

Ten Top Tips for maintaining your old building



Get to know your building

Are your walls made of timber, brick or stone? It will make a difference to how you approach maintaining them. Are there parts of your building which might be really old and so need particular specialist care?



Get to know your location

Which walls are exposed to the ravages of the weather so might need additional coats of limewash? Living in an isolated spot can make it harder to have materials delivered.



Look for signs of change

Moss growing on your wall could be the sign of a leaky gutter. Could a new crack in your wall be down to a tree close to the house growing too big?



Be aware of wear and tear

A slipped slate following a storm can lead to expensive damage if not spotted early. Signs of low level damp in your house could mean that your land drains have got filled with silt.



Plan ahead

Clear your gutters of leaves before winter sets in; give your woodwork a summer coat of paint.



Keep records

Retain information on methods and materials for any maintenance work you do; keep a track of any movement in any cracks in the building.



Work safely

Use personal protective equipment; make sure your ladders are well secured.



Find the right help

Builders with the right knowledge are often hard to find and get booked up. Is your building listed? If so, you might need Listed Building Consent for any repairs you need to make.



Seek further information

There is lots of information and guidance available to support you in looking after your old building. Visit the Tywi Centre website or give us a call if you need any help.



Love your building

Your home is probably the most expensive thing you own; cherish and care for it into its old age and pass it on for future generations to enjoy.

The Tywi Centre is a Traditional Building Skills Training and Education Centre based in the heart of Carmarthenshire in West Wales. We have a great reputation for quality, knowledge and enthusiasm – so do get in touch to learn more.



Visit the Tywi Centre website for further information on looking after your old building www.tywicentre.org.uk
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