

**CASE STUDY**

**LANCASTER HOUSE** (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS YORK HOUSE AND STAFFORD HOUSE)

A mansion in London, it is close to St James Palace and was once part of the palace complex.

**Before:**

It is a grade 1 listed building and currently managed by the foreign and commonwealth office.

- Construction commenced for The Grand Old Duke of York in 1825 and completed in 1840.
- Was recently assessed for rating purposes as the most valuable private house in London.
- Queen Victoria is said to have remarked to the Duchess of Sutherland on arriving at Stafford House, "I have come from my House to your Palace".
- Hosted the 10th and 17th G7 summits' in 1984 and 1991 respectively.
- Used for filming in "The Kings Speech, Downton Abbey and The Young Victoria".

**During:**

J E Putney and Sons were awarded the contract to carry out the restoration of 3 lath and plaster ceilings throughout the building.

The existing, water damaged ceilings were removed carefully to expose the original timber joists. New sawn oak laths were fixed and 3 coats of lime haired plaster were applied.



**Trade Techniques and Attention to detail:**

Restoration of 3 lath and plaster ceilings

New sawn oak laths were fixed and 3 coats of lime haired plaster were applied

Finish in keeping with original 1840 construction

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

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