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Peterborough Cathedral

The problem

Following the devastating fire in 2001 there was an urgent requirement to clean soot from the roof spaces above the priceless 1000 year old painted wooden ceilings.



The solution

Vertical Technology devised a plan of action to allow their rope access team to reach all areas of the timber roof structure and using back pack style vacuum cleaners, painstakingly clean up the soot deposits. Bespoke rope access anchor points were installed into the timber trusses and once tested, used to allow our operatives to traverse the underside of the roof without weighting the ceiling.

Working directly above a priceless and irreplaceable ceiling meant due care and diligence were paramount to a successful outcome. Although every tool was held on retaining leashes and in bags, multiple layers of different grade debris netting were installed to catch objects from man size down.

