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The Cloisters
Letchworth

Inspection 29th November 2021



Chimney on side of stair tower.

Chimney formed with creasing tiles laid flat to form quoins and string course head and detailing to brick masonry stack.

Lower string course.



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The head of the stack is losing its structural integrity with loss of the tie effect of the mid feathers and articulation of the tile corbelling.

The fixings to the lightening conductor are expanding causing further distress.

The stack is considered to be dangerous with the possibility of elements falling to ground.

We therefore consider that the stack should be temporarily dismantled.

Subject to inspection as the works progress it is likely to need to be lowered to the lower string course.

It would be prudent to consider a safety cordon around the base of the tower and stack.

Hockley & Dawson

30th November 2021