

The New Bodleian Library, Oxford



The library was designed by Giles Gilbert Scott in the 1930s and the construction was completed in 1940 featuring an innovative design for that period.

This Grade II listed building is currently under a major £78 million restoration and renovation project to modernise and provide facilities for students and researchers. The library is to be reopened as the Weston Library in 2014/15 as a working research library.

The first stage of the restoration of this Grade II listed building began in 2011 with the removal of its 3.5 million books into a new storage facility in Swindon. The refurbishment of the New Bodleian building is part of a larger scheme to revitalise Oxford's historic Broad Street by creating a new public square.

A V V Solutions' restoration of the façades included the removal of years of carbonisation that had built up on the stone elevations, detailed pediments and intricate cartouches. We used the ThermoTech superheated system which reduces the amount of water applied and alleviates the need for the use of chemicals.

Areas to the façades that required pointing were colour matched using traditional lime mortars and any weathered Bladon and Clipsham stone was replaced by our skilled stone masons.

