

The Old Rectory Wimbledon-Phase 2

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A house fit for a king - as evidenced by the fact that Henry VIII deigned to stay when taken ill on a tour of his Surrey palaces in 1546. It is thought he slept in front of the fireplace of what is now the great hall, being too bloated to make it up the stairs to bed.

The Old Rectory was the earliest great house and probably the first brick house to be built in Wimbledon. It was built around 1500 as a parsonage in an area of farmland, before becoming Crown property when Henry VIII broke with Rome.

C & D Restoration Ltd was commissioned to use their specialist tradesman to carry out an extensive restoration in two phases. Phase two consisted of the following works to a new extension, dining room in the existing house and King Henry VIII's chapel (using a Bath Stoke Ground Base Bed)-

- Build new Bath stone front bay around main dining room including rubble walling.
- Full and half column installation (encasing a steel beam).
- Form two new tracery window surrounds to dining room.
- Gable copings to front and rear (extension).
- Form two new windows to the front of the extension.
- Rear balcony terrace – new bay formed out of Bath stone with an Ancaster threshold and Doulling coping around the perimeter of the parapet wall.

