

Meanwood Towers



Towers Way, Meanwood, LS6

Why is it important?

Meanwood Towers is a Grade II listed building formerly known as Carr House Meanwood. It was built in 1867 by EW Pugin for Thomas Stuart Kennedy.

Building Description

It is built in coursed rock-faced grit stone with ashlar details and slate roofs. The building is 3 storeys with attics and cellars and a single-storey 5-bay service wing with projecting octagonal 'bell turret'. In High Victorian, Gothic Revival style with asymmetrical facade includes buttressed entrance tower with Gothic arch, attached columns, oriel window on deep brackets above and moulded coping. Internally the original features include steps up through the porch to outer double board doors, inner elaborate timber and painted-glass screen with poem/quotation in Gothic lettering. The rectangular tall inner hall with galleried landing, panelling, overpainted marble columns and Gothic arches to black marble staircase with carved stone balustrade and wide pink marble moulded handrail. The ground-floor rooms examined have inserted partitions; one retains a large stone medieval-style fireplace. Other rooms retain fireplaces and much fine stained glass. Thomas Stuart Kennedy was a machine maker; the house was originally 'Carr House'. An organ built by Schulze and Sons of Paulinzelle, Germany for his wife was housed in a separate wooden organ house which seated 800 people; it was moved to St Bartholomew's Church, Armley in 1879.

Current State

The building is currently being used as flats but a large number of the windows have been replaced with unsympathetic replacements including brown and white plastic. The stonework appears in fair condition; however, some minor repairs are needed. A number of the windows have been boarded up and others are damaged.

Current Owner

The building is currently owned by Langdale Close Properties.

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