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The organ console is removed and taken away for specialist restoration work, revealing some of the internal mechanisms connecting the keyboards up to the valves controlling each pipe.



Here you can see the lead air ducts, which take a small wind to the mechanism that operates the individual valves on each organ pipe, elsewhere in the instrument.

In this picture they are fully exposed as the 'touch boxes' - a mechanical interface between keyboard and the air ducts - have been removed for expert renovation.

The ducts are left in position, as they are in original condition, and benefit from minimum disturbance.

Take a good look now. This is one of the four 'touch boxes' mentioned above, fully restored after dozens of hours of intricate detailed work. There is one lever mechanism for each key. When it is re-installed behind the organ console it is unlikely to be seen again, away from the instrument in close up during our lifetimes.

It is 110 years since this was installed and this is its first overhaul - an indication of the reliability of the mechanism made by the Willis organ building company.



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