

Progress by July 2023

Our original planning anticipated work being complete by the end of June. As the stonework was uncovered, it became apparent that much more work needed to be done. The current estimate is now that the work will be complete by October.

The North gable rebuild is now complete and ready for repointing. The chimney pots are reclaimed and anti-jackdaw defences have been put in!



Photo: Tom Astbury

At the South end, work has started on reinstating the crow steps, probably removed in the 19C, and repairing the badly eroded stonework to the window and louvre ventilators.

Work on the roof will begin in August. An area of roof timber has been exposed and examined to give us an idea of likely remedial work needed. Whilst it has been repaired over the years, some of the roof timber is original and of historic interest. We have engaged an archaeologist to record the roof and what has been uncovered under the harling.

Restoration Event on 1 June

There was a great turnout for our event on 1 June. If you missed it, you can see recordings of the presentations on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FiUoIMmiCmw>



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Photo: Tom Astbury

Exposed roof timbers at north end:



Photos: Rosalind Taylor

South wall ventilation apertures before:



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After:



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Crowstep restoration on the south elevation:



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