



THE LEATHERSELLERS' COMPANY

The Trustees of Wilton House would like to gratefully acknowledge the very generous grant awarded towards the conservation of the suit of Regency furniture.

The suite consists of a pair of Russian mahogany Canapés - early 19th Century - with curved, light tan, leather-covered backs and seats, a pair of Russian mahogany Bergères with curved leather-covered backs and seats, the frames mounted with ribbed panels and border, and nine armchairs and seven side chairs en suite.

The leather upholstery had become very fragile and was being put under extra strain from historic repairs. In some areas there were splits and holes exposing the internal wadding. The aim was to conserve the original leather rather than replace it, although four side chairs were re-upholstered - three of these did not have their original leather upholstery, this having been unsympathetically replaced in the 1960s.

The conservation work was carried out at the Leather Conservation Centre in Northampton and was completed in two tranches over a period of two years.

This suite of furniture is on display in the Little and Large Smoking Rooms at Wilton House and can be viewed during our opening hours, www.wiltonhouse.com .

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One of the Canapés before conservation



The Canapé after conservation work

