

## Queens Gallery, Buckingham Palace

The Queens Gallery is a collective name for what is in fact eight different areas of new work to an extension to Buckingham Palace.

CWO was the specialist nominated sub-contractor to Wates for the detail design, supply, fabrication and installation of Bath and Portland stonework. The production and design was carried out at CWO's workshops in Chichester.

### The Graphic Art Gallery

The Art Gallery is built from re-used existing Portland stone up to a continuous cill course of new Portland. Above this Hartham Park Bath stone is used, with four tall arched windows with rusticated Ashlar and voussoir stones. The cornice and balustrade above is Portland.

### The Garden Pavillion Bridge Link

The Garden Pavillion is built in Bath Stone, attractive and simple in its design with two fluted columns as well as two outer square pilasters. Above this is the Bath Stone pediment, which completes this façade.

The Bridge Link joins the two buildings, which although small is very attractive with an arch completed with rusticated radiating joints.



### New Entrance Hall

The East elevation is 20 Metres in length and built in rusticated Bath Stone Ashlar. Set into the façade are two transennae windows, which reduce in width to give the illusion of height.

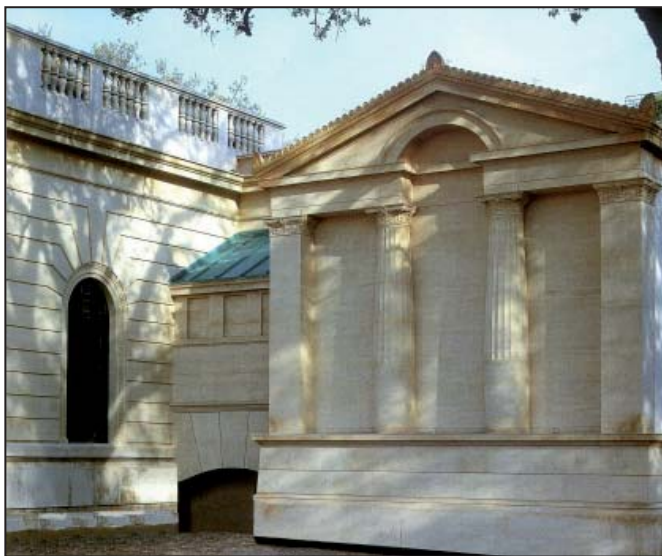
The South elevation has two small columns and two small pilasters with a double pediment above and is finished with three plain acroteria.

### The Portico

The Portico has eight fluted Portland columns, spanned by stone beams with open pediments above. The front and rear beams are three metres in length and each weigh approximately three tonnes. The Portico roof structure is made from ten year seasoned oak with circular purlins and two large beams nearly six meters in length. The cladding around the Portland beams is of mottled red/black granite and honed green slate.

### The 'Nash' Stairs

The last of the major re-build is known as the 'Nash' stairs. The original door entrance was removed and replaced with a much taller one consisting of Bath stone jambs and head. The new entrance steps, paving and balustrade are Portland. In addition there are two areas not seen from ground level. Namely the stair hall, which is two elevations of cornice and parapet. Also the Queen's retiring room, this is built in Portland and is situated in the corner of a roof and has a connecting door to the Investiture Hall.



**Client:** The Royal Household Property Section  
**Main Contractor:** Wates Construction  
**Architect:** John Simpson & Partners  
**Quantity Surveyor:** Huntley Cartwright  
**Value:** £1,100,000

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