

## Llandudno N.Wales Restoration of a Victorian Geometric Floor.

A typical contract to restore a Victorian tiled floor badly damaged by thoughtless fitters installing central heating by cutting through the tiles instead of finding a way of routing the piping that doesn't cause damage.



This floor was restored before the advent of Exakt saws & Fein SuperCut. To preserve the edges of the firm unbroken tiles I took out the concrete infill from the middle working towards the tiles carefully, but as was usual working in this manner many of the tiles surrounding the infill worked loose due to the percussive effect of the hammering using cold chisels.

This type of work can't be carried out using delicate instruments and taking months of time, the concrete in-fill is very hard and won't come up by being scraped with dental picks as I once saw on a contract that had engaged a conservator from the local museum. That person was out of their depth.  
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This type of contract is typical of contracts that our Co has taken on since we decided to include domestic contracts that are not listed, in the past our Co had stuck to only carrying out large scale contracts and listed building plus new Victorian reproduction tiling. A Conservation officer that had a beautiful Victorian encaustic & geometric floor changed my mind about domestic contracts and I was persuaded to include those within our Co remit. A decision I have never regretted as it has meant being able to save even more of these stunning floors.



Stunning floor in Llandudno picture shows the matwell.

A section of tiles were lifted to make a matwell as this would keep the floor looking its best if muck etc was removed first.

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Restored threshold area.

The live pipes were sunk to a depth that a new screed could be installed over the piping and then a mixture of new & re-claimed tiles were fitted.



Stair View of restored Victorian Geometric Floor Llandudno.  
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After restoring the main in-fill area and fixing other loose tiles I also cleaned a quarry tile dining room floor (no extra charge) mainly because I thought my clients would appreciate my efforts.

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To whom it may concern,

**Re: Heritage Tiling Design & Restoration Co. — Steve Sinnott**

Steve Sinnott has recently spent 4 days repairing, cleaning and sealing the geometrically tiled floor in the portico and large hall of our Victorian semi-detached house. The floor had been extensively damaged during the installation of central heating in the 1970's, a 7-foot long, foot-wide trench having been dug out across the width of the floor. Other tiles were also damaged. The floor was filthy and covered in paint, and we had been advised not to bother having it repaired as it was a lost cause.

Mr. Sinnott removed the concrete filling the trench and filled in the resulting gap with a combination of new and reclaimed tiles. He worked tirelessly and painstakingly, recreating the pattern of the original tiles. He also formed a mat well for a doormat in the portico. The whole floor was then cleaned several times and sealed. For good measure, Mr. Sinnott also cleaned and sealed a plain quarry-tiled floor in the dining room.

After restoration, the floor looks stunning. We cannot believe the difference the restoration has made. Furthermore, we now have a gleaming quarry-tiled floor in our dining room. My husband and I have been delighted with Mr. Sinnott's craftsmanship, hard work, dedication and good humour. It has been a pleasure to deal with such a skilled and professional craftsman, and we would unhesitatingly recommend Mr. Sinnott to anyone faced with such a repair.

Sincerely,

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Excellent reference from my clients.