

Case Study

Temple Church, Bristol

Masonry repairs and a new lead roof for Bristol's leaning church tower.

Originally built by the Knights Templar in the 12th Century, only the 'leaning' 14th Century Tower survived the Bristol Blitz of 1940. Since its construction in the 1390s the tower has incorporated a lean and the top stage built in 1460 was designed with a deliberate correction. In 2014 we repaired stonework of this interesting tower and re-leaded the roof.



English Heritage and Architects Philip Hughes Associates contracted Ellis and Co to repair masonry on each elevation. We worked around the tower two elevations at a time cleaning and repointing the stones. Loose stones were fixed and missing stones carved and replaced by our masons. Structural pins were inserted where required. New panels moulding were carved for the belfry windows. Structural roof timbers were repaired by our joiners and a new lead roof was fitted.