

STOWE HOUSE, THE PORTICO – Stone Conservation

Challenge

To restore the south front of the neo-classical gem in Buckinghamshire
The works were part of a £6 million phase within a £40 million, 12-year restoration project.

Solution

This tired looking façade required quite heavy redecoration. Approximately 50% of the Corinthian capitals were re-carved and replaced. The garlands framing the portico were pinned, conserved and repaired using a lime mortar.

The portico required over 700 mortar repairs and in places dismantling and rebuilding. A traditional copperas was applied to tone in the repairs with the cleaned existing ashlar stonework.

Results

The south front is now restored to its former glory and Stowe House regains its crown as one of the most impressive 18th century buildings in England.

Client: The Stowe House Preservation Trust

Architects: Purcell, Miller & Tritton

Main contractors: Linford-Bridgman



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