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### The Priory - Blythburgh



- Benefit:** Warmer
- Type:** Window upgrade
- Listing:** Grade II

for the Saunders family was paramount. One key issue was heat retention. The chapel part of the Priory would become especially chilly on certain days and would not be thermally

Situated within stunning landscaped grounds, The Priory is a beautiful Grade II Listed residence in the village of Blythburgh, a settlement of probable Saxon origin. The Priory shares its grounds with the ruins of a 12th century Augustine Priory which has been the subject of an archaeological investigation by Channel 4's Time Team as well as subsequent digs which confirmed the existence of a Christian church on the site from c.700 AD.

Renowned Victorian painter and antiquarian John Symour Lucas substantially renovated the Priory, however the property fell into disrepair after he died in 1923. It was purchased in 2005 with substantial works carried out, enabled by two heritage grants.

Fast-forward to 2017 and the Priory's present owners Matthew and Chiara Saunders are carrying on the tradition of hosting yearly events, as well as continuing to unearth more of the mystery surrounding the ruins - cementing the Priory as a heritage hub for the Blythburgh community.

Having managed to obtain a unique property deep-seated in history, the task of making the Priory a comfortable home





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comfortable in its proposed function as a dining room and library.

The primary windows are a mixture of Georgian, leaded outward opening casements and fixed lights within timber or stone frames. Due to the Listed status of the building, these thermally inefficient windows could not be replaced. However, Mrs. Saunders found a solution in Selectaglaze secondary glazing.

Selectaglaze installed 15 units comprising of the Series 10 - 2 and 3 pane horizontal sliding units, finished in either walnut or black matt on the ground floor, corridors and bedrooms. The Chapel windows were treated with white Series 45 single side hung casements with a gothic arch to match the opening. In order to compliment the design of the existing windows, the secondary glazing was mullion coupled where necessary. All units were fitted with 4mm low emissivity glass for improved thermal retention.

Mr Saunders did not realise the Chapel windows had been fitted and it was only upon closer inspection that he could see the casements had been installed!

Windows come in all different shapes and sizes and a more bespoke solution was required for a smaller window on the top floor which presented Selectaglaze with an interesting challenge. The odd-angled window was fitted diagonally against the lines of the roof in the eaves, leaving little or no

space between the opening and roof itself. Using a 3D digital measuring device during the surveying stage ensures quirky openings like this are modelled with precision. The Series 30 shuffle out is usually applied to smaller windows and offered a practical solution of treating this particular window which was rarely opened but required occasional access for cleaning or maintenance.

The Saunders family are extremely happy with the upgrade in thermal efficiency in their home. Not only that, the locals at their recent Christmas party were impressed with how complementing and discreet the units looked.

*"It is a privilege to own and live in a house with a history such as The Priory, but it can be a fine balance preserving the heritage of the house whilst making it a comfortable family home. Selectaglaze has helped make this possible and we were grateful to be draught free when the Beast from the East hit us earlier this year."* Chiara Saunders.

