

Design and Access Statement

Project: Replace existing wheat straw block ridge with a wheat straw flush ridge.

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Design Proposal: The proposed work would consist of removing the existing block ridge, which has reached the end of its life span. The hazel pattern work has broken down and the wheat straw ridge is very thin in places.

Once the ridge has been removed it would be replaced with a very simple turnover, flush ridge in wheat straw and new hazel pattern work. I have attached photos of the existing ridge and an example of the new flush ridge detail.

Replacing the ridge is necessary in order to maximize the life span of the main body of thatch and is a normal part of the maintenance required for a thatched roof of this age.

Replacing with a flush ridge is preferable at this stage of the thatch life as it is a simple but functional design that will sit better on the old thatch and is also a much more traditional style.