

## Public Realm Works in Haworth, West Yorkshire

Sanderson Associates have been successful in being appointed by Bradford Council to carry out a study into the best way to preserve and enhance the historic setts in Haworth. The study area includes Church Street, West Lane and Main Street which is one of the longest stretches of stone setts in Yorkshire.

Haworth village attracts tourists from across the globe due to its Bronte family connections, but the consequences of time and use have led to the historic setts becoming loose and damaged and in need of restoration.

Aided by landscape architects Camlin Lonsdale Sanderson Associates carried out the investigations using the latest non intrusive methods to ascertain the location of utilities and identified key areas which were worthy of more detailed investigation by trial holes. Each sett that was lifted was carefully noted so that it could be replaced as close as possible to its original location.



Sanderson Associates held an open drop in session in Haworth to allow residents to look at the work done and feed into the study. This was well attended by local people and the proposals as outlined were welcomed. We had identified that given limited budgets it would be unlikely that the Council could fund the complete refurbishment of the sett paving in one scheme (potentially costing several millions of pounds) so a priority rating was applied to target resources to those areas of greatest need and urgent action. These priority areas (1 to 4, 1 being the most in need) were defined on drawings one of which (Priority 1) can be seen overleaf.

In this example the Priority 1 areas are highlighted in red having been identified as in the greatest need of attention/maintenance work. In this instance the work would involve the taking up the setts and removing the material they are bedded on, laying proper foundations to the carriageway before putting the setts back and applying sealant to the joints to prevent water ingress. Similar drawings were prepared for the other Priority ratings showing different areas to be treated in the same way but not as urgently such that if all the drawings were combined/overlapped then the entire study area would be addressed.



A specification was prepared for the Council to use in their future maintenance works and to instruct public utilities in making reinstatements. Our report also put forward recommendations as to how the Council might control access to the area in the future so as to maintain the integrity of the paving.





