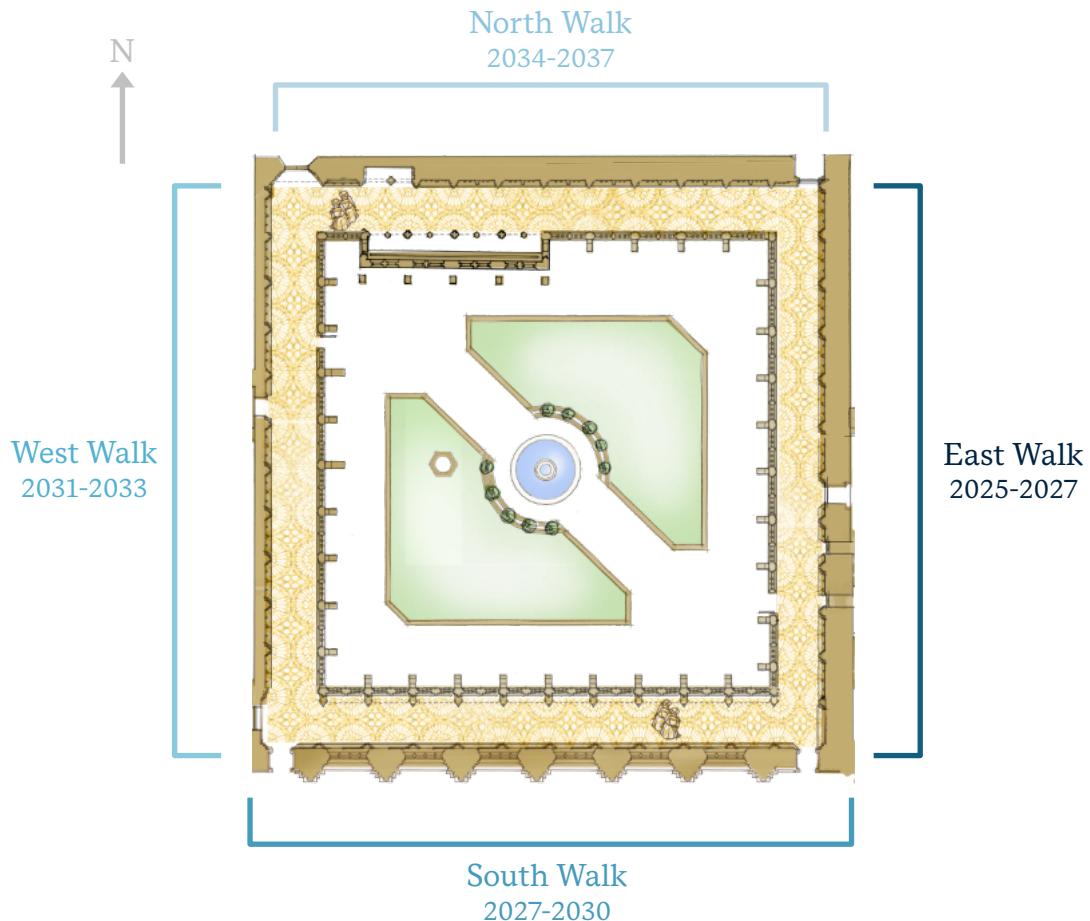


TIMELINE

The East Cloister Project will take place between autumn 2025 and summer 2027 as the first phase of the wider Great Cloister Project — a 12-year conservation programme running from 2025 to 2037.

The programme begins with urgent repairs to the East Walk (2025–2027), followed by the South Walk (2027–2030), West Walk (2031–2033), and the North Walk, including the Dark Entry (2034–2037).

Each phase will include comprehensive stonework, glazing, and roof repairs, alongside structural surveys, conservation of historic features, and enhancements to rainwater management. This carefully phased approach ensures the long-term preservation of the entire Cloister while supporting apprenticeships, education, and public engagement over a sustained and impactful period.



A Gantt chart is available at request which documents our draft budget plan for the East Cloister Project. Our immediate priority is the conservation of the Internal North End of the East Walk, with detailed timings for each aspect of this work included in the chart.

Following this, work will focus on the South End of the East Internal Walk and the whole of the East External Walk, which will be undertaken concurrently throughout 2026 and the first half of 2027. Certain tasks, such as re-pointing and the external fixing of new stones, will need to take place during the warmer months, while others — including the carving of new stones and gargoyles — will be carried out in the workshop.

We are currently developing an itemised specification for the South End and the External Face of the Cloister. This process involves assessing the level of stone repair or replacement required, which will in turn inform the duration of the works and their placement within the schedule. Once this detail is established, it will also be possible to agree where external contractor works will sit within the timeline. For example, glazing conservation, roof works, and the repair of rainwater goods will depend on contractor availability, site access, and the sequencing of scaffolding.

We plan to have a more detailed specification and updated timeline for the 2026 and 2027 programme by December 2025.