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Guildford's Castle Keep was built by King Stephen (1135 - 1154) and is believed to be the last surviving stone structure built by him. It is considered a most valuable part of Guildford's history and has also contributed to numerous archaeological finds of national importance. "Maddisons extensive experience with listed buildings ensured their appointment to represent the Council alongside the world renowned conservationist practice Ingram Consultancy" says Bill Gill, Estates, Guildford Borough Council.

Maddisons were appointed as the project Planning Supervisor, Quantity Surveyors and Contract Administrators to coordinate the conservation and repair works designed by the Conservation Consultants, Ingram Consultancy.

The works included major internal and external stonework and render repairs, the reinstatement of the first floor and roof to create a public gallery, a new external access staircase and the creation of an historical display and story board area on the ground floor.

The total contract value of the proposed works was in the region of £500k and had to be completed within a contract period of 8 months due to a planned and long standing public re-opening event.

The works were architecturally detailed and scheduled on a stone by stone basis in full compliance with English Heritage requirements and the painstaking process of repair was interrupted by a number of interesting discoveries requiring further archaeological investigation.

Despite this the conservation works were completed both on time and within the budget.







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