

BUILDING CONSERVATION MASTERCLASSES SPECIFYING CONSERVATION WORKS

B3D08205 28-31 JANUARY 2019 (3 day course)

This course covers all aspects of specifying conservation repairs in the life of a project; from initial surveys and project planning, through the tendering stage, to the work on site, and the effect on the building.

It presents a reliable methodology for compiling clear, unambiguous specifications that will address the repair needs of historic buildings and produce reliable costings from the tendering process. The problems of working with particular materials and repair techniques are also considered.

The teaching is based on a lively themed presentation of many real examples, with good humour but serious intent, showing what worked well where, what didn't, and why. The course tutors present views from the practising professional, the contractor, and the "permission-giver".

While the content of the course is comprehensive, its emphasis can be tailored to suit the particular needs of individual delegates, or the group as a whole.

As well as ample opportunities for "question and answer" sessions with the tutors, there will also be guided exercises and individual tuition in writing the key elements of a specification, using selected buildings at West Dean as examples.

The course would suit quantity surveyors, engineers, and other conservation professionals or practitioners, as well as architects and building surveyors.

The Wednesday sessions are opportunities to work up real specifications with individual tuition. For the Open Session on Thursday, please bring a memory stick with information/photographs of any especially vexing (please keep it succinct and simple) specification problem you have: it may be chosen, subject to time and its relevance to the group interest as a whole.

Course Leader: Malcolm Starr, a Historic England architect who has previously worked in private practice, as an advisor in a county conservation team and as a conservation officer in a local authority. His long and varied experience has involved him in a considerable number of specifications and the consequences of their qualities or deficiencies for historic buildings.

Tutors:

Rhys Brookes has been involved with conservation for nearly 30 years. He has a passion for materials and traditional building technologies and believes that the best conservation architects are those that get their hands dirty and combine their skills with those of the contractors who ultimately are confronted with the realities of the project.

John Lloyd is Technical Director of Between Time Ltd who are conservation builders.

Recommended Reading:

Historic England Practical Building Conservation: Conservation Basics (2013), Ashgate Publishing

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

Day 1	Monday
16.00-18.00	Register at Reception Desk
18.45	Welcome Talk
19.00	Dinner
Evening	Welcome Lecture. <i>"A timely provision, that nothing may be wanting or prevent the compleating of the works"</i> - the essential elements and functions of a specification, investigations and trials

Day 2	Tuesday
Morning	Lecture and site tour. <i>Introduction to the practical exercise and the part of West Dean House used for it</i> Lecture. <i>"The Good, the Bad and the Ugly – some salutary examples"</i> Lecture. <i>"A Quantity Surveyor's view of a specification"</i>
Afternoon	Lecture. <i>"A perspective from private practice"</i> Lecture. <i>"A Contractor's Lot ...views from the sharp end"</i> Open group Q&A and discussion with all the course tutors
Evening	Opportunity for informal individual or group discussion on any aspects with all the course tutors
Day 3	Wednesday
Morning	Exercise. <i>The building appraisal and planning the repairs, with individual tuition</i>
Afternoon	Exercise. <i>Writing the specification, with individual tuition</i>
Evening	Film. <i>Edward James and West Dean (optional)</i>
Day 4	Thursday
Morning	Lecture. <i>The results of the exercises summarised and discussed</i> Lecture. <i>A detailed case study and its lessons</i> Lecture/Open Session. <i>Illustrated cases and problems from participants</i>
Afternoon	Lecture. <i>"The specification in context"</i> Summary and Questions
15.30	Issue of certificates and depart.

Non-residential course fee £666

Fully inclusive residential course fee:

Standard room with private bathroom facilities £921

Superior room with private bathroom facilities £987

HOW TO BOOK

Please complete one booking form, or copy of form, per person per course and enclose a deposit for each course booked. On receipt of your booking, we will send all the further details you will need for your visit, including the course details and your final payment slip. Travel instructions will be sent to all students.

For further information about the course, please contact the Course Organiser: +44 (0) 1243 818219 or cpd@westdean.org.uk

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