

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH, BERKSHIRE– Church Monument

Challenge

A large late 16th century wall monument to Sir Henry Neville in contrasting shades of alabaster, embellished with polychrome and gilding. The monument had experienced structural movement mainly to the top architrave and pediment. It was heavily soiled with probably 100 years of surface dirt. Many small loose fragments of broken stone were also discovered sitting on the ledges of the monument.

Solution

The monument was recorded before any works commenced. The top section was then carefully dismantled after removing all the iron cramps and re-assembled using high-grade stainless steel cramps. The sculptured elements were removed to the workshop and subsequently returned after cleaning and minor repairs and the remaining elements were also cleaned in situ. For further protection the whole monument was then given a light microcrystalline wax.

Results

The monument was successfully restored for future generations to enjoy.

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