

HERITAGE SECTOR CASE STUDIES

LISTED & HISTORIC BUILDINGS · SHROPSHIRE, WALES & THE MIDLANDS

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Shuker Building & Development is a Shrewsbury-based, multi-trade contractor. We repair, restore and adapt listed and historic buildings across Shropshire, Wales and the wider Midlands, working with conservation officers, heritage consultants and specialist craftspeople to protect each building's character while keeping it in use.

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FEATURED PROJECT · GRADE I LISTED COUNTRY HOUSE

01 — CASE STUDY

MORVILLE HALL
GRADE I RESTORATION

LISTING	LOCATION	CLIENT	CONTRACT VALUE
Grade I	**Morville, Bridgnorth, Shropshire**	*To confirm*	*To confirm*

01 PROJECT OVERVIEW

External restoration of Morville Hall, a Grade I listed country house in Shropshire cared for by the National Trust. The house dates from 1546 and was enlarged in the 18th century, with stone wings, several roof levels and a cupola. We delivered the works with Reynolds Conservation Ltd to repair the fabric while keeping its historic character.

02 SCOPE OF WORKS

Stone crack repairs and replacement with matching stone; lime mortar repointing; slate roof repairs; repair and reinstatement of lead flashings and parapets; cupola refurbishment and re-gilding of the weather vane; new gutters and rainwater pipes in sympathetic materials; joinery repairs to windows, doors, mouldings and cornices; and discreet secondary glazing.

03 PROJECT CHALLENGES

As a Grade I building, every repair had to meet strict conservation standards. Replacement stone and slate had to match the originals. The leadwork was intricate and had to be lifted and refixed without disturbing the historic roofline, and secondary glazing had to improve efficiency without changing the look of the windows.

04 OUR APPROACH

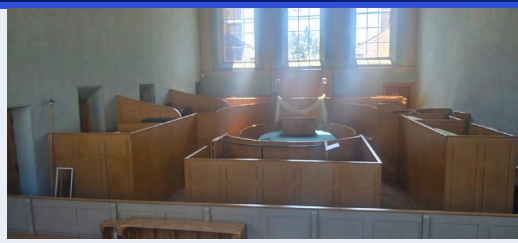
Our masons assessed each area before work began, removing only damaged stone and repointing in lime to keep the walls breathable. We sourced reclaimed and traditional materials from specialist suppliers. Leadwork was dismantled and reinstated in close coordination with the conservation team, and decorative features were restored using traditional techniques.

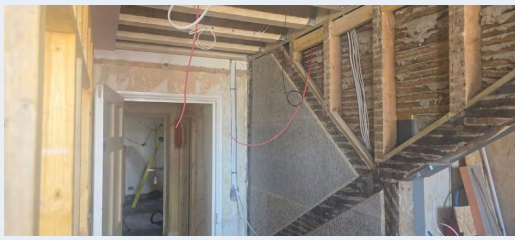
05 PROJECT OUTCOME

The stonework and roofs are sound and watertight, the rainwater system now protects the building, and the cupola, gilded weather vane, decorative stonework and original windows have been restored.

Grade I	1546	Lime	Gilded
LISTED COUNTRY HOUSE	ORIGINAL ELIZABETHAN HOUSE	MORTAR REPOINTING	WEATHER VANE RESTORED







FEATURED PROJECT · GRADE II LISTED MUSEUM CONVERSION

02 — CASE STUDY

THE JUDGE'S LODGING CONVERSION & RESTORATION

LISTING	LOCATION	CLIENT	CONTRACT VALUE
Grade II	**Broad Street, Presteigne, Powys**	*To confirm*	*To confirm*

01 PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Judge's Lodging in Presteigne was the judicial centre for Radnorshire and is now a museum with a well-preserved Victorian courtroom. We converted the first floor into two self-contained holiday let flats and adapted the second floor to give the museum an office and storeroom, creating new income for the building while protecting its character.

02 SCOPE OF WORKS

Careful strip-out, alterations and reconstruction on the first floor to form two flats; new kitchens, bathrooms and services; energy-efficient heating and building services; a second-floor museum office with IT infrastructure; and a climate-controlled storeroom for museum collections.

03 PROJECT CHALLENGES

All alterations had to comply with listed building consent and preserve the building's key architectural and historic features. Modern services and amenities had to be fitted without harming its appearance, and the existing structure had to be adapted to suit both residential and office use.

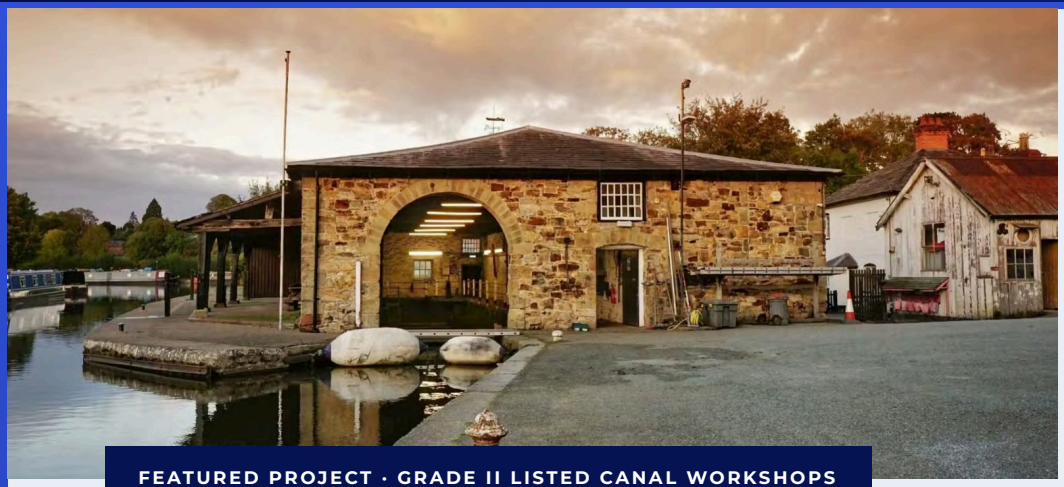
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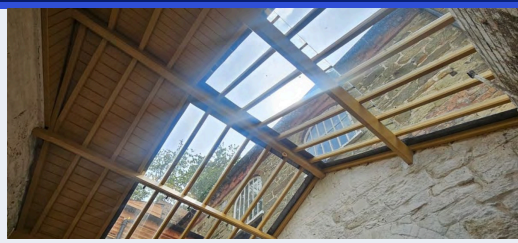
We worked with the local conservation officer and heritage specialists from the outset, using sympathetic materials and construction methods that suit the original building. Services were routed to avoid historic fabric, and we kept local stakeholders updated throughout the works.

05 PROJECT OUTCOME

The building now serves as both a museum and holiday accommodation, generating revenue for the museum and bringing visitors to Presteigne, while the historic courtroom and building character are preserved.

Grade II	2	2nd floor	Heritage
LISTED BUILDING	HOLIDAY LET FLATS CREATED	MUSEUM OFFICE & STOREROOM	CONSERVATION OFFICER LIAISON







FEATURED PROJECT · GRADE II LISTED CANAL WORKSHOPS

03 — CASE STUDY

ELLESMERE YARD
CANAL WORKSHOP REPAIRS

LISTING	LOCATION	CLIENT	CONTRACT VALUE
Grade II	**Llangollen Canal, Ellesmere, Shropshire**	*To confirm*	*To confirm*

01 PROJECT OVERVIEW

Urgent conservation repairs to the listed workshop buildings at Ellesmere Yard on the Llangollen Canal, one of the last working canal maintenance yards of its kind and in use since 1806. The site includes a blacksmith's forge, pattern room, dry dock and workshops. The aim was to make the buildings safe and weathertight while keeping their historic character.

02 SCOPE OF WORKS

Replacement of rooflights and lead gutters; repair and reconstruction of purlins and roof framing with traditional joints; dismantling and faithful rebuilding of the covered walkway and chimney stack; timber repairs to the workshop balcony floor and cantilevered beams; repair and redecoration of the carpenter's workshop doors; and a new land drain to protect the foundations.

03 PROJECT CHALLENGES

The listing required minimal intervention, traditional craftsmanship and compatible materials, while decayed timber, damaged roofs and an unstable chimney needed urgent structural repair. The yard sits right on the canal edge and remains an operational site.

04 OUR APPROACH

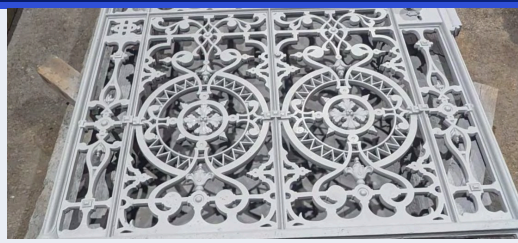
We reviewed archive plans and photographs and carried out a condition survey to prioritise repairs. Elements to be rebuilt were recorded with photos and drawings first, then reconstructed using natural, seasoned and locally sourced materials. We liaised with the conservation officer and heritage consultants throughout, under a site-specific health and safety plan.

05 PROJECT OUTCOME

The buildings are now stable and weathertight with their original craftsmanship preserved, ready for future reuse and heritage visitor experiences at the yard.

1806	Grade II	Rebuilt	Traditional
YARD IN USE SINCE	LISTED WORKSHOP BUILDINGS	CHIMNEY STACK & COVERED WALKWAY	JOINTS & MATERIALS







FEATURED PROJECT · GRADE II LISTED CAST-IRON GATES

04 — CASE STUDY

THE QUARRY GATES STABILISATION & REFURBISHMENT

LISTING	LOCATION	CLIENT	CONTRACT VALUE
Grade II	The Quarry, Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury Town Council	*To confirm*

01 PROJECT OVERVIEW

Stabilisation and refurbishment of the Grade II listed Quarry Gates in Shrewsbury for Shrewsbury Town Council. The gates were made in 1881 for the Shrewsbury Horticultural Society and cast at Coalbrookdale, with central double gates, side gates and ornate traceried panels and roundels in cast and wrought iron.

02 SCOPE OF WORKS

Condition survey of the gates and piers; lifting out and removing the gates to our workshop; stripping paint and corrosion; ironwork repairs; excavation and strengthening of the ground around the leaning piers; restoration of the piers; rehanging and alignment of the gates; and a durable protective paint finish with gilded detailing.

03 PROJECT CHALLENGES

At least one pier was leaning, and the ground beneath showed foundation problems. The gates stand at a busy public entrance to the Quarry park. Blasting revealed hidden corrosion and weak spots in the ironwork, which had to be repaired without losing historic detail.

04 OUR APPROACH

The site was fenced and the piers fully encapsulated during abrasive cleaning, with filtration to contain dust and debris. Engineering advice set the ground strengthening needed to stop further movement. Each defect found was repaired as it came to light, and alignment was checked several times before the gates were rehung. We also recommended drop bollards to control vehicle access.

05 PROJECT OUTCOME

The gates and piers are structurally sound and restored to their original appearance, keeping a much-loved Shrewsbury landmark in daily use.

1881	Grade II	Off-site	Crane
CAST AT COALBROOKDALE	LISTED GATES & PIERS	IRONWORK RESTORATION	LIFT-OUT & REHANG