

The Old Rectory Wimbledon-Phase 1



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Not luxurious, but adequate - that was the verdict of one of William Cecil's biographers on The Old Rectory in Wimbledon. He was describing the country retreat of one of the great Tudor statesmen, for whom Wimbledon, Richmond and Barnes became the Cotswolds of their day.

It is a breathtaking understatement. Even in 1550 The Old Rectory was more mansion than house. A survey nearly 100 years later gives an idea of its size. It had a dining hall, withdrawing room, parlour and private study, 10 chambers and five closets, five garrets (for servants), a kitchen, pantry, larder, meat room, buttery, beer and wine cellars, two dairy rooms, a brewhouse, bakehouse, washhouse, stables for 14 horses and a coal house, when coal was a rare luxury.

C & D Restoration Ltd was commissioned to use their specialist tradesman to carry out an extensive restoration in two phases. Phase one consisted of the following-

- Lime rendering to the whole building, part flat and part rough cast including removal of all defective rendering back to the sub structure.
- Take down and rebuild Tudor brick chimney stacks and supply new sympathetic replacements.
- Repointing all brickwork using a lime mix.
- Replace defective Bath stone (Stoke ground base bed) sections to chimney stacks.
- Replace curved sections of stone turret (Red Mansfield ashlar stone and string courses).



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