

PROJECT CASE STUDY

The Restoration of The Venetian
Waterways In Great Yarmouth





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What's Involved in The Restoration

Concrete Renovations Ltd have carried out a meticulous restoration of the Grade II listed Venetian Waterways to recapture its original beauty and mark its historical importance with the generous infusion of £1.7 million in lottery funding. This extensive revitalization effort encompassing structural tasks such as sealing and restoring the unique purpose-built boating lake, renovating the derelict café for future generations to enjoy and rethatching the charming shelters along the waterways. Due to the Waterways grade II protection status, comprehensive and careful restoration was imperative, ensuring an authentic connection to the past for future visitors. Concrete Renovations Ltd lovingly restored the beautiful ornate concrete staircases, vases and balustrades to their former glory and with the help landscapers and local volunteers the waterways underwent an intricate planting scheme meticulously reinstate the gardens with approximately 6000 plants to complete a project which will attract many visitors for years to come.

Techniques Used When Restoring

In late 2014, a significant revitalization effort was undertaken for the Waterways. The canals and ponds were partially drained due to issues with silt accumulation, while the concrete balustrades had deteriorated over time. Additionally, the award-winning flowerbeds that once graced the area had been removed and replaced with grass. Concrete Renovations Ltd promptly repaired the concrete issues surrounding the waterways, and meticulously restored Bridge G to its original pristine white hue. These efforts breathed new life into the area, revitalizing its aesthetic appeal and making it a more captivating destination.

History of the Venetian waterways

The Great Yarmouth Venetian Waterways project was completed in 1928. In the aftermath of the war, a remarkable relief program emerged, dedicated to assisting war veterans in finding employment and restoring their sense of dignity. Over the years, this noble initiative thrived thanks to the collective efforts of numerous individuals. The waterways were finally completed, showcasing the ornate bridges, lush gardens, and exotic plants. These structures, infused with intricate art deco details, bore testimony to skilled craftsmanship.

By 1929, the Venetian Waterways had become a beloved attraction, offering serene canal boat rides amid vibrant flowers. Maintained with care, the gardens boasted sculptures and fountains, enhancing the site's charm.

Throughout the years, challenges, including wartime damage and neglect, threatened the Waterways. However, commitment to preservation led to the help of Concrete Renovation Ltd. Our team commenced restoration and ensued the reopening of the Venetian Waterways, warranting the enduring allure of this historical gem.



Before

The picture above vividly displayed the dire need for Venetian Waterways' restoration. The canals were choked with silt, flowerbeds stripped away, concrete structures deteriorated and the boating lake was unusable due to heavy water loss. Urgent efforts were necessary to rescue this historical treasure and restore its former glory.



After

The completed restoration of the Venetian Waterways, as seen in the picture above, was a stunning transformation. The canals gleamed, lush flowerbeds thrived, and meticulously restored bridges and structures showcased their original beauty. It was a testament to dedicated efforts, preserving this historical gem in its full magnificence.

PROJECT VALUE: £450,000.00

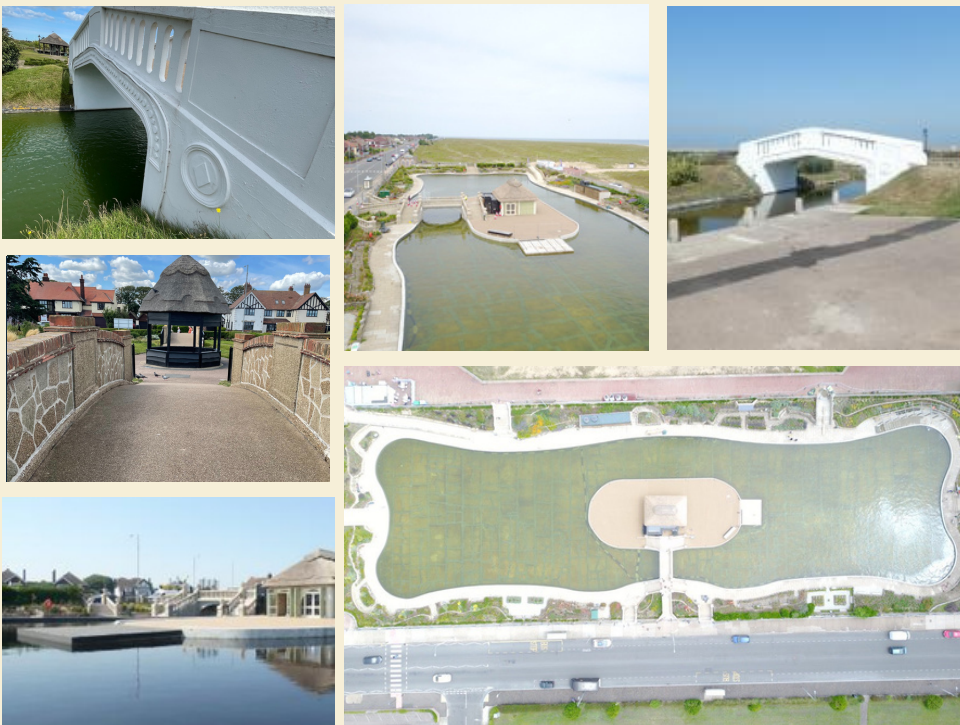
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Before Restoration



The Venetian Waterways In Great Yarmouth Befeor & After

After Restoration



Concrete Renovations Ltd had a truly remarkable time as they poured their passion and dedication into restoring the enchanting Venetian Waterways. With unwavering commitment, they meticulously rejuvenated this historic gem, breathing new life into its concrete pathways and ornate structures. Their skilled craftsmanship and attention to detail were nothing short of remarkable, preserving the timeless charm of this iconic destination. Through their expertise, they not only revitalized the physical infrastructure but also rekindled the spirit of a bygone era, making the Venetian Waterways a cherished symbol of historical preservation and community pride.

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