



LIME PLASTERING SPECIALISTS

CASE STUDY

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

The building was designed by architect George Gilbert Scott who also designed the renaissance hotel at St Pancras station.

Before:

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), commonly known as the Foreign Office, is a department of the British government. Its main responsibilities include protecting and promoting British interests worldwide. The head of the FCO is the Secretary of State & Foreign affairs who is currently Phillip Hammond.

- Construction commenced in 1861 & was completed in 1868.
- The architecture is in the Italianate style. Scott originally envisaged a gothic design by the then prime minister; Lord Palmerston overruled this and insisted on a more classical style of architecture.
- The building was granted grade 1 listed status in 1970, to prevent it from being demolished by developers.
- It was originally 4 separate buildings each for a different department; the foreign office, the India office, the colonial office and the home office.

During:

J E Putney and sons were awarded the contract to carry out the making goods to all walls and ceilings to over 600 rooms & 5 miles of corridors throughout the building, using traditional lime plaster. 5 ceilings were replaced entirely using oak sawn laths and 3 coat haired lime plaster. In addition to this, the fibrous cornice & skirting repairs were also carried out by JE Putney and sons.



Trade Techniques and Attention to detail:

3 coats of haired lime plaster

Super fine Reigate lime putty used for the making good works to achieve a seamless finish.

Fibrous repairs run in situ to achieve seamless finish on small areas.

Lime plaster allows the building to breath decreasing the chances of cracking or damp.

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