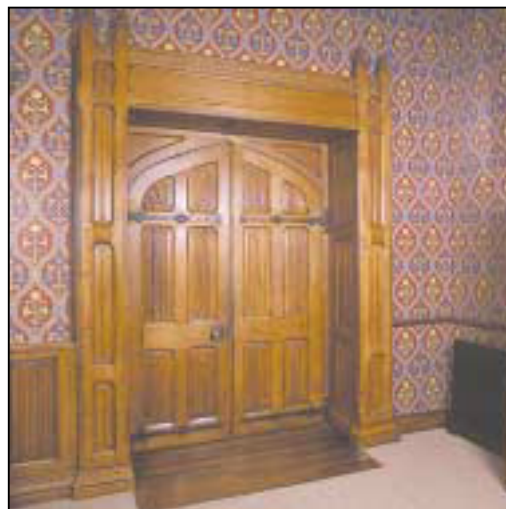




Library Restorations at Bilton Grange School



CONSERVATION

RESIDENTIAL

EDUCATION/COMMUNITY

HOTEL/LEISURE

HEALTHCARE

COMMERCIAL

Bilton Grange School recently unveiled the renovation of its historic library to celebrate the building's 150th Anniversary. The library was designed by A.W.N. Pugin, responsible for the original interior design of The House of Commons and the House of Lords.

The restoration works were supervised and managed by Acanthus Clews Architects who have a nationally established reputation for conservation work. The work primarily involved cleaning and restoring the library furniture, doors, panelling and stonework. Original painted timber panels above

the chimney pieces and around the frieze were brought back to life by art conservators. Once restored the interior was hung in hand painted wallpaper from an original Pugin design.

Due to the architectural and historic importance of the building, listed Grade II, Clews Architects have been fully supported by English Heritage and the local authority conservation officer in acquiring consents for the work. The restoration has been commended by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors with a Craftsmanship in Building Award.