

Faith in Maintenance Calendar

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Tick the boxes as you complete each task. You can also use this chart to identify any points of concern that need to be addressed.



JANUARY

Things to do:

- Have the electrical systems checked by a qualified person at least once every five years.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

- Smoke alarms should be regularly tested and cleaned. Remember to replace the batteries too!

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

- Parapet and valley gutters need to be cleared of snow to prevent melt water rising above them and causing damp internally. Extra caution is needed in icy conditions.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐



FEBRUARY

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- Make sure that the tower, roofs and windows are bird-proof before nesting starts. Do not disturb bats.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

- Check the condition of any ladders in the tower and ask the tower captain to ensure that the bells and bellframe are in good order.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐



MARCH

Things to look for:

- Check that eaves gutters and downpipes have not been damaged by frost. Look for cracks and leaks in rainwater goods and note damaged sections.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

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APRIL

Things to look for:

- Check the roofs for frost, snow and wind damage. Debris on the ground from broken slates and tiles indicates that there may be a problem.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

- Check for splits and cracks in areas of flat or sloping sheet roofing.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

- Inspect lead flashings and mortar fillets at chimneys for signs of decay. Problems will include holes or splits in leadwork and erosion of mortar fillets.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

Things to do:

- Clear leaves and debris from gutters and rainwater pipes regularly. Frequent attention may be needed if the building is surrounded by trees, or perched on by pigeons. Cast iron gutters may also require repainting.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐



MAY

Things to do:

- Gulleys beneath rainwater pipes should be cleaned out regularly and drains should be rodded out if they overflow during wet weather. Remove silt and debris and ensure water discharges freely.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

- Make sure that windows and ventilators are operable so that the building can be ventilated on dry days during the summer months. Lubricate door and window ironmongery and check security of locks.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

- Shut down the heating system and have the boiler serviced. Bleed radiators if you have them and ensure that the frost thermostat is operational.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

- Clear away any plant growth from around the base of the walls and in particular from the drainage channel.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐



JUNE

Things to look for:

- Inspect all windows. Check the glazing, putty, lead cames and wire ties for signs of damage.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

- Check timberwork for signs of rot including less accessible areas such as floor and roof voids, under stairs and in cupboards.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

Things to do:

- Clear any dirt from condensation drainage channels and holes at the base of windows.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

- Remove any vermin from floor and roof voids.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐



Safety

- Ensure you maintain your building safely. Ladders, lofts and roofs present particular hazards. It is best not to work alone, but think of the safety of helpers and others beneath if working above ground level. Safety equipment is needed for some jobs, including gloves for the clearance of drains or removal of pigeon droppings from gutters.
- Do not touch gas or electrical supplies unless you are qualified.
- If in any doubt about safe access, particularly on roofs and in attics, use a reputable, professional builder for inspection or work. Binoculars can be a useful tool to help you inspect roofs and other high level items.
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JULY

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- Look at timber windows, doors, fascias and bargeboards. Check for cracked and rotten wood. Redecoration may be required.

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- Have the lightning conductor system serviced once every five years.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

- If your building has a steeple consider having it inspected by a steeplejack once every five years.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐



AUGUST

Things to do:

Take a break!



SEPTEMBER

Things to look for:

- If your roof space has safe access and is boarded, check whether there is evidence of leaks or damage to the roof covering during heavy rain, especially below gutters.

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- Make sure that water tanks and exposed water and heating pipes are protected from frost. Any leaks should be repaired.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

- Make sure that any airbricks or under floor ventilators are free from obstruction and clean if necessary.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐



OCTOBER

Things to look for:

- Check masonry for signs of damage. Report any deeply eroded mortar joints or cracks or signs of movement.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

- Check that snowboards and access walkways are in a good state of repair.

CHECKED ☐ ACTION NEEDED ☐

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NOVEMBER

Things to look for:

- Check that the flagpole is secure.

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- Make sure that fire safety equipment has been serviced.

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Well done! You've kept your building well maintained for another year.



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