



The original Gaol Wall which was built circa 1820 in the Greek Doric style formed part of the County Prison which was demolished in the early 1960's to make way for a new science block retaining only the portico and adjoining walls. The County prison was situated in the north-west corner of the College campus bounded by Gaol Walk.

The wall which is constructed of cut limestone had simply acted as a boundary wall for many years and had reached the point where water penetration and vegetation were threatening the stability of the structure.

The restoration was divided into two phases, the first involving the east section of the wall. The second involved the central portico and west boundary wall.

The work involved the removal and reseating of the first three to four coping stones. Vegetation was carefully removed from the vertical and horizontal faces of the wall. The joints were repointed in a specialist lime mortar. Successful repairs were carried out to sections of the stone work itself and the weather-protecting lead work.

Additionally, a considerable amount of structural and support work took place in the portico area and to projecting stone elements.

The portico, wall and gateway are a distinguished landmark in Cork City's Western Road.



UCC Gaol Wall Portico

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