



By appointment to  
Her Majesty The Queen  
Building Façade Restoration  
and Conservation



## Aylesford Gatehouse

Stonework specialists and expert masons PAYE have employed medieval skills and materials as part of a project to safeguard a thirteenth century monastery in Kent.

The Pilgrims' Hall which forms the oldest part of the Carmelite community at the Friars, Aylesford borders the River Medway. Sitting with its foundations in the river bed, the hall once had a waterfront doorway to accommodate pilgrims bound for Canterbury by boat. The building now forms the monastery's only defence against flooding due to sedimentation and the construction of tide control measures down stream.

PAYE Stonework and Restoration were named by conservation Architects Thomas Ford & Partners to work alongside main contractors Wallis, a division of Kier Regional Ltd, to clad the steel reinforced concrete buttresses which brace the ancient walls. Working in close co-operation with architect John Bailey, craftsmen from PAYE carefully matched the Kent ragstone of the original structure.

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