



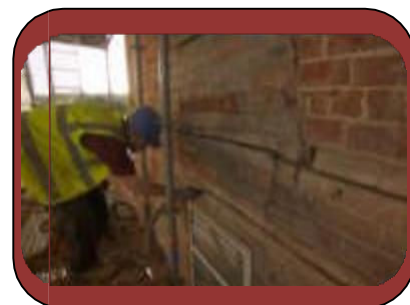
SD ANSWERS DIY SOS

On a cold January, Structured Designs received an emergency phone call asking us to visit the site of BBC television programme DIY SOS, where they had encountered some serious structural problems on an end terrace house they were renovating. Despite being inundated with burst pipe and storm damage claims, a Structured Designs repair team were onsite within the hour ready to assist.

The programme focused on a retired merchant seaman who was diagnosed with a serious cancer shortly after buying a derelict house. Ill health meant that he couldn't work on the house, and his family had been left living in a building site since. He and his wife and three daughters all slept in one bedroom and attempted to make the best of the time he had left.

Structured Designs were called in after an urgent phone call from a construction supplier who was already involved in the project. We were asked if we were able to get onsite as soon as possible as the project engineer had discovered the property was in a perilous structural condition. Our repair team immediately assisted, installing a series of Helical repair bars and beams to the property to help stabilise and strengthen the structure. Martin, one of our Structural Repair team members commented "It was great to help out and be part of the team on such a good cause". In addition to the helical bars, a series of underpinning piles were also installed, of which Structured Designs are an experienced installer.

The property was completed on schedule and there was an emotional return to the property for the family. The program was aired on BBC1 and may still be available on the BBC iplayer website.



The walls chased and vacuumed ready for the bars



Structured Designs technicians and an engineer discuss the repair



The bars are inserted into the chased walls

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