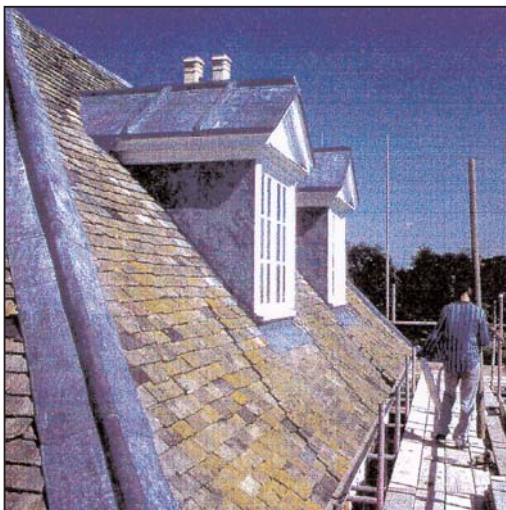




## Restoration of Anstey Hall, Cambridge



### CONSERVATION

RESIDENTIAL

EDUCATION/COMMUNITY

HOTEL/LEISURE

HEALTHCARE

COMMERCIAL

Anstey Hall was built in the late 17th Century probably by Anthony Thompson on a half H-shaped plan with wings extending back to the south. In the second half of the 19th Century the house was made nearly half as large again by an addition on the east and in 1909 the original building was extensively remodelled internally. This later work included the filling of most of the depth of the south recess between the wings. Anstey Hall also forms part of a larger complex of outbuildings including a Water Tower and adjacent Glasshouses, Kitchen Garden, Stables, Coach House and Coachman's House.

Acanthus Clews were approached by the Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) to carry out restoration works. The cobbled Stable Courtyard was relaid to take the stresses of modern traffic with new drainage works. The reinstatement carefully maintained the original patterns of historic routes through the Courtyard. To the outbuildings, extensive damp proofing, improved fire precautions and escapes were installed and the Glasshouses, found in a derelict state were also comprehensively restored.