

## Tuckpointing

Tuckpointing is a decorative finish applied to the brickwork joints. The final effect is that of thin mortar joints in a colour contrasting with the brickwork. It is most commonly associated with period architectural styles including Victorian, Federation, Queen Anne and Art Nouveau.

Old brickwork becomes discoloured and soiled from applied finishes and the effects of airborne debris over time. The original mortar can deteriorate and the original tuckpointing may be damaged or simply falling away. It has reached the end of its serviceable life. A&KA Brickwork Restorations can clean and restore your brickwork and provide new tuckpointing using modern day materials, that will bring your period building back to as-new condition.

Tuckpointing is a specialised craft. It is performed when all brickwork is complete. The structural mortar joints are raked out (excavated) to an even depth. A coloured mortar matching the brickwork colour is placed and struck flush with the surface of the wall. The thin ruled mortar lines in contrasting colour are then applied to finish the job.

Each step requires skill and precision. The final effect is eye-catching and spectacular when well-done. This is one part of building where a poorly skilled job is really obvious, even to an untrained eye.

A&KA Brickwork Restorations are the tuckpointing specialists and have completed hundreds of tuckpointing projects for the most exacting clients.