

ELLIS  
& Co.

Craftsmen in the  
Conservation of  
Historic Buildings



Masonry & Conservation

Roofing

Leadwork & Copperwork

Carpentry & Joinery

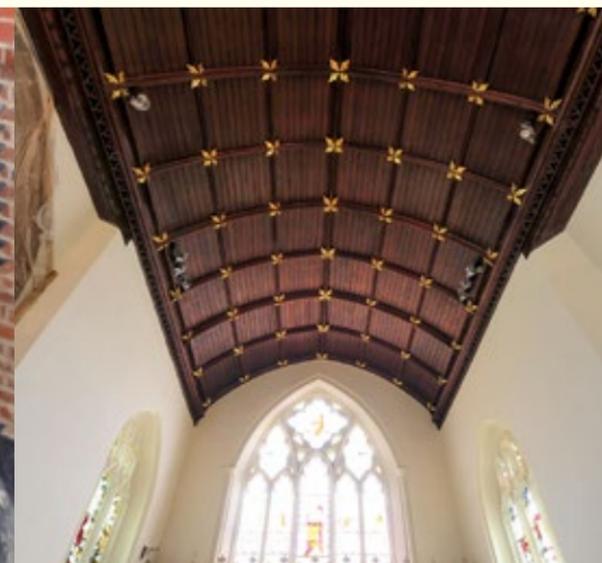
Lime Plastering

Painting & Decorating



Since 1978 I have been involved in the restoration of historic buildings which led to the formation of Ellis and Company in 1982. Since then we have repaired many of the best known historic buildings in the South West region. We aim to repair our built heritage sympathetically, bringing it into use for the benefit of future generations. We employ a wide range of skilled craftsmen to offer a complete set of trades needed for historic building conservation and repair. This enables us to offer an integrated approach to building restoration.

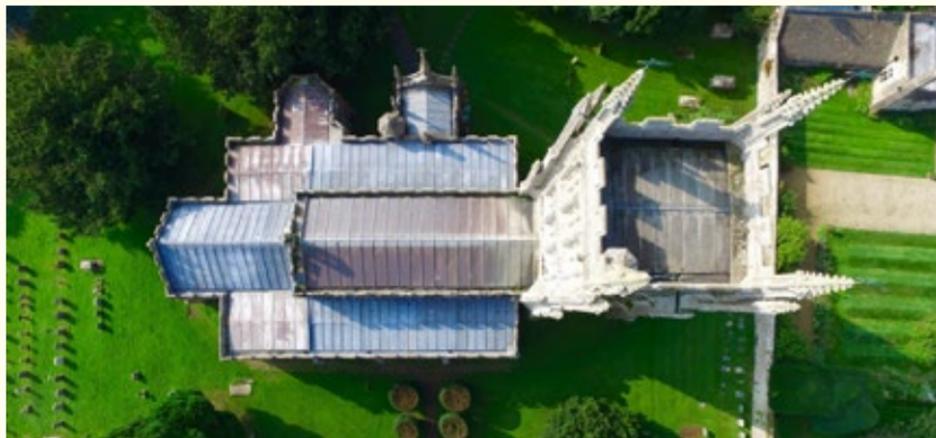
Ken Ellis  
*Chairman*



# Churches

Over the last 35 years we have sensitively repaired the interiors and exteriors of many of the South West's finest churches. We help ensure churches are structurally secure for the future and accessible and comfortable for community use.

- Re-ordering
- Re-roofing
- Masonry conservation
- Structural repair



St Andrew's Church, Mells *Lead replacement and timber repairs*



St George's Church, Easton-in-Gordano  
*Re-roofing*



St Mary's Church, Hampstead  
*Lime render and limewash*



## Holy Trinity Church Bradford-on-Avon

*Architects: Chedburn Dudley*

Holy Trinity Church is Grade I listed with Norman origins, last restored in the 1860s. In an ambitious 21st-Century re-ordering, we excavated and raised the floor level to reduce flood risk. We installed underfloor heating and a stunning Portland flagstone floor with contrasting decorative detail. A full M&E package included electrical, gas and plumbing installations. To improve services and create space a new mezzanine floor, staircases, kitchen units and servery, toilets, and new-build meeting rooms were crafted. Masonry features were cleaned and repointed. We worked closely with archaeologists as important Saxon finds were discovered during the works.

# Historic Houses

We have experience of working with English Heritage and planning authorities to ensure works proceed smoothly. Our skilled craftsmen can undertake fine decorative work through to large structural repairs. Contracts range from minor works to larger multi-trade re-roofing, stonework, and complete restoration and refurbishment projects. We aim to ensure the region's historic homes can be enjoyed by future generations.

- Restoration
- Refurbishment
- Small works
- Timber Conservation



Landmark Trust *Guernsey Manor*



Goldleafing for a private estate



*Forde Abbey*



## Award-Winning Restoration of St Giles House

*Winner of the RICS and NFB National Conservation Awards*

A Grade I listed stately home, c1650-1690, with Renaissance plasterwork attributed to Inigo Jones. Uninhabited for 50 years it was derelict and at risk of collapse. In 2011, Ellis and Co began a programme of major restoration led and commissioned by the Earl of Shaftesbury. We reroofed the house in entirety and used conservation principles to restore the 17th-century brickwork, doors, windows, internal plasterwork and flooring. We built a new loggia and apartment. By 2015 the transformed house was reopened as a family home and event venue. The project has won a host of national awards for heritage restoration.

# Cathedrals & Abbeys

We have made internal and external repairs to Cathedrals and Abbeys across the South West. In 2016 we completed works on six Cathedrals, from internal alterations to roof and masonry repairs.

Ellis & Co. undertake regular maintenance as well as larger repair and development projects.



Wells Cathedral  
*Nave and aisle roof lead  
and carpentry repairs*



Worcester Cathedral  
*Re-roofing a slate roof  
and lime-plastering ceilings*



Chichester Cathedral  
*Repairs to the Muniment Room roof*



Downside Abbey  
*Copper, lead and  
slate re-roofing*



Gloucester Cathedral  
*Internal masonry repairs, heating,  
lighting and a new glazed gallery*

Also...  
Bristol Cathedral  
Portsmouth Cathedral  
Truro Cathedral  
The Bishop's Palace, Wells  
Bath Abbey  
Sherborne Abbey



## Truro Cathedral

*Architects: Purcells*

The spired cathedral in Truro, built between 1880 and 1910, is Cornwall's only Cathedral. Over 46 weeks, Ellis and Co repaired the slate roofs which had not been repaired since construction. The original slates had become porous and over 66,000 slates required replacement. We repaired timberwork and re-roofed the high level roofs. New Welsh slates engraved with signatures from a fundraising 'sponsor-a-slate' campaign were laid. Lead ridges were replaced in continuous wrap-over strips. Lead guttering and flashing was replaced, and steel and iron downpipes were refurbished. A new lightning protection system was installed. Decorative masonry, particularly in the South Porch area, had suffered extensive coastal weathering and mortar repairs were made with hot lime mortar. The works were completed ahead of time.

# Historic Public Buildings

We have restored a wide range of listed buildings and public monuments for use as community centres, museums and galleries, town halls, tourist information points, visitor attractions and holiday accommodation. We work to schedule following architectural instructions. We act as principal contractor and work closely with clients and their project teams to complete heritage restoration and repair works.

- Refurbishment
- Access improvement
- Repairs and restoration
- Conservation



*Hospital of St Cross, Winchester*



National Trust *Uvedales, Corfe Castle*



English Heritage *Briavels Castle*



## Salisbury Guildhall

*Architects: Rodney Melville and Partners  
Chartered Architects*

A brick and limestone Grade II listed building, dating from 1794, was refurbished completely with new offices, kitchens, bathrooms, staircases and electrical and heating M&E. Two king post trussed roofs with slate coverings and an expansive flat lead roof in the centre were replaced. Fallen rafters and joists were raised and structural timbers repaired. Leadwork was undertaken including moulded details, access hatches and steps. We repaired and reglazed the two lantern rooflights.

## Small Works

We undertake small works including repairs to roofwork and guttering, masonry repairs, joinery and carpentry, lime plaster and render.



## Repairs at Chamberlain Street

*Architects: CJ Architects*

A Grade II listed Georgian property in the centre of the historic market city of Wells. We repaired and refurbished this property, repairing the roof and installing rooflights, re-rendering and painting the exterior, re-plastering and redecorating internally, fitting bespoke joinery panelling. We also undertook the plumbing of kitchen and bathroom installations. Our craftsmen applied fine decorative detailing finishes to cornices and architraves.

## Ellis & Co. Resources

Our fully equipped masonry, joinery and leadwork workshops are based in Shepton Mallet. We operate a fleet of vehicles and well-maintained plant suited to small jobs and large. Our support team includes quantity surveyors, contract managers, and experienced site managers to help ensure the successful planning, costing and delivery of each project.

- Trained staff
- Heritage specialists
- Well equipped workshops



## Ellis & Co. Approach

Our aim is to restore our built heritage, conserving the past sympathetically and bringing it to life for the benefit of future generations. We act as principal contractor in conservation, restoration and heritage building works. We directly employ specialist trades, training the next generation of master crafts men and women through apprenticeships, and promoting heritage building skills. We are CITB members, founder members of the NFB Heritage Group, and hold CHAS, Constructionline, EXOR, and SAFE Contractor status. Our award-winning work has been recognised by local and national conservation and heritage organisations.

# Ellis & Co.



Matthew Ellis  
*Managing Director*

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Mark Blannin  
Sean Clarke  
Andy Dalgarno  
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Ellis and Co has a team of over 70 dedicated staff. Trade staff are CSCS heritage card holders and enjoy an active training programme. We welcome new apprentices.



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