

Client:

Private Residential

Location:

Ferndown, Dorset

Completed:

December 2024



CASE STUDY

Holmwood House

About the Project

Built in the 1800's, Holmwood House is a striking and historic residence nestled in the heart of Longham, Dorset.

We were initially called in to investigate a leak that had caused significant water damage and mould to the basement flat. Upon further inspection, it became clear that the original damp-proofing had been improperly installed.

The following key activities were undertaken:

- Complete strip-out of damaged areas.
- Excavations and structural alterations.
- Installation of a new damp-proof membrane (DPM), lead flashings, and drainage around the building's rear and side perimeters, including the conservatory.
- Build of new internal walls and partitions.
- New ceilings with block and beam construction.
- Installation of a new, properly specified damp-proofing system and insulation throughout to ensure energy efficiency.
- Full electrical rewiring.
- Bespoke timber doors handcrafted by our carpenters.
- Our carpenters carefully restored the original staircase.
- Installation of new windows.
- Full carpentry, joinery works, plasterboard and plaster.
- New flooring throughout – internal laminate and outdoor tiles externally.
- Full interior and exterior decorations.

The previously underutilised and damaged basement space was transformed into a fully functional, self-contained flat, now serving as a comfortable living area for the client's daughter. This major conversion not only maximised the usable space within the property but also provided a practical solution to accommodate family needs while maintaining privacy and independence.



In addition to enhancing the layout, the project prioritised energy efficiency. By incorporating improved insulation and adopting modern building practices, the space now offers year-round comfort with reduced energy consumption. These upgrades contribute to lower energy bills, aligning with contemporary standards for sustainable living.

Most importantly, the client was thrilled with the transformation. They were particularly pleased with the quality of craftsmanship and attention to detail demonstrated throughout the project, exceeding their expectations.