

Why Use Premier Heritage?



Putting your property in safe hands

- BWPDA approved independent surveyors
- In depth diagnostic structural timber surveyors
- Fully insured for Public Liability and Professional Indemnity
- Modern surveying techniques
- Detailed remedial works specifications
- Sympathetic solutions to preservation issues
- Peace of mind that your property is in safe hands



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Preserving the past for the future



Premier Heritage are independent building preservation and damp surveyors – specialising in historic and period buildings. We offer a variety of investigation techniques coupled with over 25 years practical experience and knowledge in the diagnosis and identification of dampness and timber decay in buildings.

- Independent, unbiased survey reports detailing building defects relating to water/damp ingress and timber decay
- In depth diagnostic building fabric surveys to determine exact problems
- Detailed remedial work specifications tailored to the clients needs
- Defects and areas of risk reports



Dampness in all buildings can arise from a number of different sources. In order to control dampness, it is essential to firstly understand the building's construction, particularly when dealing with historic buildings.



Damp is of great concern to many property owners and features heavily in many building surveys. It is often misunderstood resulting in inappropriate and ineffective repair measures and treatments. In some cases these repairs only deal with the symptoms of the dampness and not the true causes. However the problems of dampness should not be underestimated.

Moisture in any building can result in decorative spoiling, plaster staining, mould growth and unhealthy and uncomfortable living conditions for its occupants.

Excess moisture can also lead to render and plaster damage, salt contamination, erosion of brick and stone work and more importantly can lead to the development of wood rotting fungal decay – 'wet and dry rot'.

Timber is one of the most versatile building materials that we have available to us.

However, because it is an organic material in origin it can therefore be degraded and whilst it is a replaceable commodity, replacement can be very expensive.

Fungal Decay (wet rot and dry rot) is responsible for thousands of pounds worth of damage to buildings every year. Poor maintenance and repair, resulting in the degeneration of roof, floor and joinery timbers eventually results in structural collapse and weakening of a building's fabric.

Wood Boring Beetles can also, if left to their own devices and in the right conditions, cause serious damage to timbers – again resulting in structural collapse and weakening of roof, floor timbers and joinery.



Chemical treatment of structural timbers is not always a requirement, particularly when dealing with woodworm. Flight holes left by exiting insects will remain present, although this is not an indication that the infestation is active. A full investigation of the property can generally identify areas of potential risk to fungal decay and

insect attack which will lead to preventative measures being recommended, such as improved ventilation and isolation of structural timbers. Where chemical treatments are required these should be targeted to the areas of concern and continued ongoing monitoring should always be considered.