

BUILDING ARMAGH PLANETARIUM

A stately astrodome

The chief architect for the project, Mr. Bell of Portadown, designed a building inspired by the Queen Elizabeth Planetarium in Edmonton, Canada. The Armagh Planetarium building was 50 feet across, with the main entrance built from a pink variety of limestone called Armagh Marble. The building's original gleaming white fibreglass dome was soon a local landmark.



The foundations are laid: 1966



The first floor completed: 1966

The dream takes form



The dome takes shape: 1967

By the time the building was complete £70 000 had been spent on the project. Included in this was £12 000 for Armagh Planetarium's first projector, a Goto Mars model made in Japan. This instrument represented the cutting edge at the time, and was the start of our tradition of embracing the most advanced technology to give our visitors the best possible experience.