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Fibrous Plasterers GRG & Restoration Specialists

INFORMATION SHEET 1 – PLASTERING IN LISTED BUILDINGS.

We have a flexible approach to our business, and can offer any combination of services. We are highly skilled in a range of plastering methods, using contemporary or traditional materials. We design, manufacture, supply and install an extensive range of standard and bespoke plaster mouldings, cornices and decorative features.

We work closely with architects, planners and contractors on restoring listed buildings, but also find our products work beautifully in contemporary settings in new build commercial and residential developments.

Conservation & Restoration

For many years, we have been trusted and respected by many of the country's conservation and restoration specialists, and have been sympathetically restoring some of the most prestigious buildings in the UK, Ireland and Europe.

We are proud of our traditional lime plastering techniques using wooden laths, lime and animal hair or other traditional plastering materials, and our lime rendering and harling.

These skills are often essential to meet the requirements not only for some listed buildings but are also being specified on new builds too as the sustainable benefits of lime plastering are becoming more widely recognised within the built environment.

Sustainable benefits

In a report published by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Journal "Save our Heritage" it was suggested; "demolition of [pre 1919] properties not only robs us of our heritage and our model and template for successful sustainable communities but ultimately generates further carbon emissions in the materials and building process necessary to produce new stock". The report also suggested the cost of repairing a Victorian terraced property to be 40- 60% cheaper over a 30 year period than replacing it with a new home (source: www.rics.org.uk).

Using the right materials

Inappropriate materials used in repair and refurbishment work can cause serious and permanent damage to traditional buildings, destroying the very fabric of the building and creating problems for its future. We will always advise on the best materials to use in a restoration project. See our Case Study on Saltaire for inspiration.

Regulations for listed buildings

There are over 370,000 listed properties, and over 92% are Grade II. Any building work will require 'listed building consent' granted by the local planning authority. Even minor works, such as painting or a simple plaster repair may be covered and there are harsh penalties for ignoring the law. You should always contact your local planning department or conservation officer for advice on your property. Here at Ornate Interiors, we have worked for many years on listed buildings and are experts in this field. Heritage agencies come to us for our specialist knowledge so you can be reassured that you are in safe hands. We will provide advice and support during the process.