

The Former Chapel Allerton Hospital



Harehills Lane, Chapel Allerton, Leeds LS7

Why is it important?

The former Chapel Allerton Hospital is a Grade II listed building built by John Clark between the years 1835 – 1840 for the mill owner John Hives. John Clark also designed the flax mill at Bank Mills, East Street for John Hives. The house was originally named Gledhow Grove.

Building Description

The building is a two storey Ashlar building with slate roof and 3 bays of 4:3:4 windows. The Greek revival style is dominant to the front elevation with quoin pilasters and plinth, central pedimented bay and 2 giant fluted Ionic columns. The interior of the building has a vestibule and entrance hall with green marble and stone floors. The cross-corridor plan with 4 fluted Ionic columns in hall has a panelled ceiling with egg-and-dart, bead-and-reel and acanthus plaster decoration. There is a fine tunnel-vaulted stairwell with divided staircase, ornate iron balusters, and round-arched stair windows to the upper floor.

Current State

The building presents a deceptively clean and tidy facade to the world. But the side and back views tell a different story. The fencing is very basic, and looks easy to get around. The windows are securely boarded at the front, but the glass on the blind windows (painted wall behind) is broken in many places. The roofs on both the side wings and the main building are missing a substantial number of slates, there are temporary repairs with black sheeting, but this is coming away in many places. Where there is guttering and drain pipes there are signs of water ingress. The main pediment on the front looks to be in very good condition for the time being. The back has lost most of its roofing, and is being held up with scaffolding. While the site was being inspected I could clearly hear movement and sounds that indicated that fixtures were either being vandalised or stolen.

There is a planning application for the site:10/02167/EXT/NE 19th May 2010 Extension of time for planning application 07/02970/LI for listed building application for part demolition and extension to offices to from 15 flats and erection of part 2 and part 3 storey block of 22 flats.

Current Owner

The building is currently owned by Jeffry Vine.

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