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Restraint, Arrest & Lightning Conductors

Over many months of site visits, we have accumulated a library of shots which never made it into a bulletin. So maybe now is a chance to share with you a few of the shots which you may find of interest and in this instance, these are detail points that you may never get to see, unless you have a drone camera on hand!

Lightning Conductors? No, not Sir Simon Rattle after six espressos! This is the vital lightning deflection now fitted around the roof edge. Matrod Frampton enlisted the expertise and many skills of Salisbury based A. C. Wallbridge & Co Ltd., who have been busy installing lightning conductor systems for over 40 years. At five points around the roof edges, straps are very tightly clamped, then linked to a network of straps which go all the way down to the ground. When I chatted to them they were really helpful and you could say they were a really down-to-earth bunch of guys. Sorry!



Restraint and Arrest? You will be relieved to know this is nothing to do with any misdemeanours on the part of our deacons! This is all about safety up on the flat roof because occasionally maintenance will be required, even if it's only clearing out the gutters. The equipment that has now been installed is known as "Mansafe" system, although in this PC orientated world maybe that should be a "Personsafe". The company responsible for the work for us has been Mantech (Safety Systems) Ltd of Bridgwater, who design, install, test and certify these fixed steel cable lifeline systems. A free running lanyard, linked to a person's body harness, gives a reasonable degree of freedom, whilst remaining totally safe. On their own website, they say they are at the cutting **edge** (strange choice of words!) in fall arrest, fall restraint and then rescue technology.