



Location:	St Albans Cathedral
Project Value:	£25,000
Project Start Date:	January 2005
Project Completion:	April 2005

Project Information

St Albans Cathedral is a public building and a Grade 1 listed structure. Meticulous care was required in planning and executing the project. We worked throughout the project in close collaboration with Richard Griffiths (architect), the cathedral authorities and the appointed stonemasons.

Over a period of 3 months, Caswell surveyors and operatives undertook investigations into the asbestos content present within the towers and cloisters at St Albans Cathedral with a view to removing or encapsulating the asbestos found there. Particular attention focused on the pipework of the Harrison & Harrison cathedral organ, built in 1962, as a possible source of asbestos fibre contamination.

Caswell were required to carry out a Type 3 asbestos survey to identify the existence of hazardous materials in the building and the type of asbestos present. Special care had to be taken due to the cathedral's delicate features and fittings.

Having quantified and programmed the investigations with due allowance for other trades, the project management team liaised with the architects and the clients conservation officer regarding the methods to be used in relation to the removal of asbestos and reinstatement of the stonework. This included producing a construction phase health and safety plan, designing appropriate methods of working to prevent risk to those working or visiting the cathedral.

Discreteness was taken at all times as it was the clients request that the cathedral should remain open for worship while the surveying was being undertaken.

