



Bexhill Heritage

Conservation, protection and improvement
of the Bexhill-on-Sea built environment.

Bexhill Heritage - Policy on the use of tropical hardwoods

Context

Tropical hardwoods take many decades to mature, and some are not suitable for logging for well over 100 years. With a service life of only a few decades once manufactured into finished products, it's clear that this cannot be a very sustainable approach to preserving the world's tropical rainforests. We are not convinced that using Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) certified timber is sufficiently robust as there has been concern over how effectively the standard is being applied.

Policy statement

Bexhill Heritage will not use tropical hardwoods in our restoration projects. We will continue to use European or North American hardwoods such as Oak to repair structural timbers where alternatives would be significantly detrimental to a building's integrity. In such cases, every effort will be made to obtain pre-used hardwood from a legitimate source.

We will continue to use softwoods and manufactured woods, such as Accoya, for non-structural purposes but will keep their use under review so as to maintain a sustainable approach to our work.

Date of policy: January 2025

Review due: January 2027