reasons for choosing to work with Chubb was on account of its established reputation."*

Following the two-year project to make Lanhydrock House one of the most fire resistant heritage attractions in the country, it has been awarded a certificate of passive fire resistance, which recognises the fire prevention qualities of the vertical and horizontal fire compartments that were created throughout the property.

*"The whole experience of working with Chubb, from sales to the smooth and easy installation, has been very good. We were extremely impressed with how considerate the engineers were with regard to the property and our demands."*

*"The level of professionalism demonstrated by the engineers was exactly as we had hoped, and I look forward to working with Chubb further in the future,"* said Holden.



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