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HARWELL CELEBRATES 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Harwell Restoration, the UK's leading contents restoration company is celebrating its 40th year of document and book drying since rescuing irreplaceable items damaged at Oxford University in 1979. Since then, the operation has developed from a team of 2 to a team of 35 in 2019, with multiple industry accolades and the largest specialist restoration facility in Europe.

After this initial project for Oxford University, Harwell's chemical engineers conducted extensive research and development into optimal drying conditions for paper, with the operation continuing to grow incrementally each year. Historic houses and museums were particularly interested in Harwell's capabilities for emergency response, with a Priority User Service launched in 1990. The major fire at Norwich Library in 1994 catapulted Harwell's recognition forward into the insurance market.

Today, Harwell employs 35 people and provides specialist restoration solutions on major loss, domestic and high net-worth claims, with capabilities not just for documents and books but extending to artwork, photographs and antiques. Projects ranging from the 2016 Boxing Day floods, through to the fire at Glasgow School of Art, have highlighted the important niche Harwell occupies in the insurance industry. Industry accolades have included awards and nominations for the British Insurance Awards, Business Continuity Awards and British Damage Management Awards. Retained clients include the Royal Household, National Trust, British Museum amongst over 1000 others.

Kathryn Rodgers, Harwell's Managing Director, says *"We are thrilled to reach the milestone of our 40th year. The growth of the company since 1979 has been incredible and I know the whole team today at Harwell is proud of the achievements in that time and the work we have done to preserve such historically significant collections. The company continues to expand and grow, with exciting projects in 2019 from as far afield as Cyprus."*



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