



East Worlington Parish Hall News|etter



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Parish Hall Conservation Project

Windows Conservation Starts

One of the key elements of the conservation work on the Hall is the two windows in the west (front) elevation. They are not original to the building but are windows with distinctive historical features (leaded glazing, moulding of the frame construction, etc). It is considered most probable that they have come from another building and installed in the barn when it was used as a hall.

Time has paid its toll on the timber and the lower parts of the frame are suffering from wet rot. To preserve the integrity of the building action was needed to resolve the problem. While the Trustees were keen to replace the windows in the same style and design, the Conservation Officer considered a repair was the most appropriate solution for such valuable features of our heritage. The joiner contracted to work on the windows was Haydon's of South Molton and on removal and further inspection they confirmed that a repair was possible.



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External Conservation Work

One aspect of the external conservation work is the gable end of the Hall above the kitchen roof. The wall is north facing and has a window in a central location. To access this part of the building scaffolding was needed to be erected and this put in place this week.



Conservation work on the cob wall, which is integral to this project, made progress during the week. With the old render removed applying the first coat of lime plaster has started. This is known as Harling. Harling is also known as Scat Coat, Thrown Coat or Rough Cast. Harling is a technique for applying a coat of render or plaster. The lime mortar has extra water added to bring it to a runny consistency. It is then cast on the wall using a special tool called a harling trowel which has a curved blade. It provides a rough texture when cured that gives extra key for the next trowelled coat and controls suction with thirsty materials such as cob.



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