The Radcliffe Camera, Oxford

The Radcliffe Camera building is named after John Radcliffe (1650 - 1714), who funded its construction through a bequest. It was designed by James Gibbs in a neo-classical style to house the Radcliffe Science library. It was built between 1737 - 1749 and is now part of Oxford University, being used as a reading room for the Bodleian Library. The building is listed Grade I.

Heritage Project Contracts was appointed by the Oxford University Estates Directorate to undertake trial cleaning and repair works to two large timber windows and one small circular iron window. The latter was in a poor condition due to heavy corrosion. It required careful reconstruction with new metal sections.

These trial works were undertaken to allow the client to gauge the level of repairs required to the Radcliffe Camera windows. It is intended that any further works will be of minimal intervention.

Works completed - October 2013
Client - Oxford University Estates Directorate