

# Consultancy for Historic Buildings and Period Properties



## Virtual Consultations by Vincent Reed

Do you need to know more about historic woodwork in the period property you are working on, or gain invaluable advice before or during the project? Or learn about how to sympathetically conserve and restore the woodwork?

Vincent Reed is now offering a new consultation service via Zoom or Microsoft Teams. Using your mobile phone, tablet or laptop, bring Vincent to your project and tap into over thirty years of experience.



### A one-to-one consultation

With the advantage of modern technology, bring Vincent to your project for a one-to-one consultation to discover and learn about the joinery, historic features and ornate details; including dates, styles and fashions living within its walls.

Restoration of historic woodwork is Vincent's passion, and he has experience of consulting on all types of period properties, from private homes, stately homes, royal palaces to some of the world's most important historic buildings.



### What advice can I get?

You can learn the correct methods used to conserve and restore all aspects of historic joinery, with a focus on the importance of maintaining patina using traditional methods. Vincent specialises in:

- Sympathetic restoration, repair and refinishing of wood flooring
- Conservation and restoration of panelling, staircases, doors and windows

With extensive knowledge of antique furniture, Vincent can identify intricate details, such as period hinges, door handles, decoration, quirky features and types of glass used through the ages.

*“Period woodwork is as precious as your most prized antiques. It deserves respect, never a sander.”*

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### The benefits

- An affordable alternative to initial onsite consultations
- Cost saving to your project spend by getting the correct advice and preventing incorrect work being carried out
- Get a better understanding of the property's historic woodwork and insight into its significant features, learning how best to approach the conservation and restoration process
- Understand complexities that could arise during a project, apply for the correct planning permission and appoint appropriate contractors
- Consultations are carried out in any location worldwide all you need is an internet connection
- More than one person can attend, allowing third parties involved in your building project to attend from any location
- A recording of your consultation is provided for reference

To find out more or book a consultation call Vincent on 07815 751005





## About Vincent Reed and his passion for preserving history

Vincent Reed's passion for restoring historic woodwork was ignited more than 30 years ago when he apprenticed as an antique furniture restorer in England's famous Brighton Lanes. Committed to the belief that period exterior and interior woodwork deserves to be treated with the same meticulous care and respect as precious antique furniture, he established Vincent Reed Ltd in 1989, specialising in the accurate restoration of all types of historical timbers. Today, Vincent's wealth of knowledge and experience precedes him.

Vincent has worked and consulted on a wide range of prestigious projects, from Grade 1 & 2 listed period family homes, to some of the UK's most recognisable royal residences and historic buildings including Kensington Palace, St Paul's Cathedral, The Tower of London, Kew Palace, the Royal College of Physicians, King's College Chapel by George Gilbert

Scott, Glynde Place and many more. Vincent's work has been recognised overseas including travelling to Abu Dhabi to consult and advise on the ancient woodwork construction at the Royal Fortress Qasr al-Hosn.

As an ICOMOS delegate, Vincent explored and advised on some of the world's most ancient timber structures in Ethiopia. He was also invited to present at the international conference of timber structures UN Headquarters, Addis Ababa. Vincent is regularly invited to lecture for The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS); as well as the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB), The Royal Household Conservation departments at Buckingham Palace and many other heritage companies throughout the UK.

Most recently in 2020, Vincent carried out restoration on the Sir Christopher Wren panelling in The Queen's State Apartments, Kensington Palace.

### How Virtual Consultations work

- Contact us via email at [info@vincentreed.com](mailto:info@vincentreed.com) and we will call you for an initial chat to find out more details and schedule your appointment.
- The consultation will take place on your mobile device or laptop, and therefore a good internet connection is advised.
- Consultations can be carried out via Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet, WhatsApp or Facetime, at a convenient time that suits you.
- It is advisable to send a few images prior to your consultation, in order to gather as much accurate information as possible.
- Virtually show Vincent around the property you are working on and ask any number of questions.
- Your virtual consultation will be recorded. Vincent will then share a link to the recording which you can download and recount at any time.

“Without Vincent's expert advice and input, this 18th century farmhouse project would have had a very different outcome. I never imagined this wonderfully wavy floor could be restored without losing its superb character and sense of history. Vincent's knowledge and expertise were fantastic.”

MICHAEL FOLEY  
AssocRICS, PDD (Building Cons)



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