

Brook Hall, Brokerswood Wiltshire



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Historic Buildings



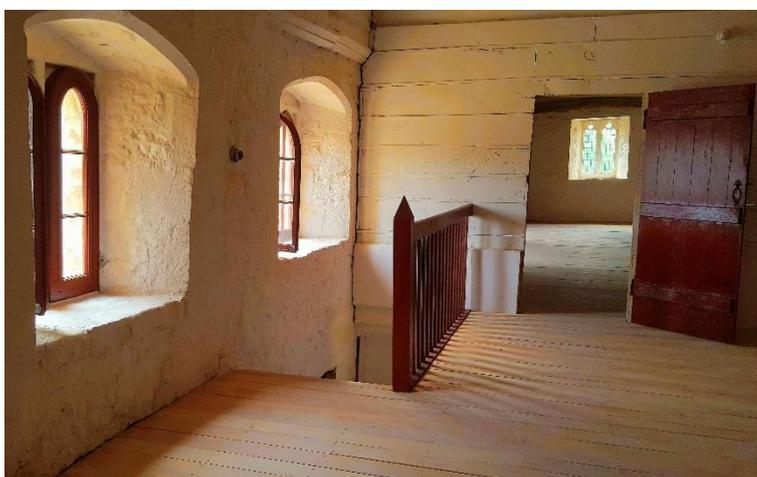
Brook Hall is a series of stone buildings, the most important of which is a Grade I listed medieval lodging range, known as The Early Wing, built during the 15th Century. It was regarded by English Heritage as one of the highest priority Buildings at Risk but is now no longer on the Heritage at Risk register following works by Ellis and Co. The building had been decaying for years until new owners took possession at the end of 2014. Historic England grant-aided repair works to the building fabric in 2017. Ellis and Co Building and Restoration undertook conservation repairs to the roof structure and tiles, walls and floors under the architectural instruction of Andrew Townsend.



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The first phase involved stabilising and re-pointing the exterior masonry, this was completed in May 2017 allowing the structural supporting scaffold to be removed. A second phase commenced in September 2017 by Ellis and Co Building and Restoration under the Architectural instruction of Andrew Townsend. We undertook conservation repairs to the roofs, walls and floor structures.

Structural pinning, grouting and pointing addressed significantly bowing walls, the interior and exterior of which had separated and moved dramatically. The roof line and new tiling followed the curvature of the walls. The original plain tiles were carefully sorted and stored before being mixed with 40 percent new handmade clay tiles, pegged on split oak lath battens. Woodfibre insulation and a new plaster and lath ceiling was installed between the rafters of the oak roof structure. Walls were limewashed, new timber windows were installed, again following the lean and curvature of the walls. A concrete floor was lifted to reveal a cobble floor, this was subsequently covered in limecrete to protect the original cobbles and provide a stable surface for future use.



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