

## Programme



# Maintenance Matters!

*The routine care of old buildings: a guide for owners and users*

**Date:**

**Time:** 9.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

**Venue:**

**Course Trainer:**

**Course Assistant:**

9.30	Registration and welcome
10.00	Maintenance in context <i>Looking at the local area: building types, traditional construction and common materials</i>
10.45	Maintenance Matters! <i>Why do buildings decay? Spotting and tackling common problems What is maintenance? Why is it important? Getting started...</i>
11.30	Short Break
11.45	Managing maintenance <i>Planning the routine care of old buildings – inspections and the maintenance calendar Working with professionals, contractors and specialists</i>
12.30	Lunch
1.30	Staying safe <i>Risk assessment, working at height, fire safety</i>
2.00	Out and about <i>Practical exercise looking at a building in the THI area to identify maintenance issues and areas of vulnerability. (Timing allows going to/return from site.)</i>
3.30	Tea
3.45	Questions, discussion and maintenance surgery <i>An opportunity to review the day, ask any further questions or discuss maintenance issues with participants' own buildings</i>
4.30	Finish

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### Course description

This one-day beginner / intermediate level course is designed to help old building owners and users understand their building, and take practical action to look after it.

It explains how traditional buildings were constructed, how they work and how they can decay, and how to spot and tackle common problems.

The course explains how maintenance differs from repair and emphasises the value of carrying out regular checks and simple steps to keep buildings in good condition. It places maintenance issues into context by looking at local building types, construction methods and commonly-seen materials in the area.

The day includes a practical exercise looking at a local building to identify maintenance issues and areas of vulnerability. Participants have an opportunity to discuss their own building with the tutors and with others attending.

### About the SPAB

**This course is provided by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB).**

Founded in 1877 by the designer, writer and campaigner William Morris and the architect Philip Webb to oppose the needless destruction or damaging alteration of old buildings, the SPAB is the country's longest-established buildings conservation organisation. A registered charity, it has around 6,500 members who enjoy a lively programme of events, access to a network of regional groups, and a full-colour quarterly magazine. The Society has a branch in Scotland and a section devoted to the repair and protection of historic water- and wind-mills.

Education, skills-sharing and enjoyment of historic buildings has always been at the heart of the SPAB and today it continues to offer training and technical expertise to building owners, users and professionals. It offers a varied annual programme of courses, seminars and hands-on masterclasses in traditional building crafts, and its annual working party is an unrivalled opportunity to learn and develop skills on-site under expert guidance. The SPAB's free technical helpline (weekday mornings on 020 7456 0916) answers thousands of queries every year on all aspects of repairing and caring for old buildings.

The SPAB continues to champion old buildings, campaigning on heritage issues and buildings at risk. It also plays a formal role in the planning system and must be notified of all applications to demolish listed buildings in England and Wales.

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