



The Concert Room

In March 2020 we watched as the threat from the Coronavirus pandemic grew ever closer and as our biggest day of the year, St Patricks Day, approached we made the decision in the interests of staff and customers and our own health and wellbeing to close on the 15th March, probably one of the first venues in the country to do so. Although 2020 bought great sadness, with the loss of close relatives, friends and animals and the closure of our business, it also presented us with an ideal opportunity to restructure and change our business model to meet the challenges of the future. Our existing business model and our facilities had become tired over 20 years since our opening in 2000 and we started work on demolition of the marquee bar area, closure of the upstairs bar and the building of a totally refurbished and restructured concert room with improvements to dressing room, toilets, stage as well as PA and lighting. We also repurposed our car park as a beautiful garden space with a new entrance and a new outlook on Mamble Road and totally refurbished the downstairs bar. This has hugely improved the experience of events here at Katie's for audience and artists alike, as well as providing new inspiration for ourselves as venue owners. We have also addressed the issue of climate change, reducing our energy use by 50% as well as our carbon emissions and look forward to installing solar panels in 2022. From our reopening in July 2021 the response from artists and audience alike has been amazing and we look forward to continuing working with our existing communities and promoters in comedy and music as well as expanding into new areas of theatre, storytelling and more diverse communities. We have also during that time continued to support the local foodbank, raised money for local road crew, the homeless and our usual range of charity support.