



## CASE STUDY

**Project name:** Graffiti Removal -St Mary's Bridge  
**Client:** Bedford Borough Council  
**Contractor:** As above  
**Site:** St Mary's Portland Stone Bridge  
River Ouse, Bedford Town Centre  
**Project:** 41m<sup>2</sup> of invisible graffiti removal to a landmark Grade 2 listed Portland stone bridge. Apply an anti graffiti coating.  
**Product/s used:** QshieldAG  
**Date:** June 2006

### Problem:

The bridge is at the heart of this county town and is seen as a highly prized feature. Removal of the graffiti was viewed as an absolute priority by the council and they were concerned as to the permanent damage that could ensue as a direct result of the removal process.

They then wanted to reduce the risk of a recurrence of the problem in the future by the application of an effective and appropriate treatment that would afford greater surface protection without changing the natural look of the stone.

### Solution:

QSS were specifically contracted as they had significant experience working with natural stone and the processes used would therefore be both sympathetic and appropriate. The process employed was geared to working with soft vulnerable surfaces such as stone although they can be used equally well on softer brickwork and paving.

Many other pieces of remedial work had previously been undertaken for Bedford Borough Council and QSS had therefore developed an enviable reputation for a speedy response, effective service and satisfactory outcomes.

The problem was entirely eradicated and then Qshield AG anti graffiti coating was applied to afford the protection required.

### Benefits:

- The grade 2 listed structure was returned to its original, undamaged condition with no 'ghosting' remaining.
- The facility became resistant to further attack.
- The speedy response demonstrated that graffiti was unacceptable in Bedford.
- Qshield AG continues to deliver effective protection to this exceptional bridge.

