

PRIORS COURT SCHOOL – Limewash and Distemper

Challenge

The classic features of the stone portico of this Georgian property were deteriorating to a point where detail of the fine carving to the columns and capitals were fast disappearing through sulphation and physical damage. Many years of inappropriate paint applications and hard cementitious repairs had left the stonework looking patchy due to the spalling stone surfaces and flaking paint.

Solution

All previous paint schemes were removed and the stone was carefully taken back to a sound surface. The detail and original finish lines were reinstated using compatible lime mortars. On completion and curing of all repairs three applications of limewash were applied, the evidence for its use being based on the analysis of the early paints exposed during the paint removal stage.

Results

The portico is now protected. With routine maintenance the future is now sound.

Client: Prior's Court Foundation
Value: circa £30,000



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