

Corn Mill Building



Corn Mill Fold, Low Lane, Horsforth LS18

Why is it important?

The Corn Mill building is former water powered corn mill that is now Grade II listed. It was built between 1772 and 1787 by William Wright.

Building Description

The building is constructed using coursed squared sandstone with quoins and has a stone slate roof. The L-shaped plan is formed by inter-linked blocks at right-angles and is three and two storeys. The East block on the north-south axis was most likely the original mill with 3-storeys and 3 bays. It has square 2-light windows with slightly-recessed flat-faced mullions that are irregularly arranged and mostly blocked at the lower levels. The South gable has a garage doorway at ground floor, a 2-light window to 2nd floor, a similar window in the apex of the gable with stacked pigeon-holes and perching ledges above it. South block, (partly overlapping this gable) is 2 storeys and 3 bays and has a segmental-arched wagon entrance in the centre with 2 blocked loading doors above.

Current State

There has been major deterioration to this building since the date of the above photography. The whole site was sold to a developer and what remains of Corn Mill now sits in the middle of a large development of flats. The 'ruins' are fenced off so cannot be directly accessed. Much of the building is roofless, and there is some internal scaffolding in place in an attempt to shore it up. What appears to be stone from the building is stacked up within the fencing.

Current Owner

The building is currently owned by Horsforth Office Park.

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