

BUILDING CONSERVATION MASTERCLASSES

CLEANING MASONRY BUILDINGS

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Building cleaning has developed as an industry over the past forty years. During this period there have been failures and successes as the industry and specifiers have made mistakes and gained by experience. Even today, however, damage and disfigurement due to poor cleaning specification and execution is commonplace. The issue of a new BS Code of Practice No 8221 on Cleaning and Surface Repair is an important development in the understanding and control of cleaning practices, but needs to be coupled with sound practical instruction. This course provides, over an intensive 3-day period, a good understanding of commercial and specialist techniques available to enable sensible and informed specifications to be prepared with realistic costs. During the course participants will see demonstrated and will be shown how to use and apply a wide range of washing, mechanical and chemical cleaning techniques and will be instructed how to programme and carry out essential surface repairs. Materials studied will include a wide variety of building stones, bricks and terracotta.

Participants are invited to present a masonry cleaning problem for discussion; pictures/slides and/or drawings would be useful.

Teaching Team:

Course Leader: David Odgers, Director, Odgers Conservation Consultants.

Principal Tutor: Brian Klelund, Director, Tensid uk ltd

Brian Crowe and Jamie Fairchild, Directors, Stonehealth Limited.

David Dorning, Programme Leader, West Dean College

Recommended Reading:

Ashurst N, *Cleaning Historic Buildings*, Volume I Substrates, Soiling and Investigation; Volume II

Cleaning Materials and Processes, Donhead.

BS Code of Practice 8221 on Cleaning and Surface Repair