

Heritage That Breaks The Mould, Not The Rules

How do you create a heritage window that fulfils all the demands of modern life and then some, while also incorporating more authentic traditional design styling than ever before? We speak to Quickslide's MD Ben Weber to find out.

With its Legacy vertical slider, Quickslide has changed the expectations of what an authentically styled heritage window that is fit for the future looks like.

With a slim midrail that is over a centimetre narrower than before, coupled with 90° mechanical joints, a deep bottom rail and run-through sash horns without the tell-tale PVC-U 'lip', Legacy VS more closely replicates the traditional timber sash styling that is a requirement for planning approval in conservation areas and for listed buildings.

Even the optional astragal bars

come with spacers between the units to create the appearance of separate panes. Options for wood effect foil finishes and traditional hardware styles complete the look.

"With Legacy VS, more listed and conservation properties will be able to benefit from modern, high-performing, low-maintenance, great looking windows," says Ben Weber, Quickslide's managing director. "I think this is the best heritage window on the market. It means homeowners now have a genuine choice when it comes to upgrading windows in their period properties."

Meeting and exceeding building regulations

As the industry looks ahead in anticipation of more stringent requirements for energy efficiency, Legacy VS is already ahead of the curve. Its new 1.2 U-value hits the target for windows in new build homes, rather than settling for the limiting U-value (of 1.6 W/m²K). It does so without the need for triple glazing or expensive krypton gas.

"We've replaced some of the steel reinforcement in the sashes with better insulating plastic reinforcement, inserted additional insulating materials





into some of the chambers in the frame and cill and upgraded the coating on the glass unit," explains Weber. "It's part of our ethos for Legacy VS to look to the future as well as to the past, so that we could create a real and affordable authentic alternative to timber sash windows with absolutely no compromises."

Peace of mind

Along with improved energy efficiency and performance, Legacy VS is designed with security in mind too. Heritage and modern hardware style options come with PAS24 upgrades available.

"PAS24, a rigorous security standard that tests windows against a range of potential forced entry methods including attacks with tools, is required in some areas to meet building regulations. So our accreditation offers homeowners peace of mind and may also qualify them for lower home insurance premiums," says Weber.

"Security is something we know is important to homeowners, which is why we're

proud to say we've recently once again passed our audit with a perfect score, demonstrating continued compliance for PAS24 security and BS EN 14351-1 windows and doors standards across all our products."

IT & marketing

Quickslide's trade customers haven't been forgotten in Legacy VS's design either. Quick-release tilt arms mean the sashes can be easily removed pre-installation, making fitting easier. Meanwhile, Legacy VS is also supported by Legacy-On-Screen, Quickslide's custom-built marketing web tool that keeps installers' websites up to date with everything Legacy, without having to lift a finger.

"We know working in period properties brings its own unique challenges, so we designed Legacy VS to be as easy to install as possible," adds Weber. "And because we know our trade partners want to concentrate on the job in hand, we launched Legacy On-Screen to take some of the load off when it comes to marketing too. It's a service we

can offer our partners, so why do it yourself when you can let us do it for you?"

"When it came to designing Legacy VS we really did think about it from all angles – what do we need to do to meet the criteria for planning approval, building regulations and future-proofing, while making sure we're working with our trade partners to improve sales and service? Which meant following all the rules while breaking the mould.

"In a nutshell, in Legacy VS we've created an authentic, compliant, high-performing timber-alternative traditional sash window that is fit for everything modern living demands of it but which won't break the bank." [i](#)

Pictures: That slim mid-rail and a solid and thermally-efficient build, has seen and will continue to see Quickslide's Legacy VS in demand in typical heritage properties and in new build homes with that heritage look.

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It is noticeable that consumers now approach new window installations with a more flexible schedule, no longer tethered to traditional seasonal peaks, writes The Residence Collection's Jo Trotman as she examines what has brought about this change - and the opportunities it presents in 2025.

Heritage Demand Is Driven By Convenience, Not Season



The fenestration industry has long been shaped by distinct seasonal cycles with demand for premium windows and doors following a predictable ebb and flow, writes Jo Trotman, the marketing manager at The Residence Collection.

However, we have observed, these seasonal norms are increasingly fading, particularly

following the Covid pandemic and amidst increasing climate changes. It is now good, old lifestyle needs that are affecting the current market.

At the moment, in still uncertain economic times, many consumers are taking longer to make decisions. This approach really has flattened seasonal peaks, spreading demand throughout the year.

Spring and summer months would traditionally be a high season, yet unseasonably wet weather this year across much of the UK had a dampening effect on the fenestration industry. While September and October are typically slower periods, The Residence Collection experienced an unexpected surge in demand as consumers took advantage of the dry spell.



Key events provide motivation

Consumers are increasingly driven by convenience and lifestyle needs when planning projects, with demand spiking around key events and holidays. We're seeing strong activity in advance of major occasions such as school breaks, Easter and in the build-up to Christmas, as householders aim to complete projects on their own timelines rather than waiting for traditional or weather-related peak seasons.

This shift toward personal scheduling means that historically slow periods can now be just as busy as typical high-demand times, making flexibility essential for businesses in our industry.

Additionally, shifting trends in planning approvals, especially for heritage areas and property conversions, are supporting this flexible approach. Approvals that were once highly seasonal or restricted are now becoming more responsive, allowing consumers to move forward with projects – whether in heritage zones or otherwise – based on convenience rather than timing constraints.

Planning for a new era for consumers

Particularly for listed buildings or those situated in conservation areas, planning approvals can be difficult due to the sensitive approach the local authority takes to upgrading historic properties. The time these types of approvals take can also have a lasting effect on when consumers move forward with their window installations.

However, The Residence Collection is home to three window systems which are readily approved by local authorities around the UK. This allows for a more robust process when moving forward with heritage window installations.

Supply chain needs to meet demand

For businesses in the fenestration industry, these behavioural changes highlight the importance of agility and adaptability in operations. At The Residence Collection, we've responded by optimising our services and production to remain flexible year-round, able to meet demand as it arises, no matter the season.

Looking Forward

In this evolving market, we expect the demand pattern to continue shifting, with fewer distinct seasonal highs and lows. As a result, consumers can feel empowered to make their decisions based on what works best for their own timelines. With increased access to on-demand resources and a team ready to meet their needs year-round, the decision to invest in high-quality windows and doors can be made on each homeowner's own terms.

As the concept of seasonality diminishes, home improvement is becoming a year-round endeavour, dictated more by individual needs and external factors such as weather than by tradition. At The Residence Collection, we're excited to support homeowners as they embark on this new approach to home transformation. [i](#)

Pictures: Heritage windows were once a seasonal sale. Now, convenience for the homeowner is the deciding factor in most projects.

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Ventilation For Heritage Projects



Making home improvements in listed buildings or conservation areas usually means two tier legislation (local council permissions and national building regulations) while simultaneously meeting owners aiming for that perfect finish for their home.

The choice (preferred or enforced) of material for windows and doors in conservation areas/listed buildings is usually timber. The style and design are again often contentious with local authorities (building control and conservation officers) who endeavour to make the windows and doors for both the building and surrounding environment, as appropriate as possible.

Compounding the challenges of compliance, some local authorities may even insist that the identical type of timber is used when installing replacements.

Approved Document F

Once the frame and profile material has been agreed upon by all parties, the next step is to ensure the ventilation is in line with Approved Document F (means of ventilation) of the Building Regulations (England and Wales), which changed in June 2022,

making it compulsory for companies replacing existing windows and doors, to meet the properties' ventilation requirements to the new standard.

With mechanical ventilation being expensive, inconvenient and time consuming to install, the most practical and affordable way to compliance for both installers and property owners is to install trickle vents to the window and door profiles or frames.

Link Vent


Glazpart (the glazing components and hardware manufacturer) has one of the best trickle ventilation solutions with its a Link Vent range which comes in sizes 5000, 4000 and 2500 EQA and all are designed to fully comply with Doc F.

The Link Vent has rounded ends to allow for installation on timber windows. It is available in either screw or clip in fixing types – the design eliminates the need for end caps whilst the clip fix design allows for a fast, easy vent installation.

Colours

Glazpart can provide a vast spectrum of colours and finishes for the Link Vent range including

premium woodgrain Link Vents which are ideal for timber products. When it comes to heritage properties, many fabricators and installers are using the Link Vent Premium ranges because they blend in very well with the look not only of the building but often the surrounding environment.

Dean Bradley, Glazpart's sales director says: "For windows and doors in heritage buildings, Glazpart can match most colour finishes. As homeowners become more particular regarding the aesthetic of their windows and doors, fabricators and installers should be offering the widest possible range of colours and finishes for traditional timber windows and doors. Glazpart has the facilities and capacity to deliver a vast range of colours and finishes for trickle vents that are compliant and easy to install for heritage windows and doors." 

Pictures: Glazpart's Dean Bradley can supply Link Vents to suit all applications from PVC-U to wood that comply with Approved Document F of the building regulations.

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