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## CASE STUDY – REFURBISHMENT

BUSCOT MANOR HOUSE, BUSCOT, WILTSHIRE

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1- Front elevation of Buscot Manor Farm House

**Buscot Manor House** forms part of Buscot Village and is one of the earlier buildings constructed before the main village was built in the mid eighteenth century.

The property is a two-storey house, which sits in a prominent location at the end of the village. The village is mainly owned and managed by The National Trust and is located on the banks of the River Thames just before Lechlade where the Thames becomes the Isis.

The size and the grandeur sets the property aside from the smaller worker's cottages that forms most of the village. Buscot developed mainly by the now long gone Brandy distillery on Brandy Island and was in direct one-up-man-ship with the model village of Coleshill a couple of miles away.

The house was let on a long-term lease, but when the property became empty, the Trust took the opportunity to undertake maintenance works. The works developed from small remedial works to dealing with beetle infestation to the ground floor, historical research, new services and plastering to most of the walls.

Work included:

- Building recording, including drawing, measurements and investigation
- Write specification and manage construction works
- Liaise with specialist conservators for Paint & Paper and Dendrology



2 Bouncy floor boards indicated a defect - the embedded timber joists had suffered from wet rot and death watch beetle attack

Client: The National Trust

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