

The Roman Baths Museum & Monument

Assisting with priorities and specifications for the conservation of the stone and plasterwork at this monument—the most complete Roman baths complex in northern Europe is a project I have been involved with for many years, previously with Cliveden Conservation Workshop. The following is a selection of some past and present projects.



Identifying and specifying repairs to secondary limestone paving in the Great Bath.



Identifying and specifying rebuilding and rebedding of terracotta pilae stacks, often with the addition of damp proof membranes to slow decay.

Rob Thomson, September 2006



Stone survey of the external elevations of the Baths complex.



An interesting personal research project is the development of a light-box fitted with ultraviolet light bulbs. Initial results, following trials at the Baths, suggest that this system acts as an efficient non-contact and chemical free method for controlling organic growth.

Other projects at the Baths have included:

- The design and application of sacrificial mortars to slow decay of the Roman plasterwork.
- Desalination and reposition of carved stone elements in the Temple Precinct.
- Cleaning of Victorian pedestals.
- Careful removal of vegetation from around the Baths.