

## **Roch Castle**

As UK-leaders in ecclesiastical restoration, Stone Technical Services have completed an important project at one of Wales' most historic castles.

Roch Castle in Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire has an illustrious history dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> Century. The Grade 1 listed ancient monument was a Royalist stronghold during the Civil War and, having been updated and modernised internally, is used today for weddings, events and as a holiday retreat.

As one of the UK's leading historic restoration and maintenance experts, Stone Technical Services has carried out around £10,000 worth of work for owners, the Retreats Group, to repair and restore the castle's historic windows.

The ancient nature- and current use- of Roch Castle required a sensitively executed project, lasting just over a week, to ensure little or no disruption and in-keeping with the Norman castle's historic beauty.

Stone's restoration experts used a powered access cradle suspended from the castle's roof, using a counter-balanced weight system, to reach the high-level windows.

Stone-coloured Dow Corning 791 sealant was used for the repair over point-mastic and lime mortar to ensure the best, long-lasting finish.

Stone's managing director, Dave Stone, said: "Sensitive restoration and repair is one of our specialist areas. It's a rare skill and requires careful planning and execution to ensure little or no disruption. All projects of this nature are carried out without the need for costly and disruptive scaffolds- we use access systems that get the job done discreetly and efficiently."