



**ALASTREAN HOUSE, ABERDEENSHIRE**  
**SAINT-GOBAIN PAM UK**



Saint-Gobain PAM's classical beaded rainwater system has been specified for the refurbishment of Alastrean House in Tarland, Aberdeenshire following a devastating fire.

Cast iron was the first choice for its aesthetic charm, durability and longevity and Saint-Gobain's classical beaded half round cast iron gutter was specified in 125mm to match the original gutters supplied to this listed building.

Although the building was almost completely destroyed, the main walls and some of the original cast iron guttering survived. Alastrean House is a Category B listed building and it was important therefore that the refurbishment remained sympathetic to the character of the original premises. Saint-Gobain's Classical cast iron rainwater system was chosen to maintain architectural integrity and building aesthetics; the material properties of cast iron make it particularly suitable for the rainwater systems of listed buildings and wherever conservation is an issue.

In its Planning Practice Guide (PPS5) for the Historic Environment, the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) supports the use of materials appropriate to the relevant period, such as cast iron for gutters and downpipes for many Georgian and Victorian buildings. No other material can match the character, durability, strength or appeal of cast iron and – most importantly – only cast iron can preserve the intentions of the original architect and the aesthetic integrity of the building.



*This aerial shot shows the devastating impact of the fire*

Saint Gobain PAM UK Classical cast iron rainwater systems comply with the dimensional requirements of BS460 product standard and the standard range of half gutter and circular downpipes carry British Board of Agreement third part certification (Cert. No. 97/3434). The Classical & Classical Plus beaded half round cast iron gutter range is available in standard black metal primer or finished in black semi-gloss (other colours are available upon request). The Classical system from Saint Gobain PAM UK foundry uses the latest pipe manufacturing technology - centrifugally spinning the pipe ensuring consistent section dimensions.



*Saint-Gobain PAM's classical beaded half round cast iron gutter*

The replacement material was supplied through Tayside Plumbing and Building Supplies for an order of approximately £10,000.



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