Working with NHL: Protecting NHL Mortars and Renders

The setting properties of NHL mortars will require much lesser time for protection against adverse weather conditions. Precautions are however necessary and, if in doubt, your St Astier Distributor will be able to advise. The following are the main recommendations:

Mortars made with	Protect from frost, heavy rain, strong wind or direct sun for <u>minimum</u>
NHL 5	48 hours
NHL 3.5	72 hours
NHL 2	96 hours

The preferred form of protection is damp hessian cover which, with re-damping, will also contribute to curing the mortar.

Plastic sheeting is effective against rain but should not be brushing against fresh work. If too tight they will also provoke trapping of condensation. They will not protect against frost.

Frost protection should be applied even if frost is not occurring at the moment of finishing the day's work but is forecasted during the night or within a short time (see suggested protection periods above) from completion of work. Work should not start in frost conditions or with temperatures below 5°C. In working with NHL 2 or in rendering with fine finishing coats, this should be 8°C.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Womersley's Limited on Tel 01924 400651 or call in at our workshop.