

Grove Building, Magdalene College, Oxford

Client: Magdalene College Oxford
Main Contractor: Szerelmey Conservation
Package Value: £740K

Scope of Works:

Oxford University is the oldest university in the English speaking world and is noted for the quality of its stone buildings. There are no records surrounding its foundation, but teaching was well established there by 1096. Given the predominance of stone throughout Oxford, Szerelmey are very familiar with the city and have undertaken projects here historically.

Szerelmey Conservation were contracted to undertake an extensive package of works at the Grove Building, Magdalene College. These included the design and construction of new stonework and waterproofing repairs to the external walls and copings. The works include the replacement of the existing coping stones with new Clipsham stone

copings cut to a new profile to incorporate a drip. The copings were installed to a new damp proof course with new lead linings and flashings to suit the existing parapet detail and lead gutter.

In addition, we carefully dismantled select areas of the limestone ashlar and installed new string courses, rebuilding in hydraulic lime mortar, and reconfiguring eave timbering, lead box gutters and tetbury slate verges with like for like.

Finally, the roof coverings, including leadwork and Tetbury stone slate on insulation and battens were altered and made good in relation to the new coping works.

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