

Heritage Statement
Folly Cottage, Penton Mewsey, SP11 0RQ

Folly Cottage is a Grade II listed building dating from the late 18th century. Construction is traditional cob, with a tiled roof.

The roof is of asymmetrical hipped design, with the northern pitch extending down to almost ground level, which is why the work detailed below does not include the northern elevation of the property (there being very little northern elevation, apart from ground floor windows).

The eastern elevation is not defective and is excluded from these works at this time.

Picture of southern elevation:



Planned work

The planned work is the removal of non-breathable modern paint and render, and its replacement with lime render and breathable paint, and repairs to the cob wall underneath.

Existing hard render and non-breathable paint will be causing damage to the cob walls by trapping moisture against the cob. Remove this and replace it with lime-based, breathable render, with a breathable paint on top, and repair the cob beneath using traditional materials.

Reason for work

This cob-built building has suffered due to the previous owner having modern “weatherproof” paint applied to the exterior walls. Over time, the inability of the wall to breathe has caused the paintwork to crack and blister – sample pictures provided below. There is a danger that, if left unresolved, the external aspect of the house will seriously degrade and moisture in the cob (with nowhere else to go) may move inside the house, causing damp.





In addition, the planned work will restore the property to its heritage condition and is seen as not just a “repair” but a significant enhancement.

Contractor and Method Statement

The currently engaged contractor is :

Period Restoration
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Owner : Clive Wilson

At the present time, the contractor's website is not available, being under maintenance. Period Restoration are known to have worked on heritage buildings in the north Hampshire area.

The contractor's Method Statement is supplied as a separate document. The proposed method of paint removal would cause no harm to the existing building.