

A96 Old Fochabers Bridge Maintenance



The bridge spans the River Spey, which is a Class 1 Watercourse and important salmon fishing river.

Repairs to Historic Monument

The A96 Old Fochabers Bridge is located adjacent to the New Fochabers Bridge on the A96 over the River Spey, which is a Class 1 Watercourse. Classed as a Historic Monument this structure only has access from the West side and is surrounded by riverbank, rural farmland, private land and recreational land for public use, the bridge itself is used for local access and as a cycle route.

Before commencement of work, detailed planning and liaison with statutory authorities was undertaken to establish measures to protect the environment. After approval from the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, a full containment system was provided to prevent any spoil or debris entering the river and this proved to be very successful.

Over time the steel superstructure had weathered and corroded and welding repairs were needed together with the removal of corrosion deposits prior to application of protective coatings.

Client	The Scottish Executive
Agent for the Client	Mouchel, Scotland
Principal Contractor	Balvac
Value	£91,000
Programme	August 2000 – 12 weeks



Heavily weathered, deteriorating and missing stonework was replaced with new matched stone and re-pointing, using traditional lime-sand mortar, was carried out to replace missing and weathered pointing

This environmentally sensitive repair project was successfully completed to the satisfaction of the authorities.

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