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The restoration of a building façade rarely stops at masonry cleaning and repair. Most forms of decay are triggered by water penetration which means that all aspects of weathering detail frequently need attention. This has led Stonewest to develop a comprehensive service for the repair of a buildings 'structural envelope' taking on the role of Principal Contractor and managing all the ancillary trades. This has included on previous projects scaffolding, roofing, asphaltting, leadwork, joinery repairs, redecoration, refurbishment and mechanical and electrical packages.

The Company operate a system of approved sub-contractors and Stonewest's project processes and management systems are all designed to incorporate the demands of a Principal Contracting project role whether in the management of the supply chain, commercial and risk management or Health, Safety and Environmental management.

Stonewest's Principal Contracting knowledge and experience provides clients with the necessary management expertise and trade skills to undertake a wide and variable range of external refurbishment contracts and manage them to a successful conclusion.



The Royal Pavilion, Brighton

As Principal Contractor, we enjoyed a formal seven year PPP2000 partnership with Brighton & Hove City Council. The annual phases allowed us to develop Cost Plans and Programmes which were developed in advance of each phase commencing thus providing cost certainty for the Client. We also had the opportunity to pair Apprentices with our senior Masons and Conservators ensuring the company's training ethos was maintained.

St Pancras International

Recognised as one of the most important civil engineering projects of recent years Stonewest is justly proud to have been responsible for returning the Grade 1 listed brick and stone masonry facades inside and outside the station to their original Victorian splendor. Our extensive knowledge of the building dating from the 1990's original safe guarding works to the former Midland Grand Hotel and the works from 2003 to the current time re-enforces us as the contractor of choice for specialist masonry works at the station and hotel now and for the future.





Fenwicks

Stonewest completed the external restoration of the Fenwick retail store located on the corner of New Bond Street & Brook Street. The historical London department store began as a first-floor ladies' tailoring salon in 1891. The building remained fully occupied throughout the works which included careful removal of recent layers of masonry paint using the Jos Torc system which required a bespoke retaining system to prevent spillage onto the public. Repairs included grouting of render where cracked, mortar and stone repairs, re-pointing open joints and minor roof repairs. Re-painting of facades completed the scheme.



The Queen Victoria Memorial

The Grade 1 listed memorial, completed in 1914 to the design of Sir Aston Webb was sculpted by Sir Thomas Brock. The surround was constructed from 2,300 tons of white marble. Stonewest undertook specialist cleaning of the bronze statues and fountain reliefs including removal of the active corrosion followed by re-patination and waxing. Re-pointing to masonry, re-carving and replacement of Victoria's orb was also completed. Victory was re-gilded whilst the white marble surround walls were cleaned using the Doff system. The works were included in a television documentary charting the 'Making of a Royal Wedding' and the QVM featured in Her Majesty's Jubilee celebrations.



Brixton Windmill

Following a long campaign, a Heritage Lottery Fund grant enabled this historic Grade II* Listed windmill to be restored and re-opened for free public tours. The award-winning project allowed the Windmill to operate once more following the overhaul of the gear and grinding mechanisms. Stonewest took over the derelict site and dangerous structure carrying out investigations and underpinning of the Windmill. Brickwork and render was repaired externally, whilst the sails were removed, repaired and re-instated. The area was re-landscaped.