

Case Study



Cleeve Abbey – Rectory Roof

Craftsmen in the
Conservation of
Historic Buildings

Trades – Roofing, Carpentry & Conservation

History of the Building

Cleeve Abbey comprises roofed buildings and ruins of the Cistercian Abbey of Cleeve which contains one of the most complete and unaltered sets of mediaeval monastic cloister buildings in England. The buildings contain many features of particular interest including the 'Angel' roof in the refectory and the wall paintings in the painted chamber.

The abbey was founded in the late twelfth century, was dissolved in 1536 by Henry VIII and was converted to a country house. It then became used as farm buildings until the latter half of the 19th century when steps were taken to conserve the remains. The Abbey was taken into state care in the twelfth century and is now looked after by English Heritage.



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Description of work completed by Ellis & Co

The works comprised of re-roofing of the 15th century Rectory building in natural state that involved re-leading of two valleys on the Dormitory west slope and repairs to the adjoining lead flat roofs. Works also included structural repairs to the oak roof structure, stone conservation and stabilisation, rainwater installations and surface water drainage.

The building was completely enclosed in a sheeted scaffold structure with a temporary roof whilst the works were executed.



Client/Contract Administrator	English Heritage
Quantity Surveyor	Press & Starkey
Total Contract Value	£214,170.00