

# Kenwood House

## Innovation set to transform the risk profile of heritage properties

The tragic fire at Notre Dame highlighted the vulnerability and importance of protecting, preserving and maintaining historic buildings. In many cases, as their contents and artefacts are also often irreplaceable, anything that improves damage prevention and risk mitigation is a big help towards ensuring that National treasures such as these, can continue to be enjoyed by future generations.

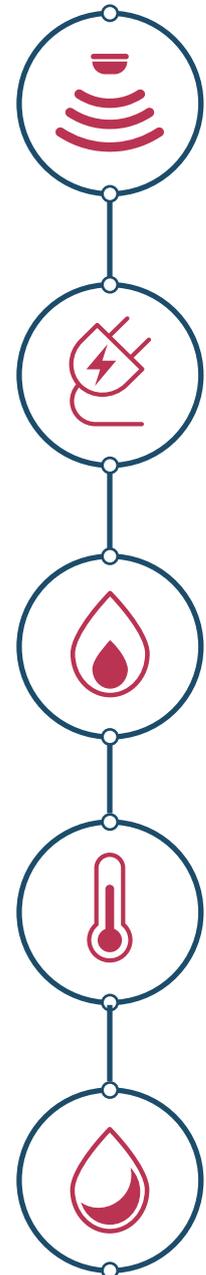


This year, award-winning heritage insurer, Ecclesiastical joined forces with English Heritage, and technology expert Shepherd, to install an innovative new solution at Kenwood House, designed to reduce insurance risks, as well as lower the maintenance and operational costs.

Part of the English Heritage vision is to create robust and resilient buildings with a sustainable approach, mindful of the environmental impact of the building. This ethos is extremely well aligned with that of Ecclesiastical, a market leading insurer of Grade I listed buildings, and with the services that Shepherd offer, making it an ideal partnership to support the use of technology for the protection and management of historic buildings and artefacts.

“ This is an exciting new proposition for the heritage sector. With Kenwood House, we’re taking a 18th Century building and putting it onto the same data level as the Shard. Many of these buildings rely on their income and anything which can help to protect their assets as well as reduce maintenance and other expenses is very welcome. ”

Nicholas Hartley, Head of Business Improvement and Innovation, Group Strategy, Ecclesiastical Insurance group



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First built in the early 18th century, Kenwood is now home to the 1st Earl of Iveagh's renowned collection of Old Master and British paintings, which includes works by Rembrandt and Vermeer. The property was chosen by English heritage as it is complex to look after and has high maintenance needs, as a result of its size, world-class art collection and large visitor numbers.



“ There are many blind spots within our building currently and technology can help us to get a much better level of visibility. The Shepherd technology has great potential to improve our fire, security and energy management as it only takes a month for the sensors and technology to learn the building and provide hugely valuable insight. ”

Nicola Duncan-Finn, Senior Estates Manager , English Heritage

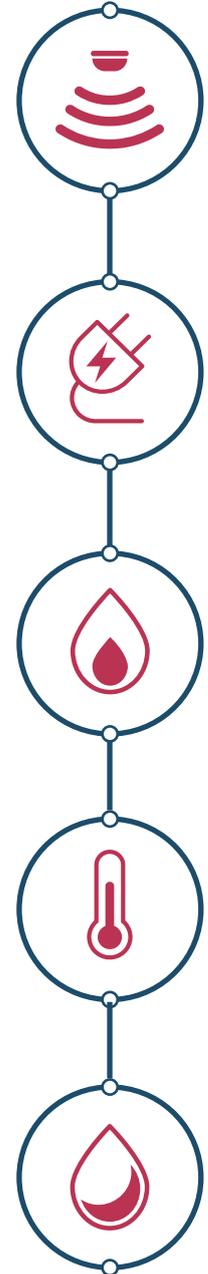


By gathering insight from around the building, its electrical points, gas meters, lifts, temperature and humidity can be continuously monitored. This will make it faster and easier to detect early signs of issues that could potentially cause water leaks or fires if left untreated.

In addition, the vast amounts of data collected by Shepherd round the clock will enable the smart technology to provide valuable insights, which can be used for preventative maintenance. By better understanding usage patterns, there is an opportunity to reduce operational expenses with less need to call out emergency repairs and less business disruption.

“ We are delighted to be supporting Ecclesiastical and English Heritage. Shepherd's real-time, 24/7 monitoring and alerts to pre-empt and prevent damage, breakdowns and emergencies. Our analysis adds a new lens to view the performance of the property and we hope that it helps to keep Kenwood House and its contents, safe for many years to come. ”

Stephen Chadwick, CEO, Shepherd



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