



## Retail Repairs & Building Conservation

*Thorntons, 46 High Street, Exeter*

Bradley-Mason were engaged by Thorntons Plc to undertake remedial repairs to a Grade II\* listed property located in Exeter city centre. Estimated to date from late C15th the property had featured four times on Exeter's 'Buildings at Risk' register and was in need of urgent repairs.

Archaeological paint sampling took place and a full archaeological survey was commissioned early on to ensure all repairs could be fully documented and archived.



*46 High Street, Exeter: complete (above), timber decay exposed (left) and conserved interior (below).*

Once opened up, the full extent of damage caused by decades of inadequate gutter drainage became apparent and the severe beetle attack and wet rot led to full internal structural scaffold.

Through close work with Exeter City Council, English Heritage and the experienced conservation contractor, Bradley-Mason were able to reduce the duration of store closure and deliver a scheme that met with approval from all involved. In tandem to the project our experienced Party Wall team also ensured that the complex and changing parameters of the project were dealt with efficiently to minimise knock on effects.

On completion of works a host of positive comments were received from the local community, conservation team and client alike. Bradley-Mason are proud to have played a part in bringing this "restored treasure" back into repair.

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