

CASE STUDY – *Kew Palace, Disabled Access Ramp*

- **Client:**
Historic Royal Palaces
- **Architect:**
Purcell Miller Tritton
- **Quantity Surveyor:**
Gardiner & Theobald
Construction Management
- **Engineer:**
Cameron Taylor Bedford
- **Trade Contractor:**
Stonewest Limited
- **Value:** £30K
- **Date:** 2006



Description

Kew Palace is an historic site of international importance and a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

The works involved:

- The contract included the formation of a disabled ramp in accordance with current DDA Regulations requiring the alteration of an existing entrance for wheelchair access.
- All excavation work for new formwork was carried out by hand to minimise any disturbance to the façade and preserve items of historic interest.
- Listed stone was carefully removed and set aside for reuse matched with new following provision of samples and a rigorous selection process.
- Internal stone flooring and a number of fireplace hearths were cleaned using conservation methodology.
- The works were closely monitored throughout by the resident Archaeologist allowing time for the investigation and recording of significant finds.