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HARPUR CENTRE, BEDFORD

The Harpur Centre is a prominent Grade II* listed commercial building located in the heart of Bedford town centre. The building incorporates the retained façade of the former Bedford Modern School, designed by Edward Blore and constructed between 1831 and 1834, making it an important part of Bedford's architectural heritage.

Triton was appointed to undertake Phase 1 external stone cleaning and repair works to the historic façade. The works are being delivered while the centre remains partially occupied and open for business, requiring careful coordination within a live retail environment with high public footfall.



exposed, assessed and treated or replaced with new stainless steel restraints where required, addressing the underlying cause of movement and helping to prevent further deterioration. The works also

replacement stone units.

Works are being carried out from external scaffolding, with daily quality checks and weekly progress monitoring to maintain



Following an extensive external façade survey, Triton prepared a detailed repair schedule to identify defective stonework and determine the most appropriate repair method for each location. The façade had suffered from age related deterioration, crumbling masonry, open joints, compromised weather resistance and structural cracking associated with movement of the stonework and corroded ferrous fixings concealed within the masonry.

The embedded fixings are being carefully



include the repair of structural cracking, stabilisation of displaced stonework, removal and improvement of incompatible previous cementitious repairs, DOFF cleaning, stone indent repairs, mortar and plastic repairs, repointing, stone consolidation and



safety, workmanship and programme control. The Phase 1 works are focused on improving the safety, stability, weather resistance and appearance of the stone façade while preserving the original character of the historic building wherever practical.

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