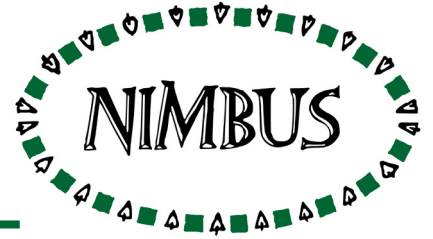


# Abbey Gatehouse - Bristol Cathedral

## Conservation of Romanesque stonework

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Originally constructed in the late Norman period, the gatehouse features spiral shafted and beaded columns and capitals, dog tooth arches and much other decoration. The upper parts were rebuilt in the 15th century and restored in the 19th century. Nimbus is currently involved in the cleaning and repair of this significant Bristol landmark.

Most of the lower stonework is heavily encrusted with a black pollution deposit. Cleaning is being carried out using ammonium carbonate poultices and our own designed nebula spray system. Limited repairs, repointing and shelter coating are then being carried out to protect the stonework of the building. The low level arches are being used as a trial for a polysaccharide anti graffiti treatment. This trial is being monitored by the English Heritage Conservation Research team.

**Client:** Dean and Chapter of Bristol Cathedral

**Architect:** Louise Bainbridge



South face of gatehouse after cleaning and conservation



Conserved figure

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