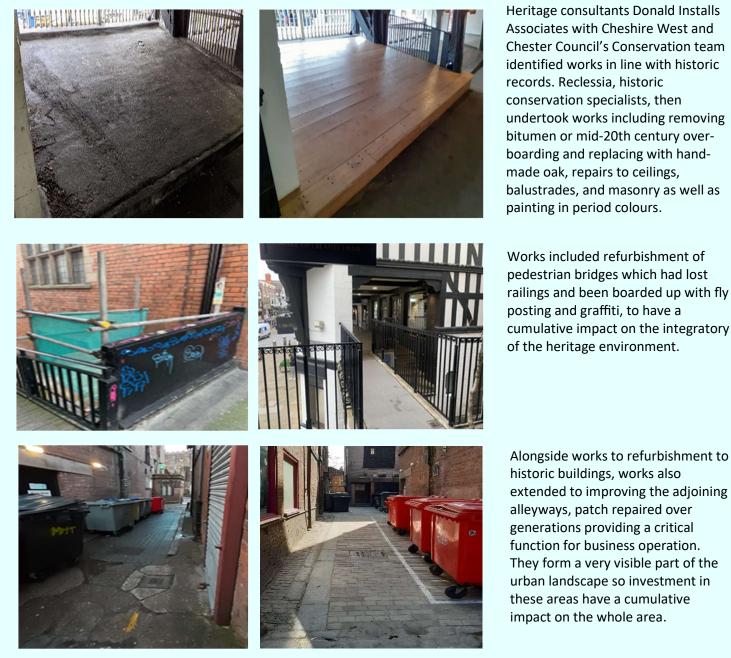
Case Study: Restoration of Chester Rows Heritage Infrastructure

Chester Rows can be traced back over 800 years and are a unique series of covered galleries that together form a 'double tier' street pattern in the heart of Chester city centre. Radiating from the Cross, in the heart of the Roman walled city, these historic high streets contain over 100 Listed Buildings and are a living environment that have evolved and been added to with every century. Today the Rows host over 200 shops, including many independent traders and eateries - together with hotels, offices, and community spaces – who chose to continue this legacy in the heart of Chester.

The ambition of the project was to refurbish the historic fabric of the accessible spaces within Chester Rows, including the 'stallboards' on the upper tiered walkway which were historically used for trading but many of which had fallen into disrepair.



Funding: The works were funded as part of Chester Rows Heritage Action Zone co-funded by Historic England

Recognition: Project was nominated by 300 members of the public – and won- the Chester Civic Trust's principal award for best heritage project in 2023.

Top Tip: Concentration of delivery of heritage refurbishment in adjacent buildings, maximises the impact ensuring greater community recognition of works undertaken and thus, their on-going support for works.





