

# Stone Cleaning in Dorchester

CASE STUDY

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### THE BRIEF

Stone Cleaning – Former Dorchester Brewery Now a Retail & Luxury Housing Development.

The Leadbitter Group started work on two projects worth nearly £29 million in Dorchester. Both part of the second phase of redevelopment of the town's Brewery Square.

The first project, for Brewery Square Development Company (BSDC), involves the design and construction of 68 high quality residential apartments, a 76 bedroom hotel and a three-screen cinema, together with 9,180 metres of retail space.

The second will see the design and construction of a 90-bed care home built on behalf of the Somerset Redstone Trust.

The Brewery Square development will provide a major boost to the Dorchester economy as it requires a large workforce, with in excess of 200 construction, design and management personnel being employed on the project at its peak.

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The Leadbitter former brewery building (listed building) development refurbishment is due to be completely refurbished over the next five year period with new retail outlets, restaurants, and luxury apartments. Ideal Response were called in with an initial requirement to clean all of the exterior stone at high level with a mixture of stone needing varying levels of cleaning.

Ideal Response initially provided a test clean – to demonstrate the thorough brick cleaning that could be achieved.

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### BUSINESS SITUATION

It was understood that the works needed to be carried out with as little disruption to the area as possible whilst other contractors were also working in the area. The aim for Ideal Response team was to use brick restoration methods to restore the external appearance of the building to its former glory so that it could be enjoyed by future clients' occupants and visitors to the new business and homes.

### TECHNICAL SITUATION

Scaffolding had been erected around the areas needing brick cleaning and an initial test clean was completed. This was then inspected and approved by The Leadbitter Group. Ideal Response employed a Doff stone cleaning method system which was used to achieve a high-quality standard of stone cleaning. The work had to be completed safely whilst working at height. The Doff system employed uses low pressure water which delivers an impressive quality of finish to the stone and brickwork surfaces. Stone cleaning was carried out to stone cornice that runs around the building, along with the original stone and brick work which comprised of Stoke red, Broad main, Staffi blues. There were also several areas with Portland / York stone which took Ideal Response's skilled technicians a number of attempts to deliver the required quality finish.

### OUR SOLUTION

The technicians from Ideal Response completed the clean within the agreed timescale and the client was very happy with the finish and commented:

"Ideal Response completed the stone cleaning on schedule, and we are extremely happy with the results and would gladly recommend them to anyone who needs stone cleaning."

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