

Abbey Stone Cleaning Services

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to trial the paint removal at 93 Netherstreet, Bromham.

Trial was carried out on 9th June 2026

After applying both acrylic and polyurethane paint softeners to separate areas of the side wall bricks and front ashlar stone we then let them dwell for a while.

Whilst they were dwelling I set up my ThermaTech SuperHeated (similar to DoFF System) water cleaning system and carried out a trial on an area of the paint without any softener.

My initial thoughts were not optimistic as from visual inspection the top coat of paint appears to be a Snowcem paint – this is a cementious based paint and is extremely difficult to remove (if not impossible!). Although the system (without softener) did get through the top layer of paint it was quite slow and time consuming.

Once I had got through the top layer of paint I uncovered another layer of paint that was a modern thermoplastic masonry paint; under that in places I also uncovered a layer of what appears to be limewash (which as the name suggests is a lime based paint).

Once the softeners had had time to work I set the ThermaTeh up at its lowest pressure setting and 135degrees C. At this setting the underlayer of paint was removed at a sensible rate and took off the top layer. – I did notice that on the Ashlar stonework there is a limewash in places that may need a secondary system to remove it. – But this will depend on how much is left after the initial paint removal.

Pointing: Please be aware that although the ThermaTech system is very gentle if the stonework / brickwork / pointing is already loose or friable it may well be removed by the cleaning process.

The pointing on the ashlar stonework is known as butter joints and may need some work.

The pointing on the brickwork that was uncovered is the original lime pointing and looked to be in good condition.

I estimate that the cleaning will take 4-5 days per façade and will be charged at my normal day rate + the cost of the softener (& any sundries). I will be able work off a scaffold tower (normally £110/week) and this will be included in my price.

All debris will be bagged up and need to be disposed of by yourselves.

At the current time & after my discussion with Pete I have pencilled this into my diary for the first week of September.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me

Kind regards

David Sutcliffe