

HISTORIC STATEMENT

Lowes Court Gallery is a Grade II listed building dating from the late C17th/early C18th with later alterations including a late C20th extension to the rear. Number 12 and 13 Main Street fell into disrepair in the 1960's before being saved from demolition and restored by Lowes Court Gallery Association in the early 1970's. The two-storey building is adjoined on both sides by higher later two storey buildings. An archway to the south provides access through a short ginnel to the rear garden that previously housed a row of cottages. One roof light is metal which has deteriorated and very rusty, a fixed pane, surrounded by a wooden frame that has been painted matt black, which matches the beams.

The roof is welsh slate, the chimney stack is an unpainted cement render finish. It does not appear to have any vents on the chimneys.

The walls on the original building are of a traditional solid wall construction likely to be of random rubble stonework, covered with wet dash or roughcast render.

The door and window are in the 1960's extension at the rear of the property. Both the door and window are in a very poor condition and are a security risk. The window is single glazed fixed unit and has cling wrap on the interior to reduce the drafts.

DESIGN

The front and rear roof will be, Welsh slate re-using the existing slates where possible plus new welsh slate to match the existing. The existing cement ridge tiles will be re-used. A breathable felt will be used with treated new battens. The chimney will re-rendered using wet dash render. Three new clay chimney pots and clay cowls will be installed to improve the ventilation of the chimneys, this will also improve the visual appearance of the building.

SKYLIGHT WINDOW

A bespoke hardwood frame will be handmade with double glazed fixed unit, framed on the inside with timber and painted black.

REAR DOOR AND WINDOW

The new door will be an exterior unglazed flush timber door with a paint finish and a hard wood surround. A five lever mortice lock will be fitted to improve the security.

The new rear window will be a bespoke timber window, with a double glazed fixed unit with paint finish.

Any harm is acceptable and has been mitigated through the use of sensitive materials. Materials will be re-used where possible, any new additions will be subtle. The roofing contractor will dispose of any waste through correct procedures.

ACCESS

We will use a professional roofing contractor, who will provide their own or sub-contract to a scaffolder to supply access equipment to safely work on the roof.