

## 11.0 Proposal 2 - Replacement Bench Seats

The second proposal facilitates the simple Like for like replacement of the front entrance porch benches. These two benches sit either side of the main west entrance to the farmhouse and within the later addition mid C20th porch. The porch has clearly been remodelled as evidenced through the visible reduction in size from C18<sup>th</sup> – C20<sup>th</sup> map regression. The current porch would seem to be a mid 20<sup>th</sup> century addition and therefore of low architectural and historic value.

The benches themselves carry no intrinsic value and are made from fairly modest sections of timber and carry no special detailing or features of interest. The condition of the benches is now poor and are showing signs of displacement and substantial cracking.

### 11.1 Proposed schedule of works:

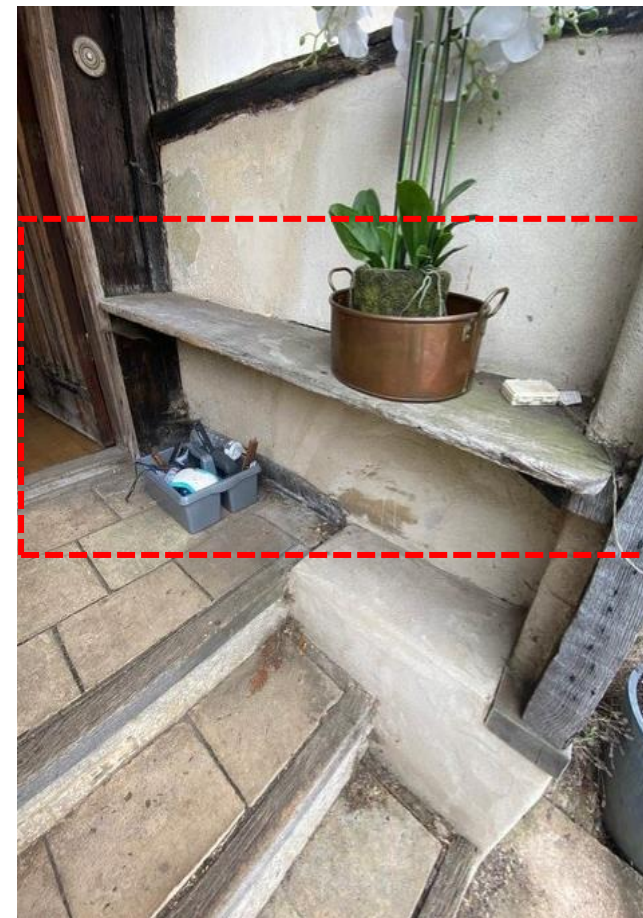
- Carefully prise out and release both benches from their niches using hand tools only.
- Using the existing benches as a template, use appropriately seasoned

hardwood e.g. Oak heartwood, Accoya or Douglas Fir to match the precise specification of the existing benches.

- Check condition of support brackets.
- Refit benches into their niches.
- Treat timber with appropriate dark stain for longevity e.g. Owatrol Solid Colour Stain.



*Above: Extent of left-hand timber bench for replacement*



*Above: Extent of right-hand timber bench for replacement*