

Spensfield



Otley Road, Weetwood, LS16

Why is it important?

Spensfield is a Grade II* listed building built 1875-77, extended and altered c1890 by George Corson for James Walter Oxley, banker.

Building Description

It is built using local rock-faced grit stone ashlar laid in diminishing courses with a steeply-pitched slate roof in the Gothic Revival style. The building is 2 storeys with attics and cellars; and 3 bays with a 2-bay single, and 2-storey extension set back on left. The central pointed arch entrance porch has pink granite columns with shallow relief carving to spandrels and parapet which includes roundels with date and initials 'JWO', the monogram repeated throughout the house. There are gargoyles to the right of entrance, between the moulded string courses, 3-light window above. 1890 additions set back left: the 3 round-arched windows of the single-storey approach gallery and steeply gabled billiard room with canted bay window. On the left return there is a projecting fire bay with lancet windows and tall circular stack. Internally the vestibule has a glazed entrance screen with coloured and painted glass (birds, animals, fishes), polychrome tile floor, moulded and painted ceiling with the words: 'Welcome the Coming' and 'Speed the Parting Guest'.

Current State

The building appears to be in fair condition with the majority of the windows and decorative features still intact. There is some deterioration to the timber sash window frames but this is negligible compared to others I have seen. The roof all appears in good condition and it appears that the building is watertight. It is important that some use is found for the building however, as it will only degrade more, the longer it is unoccupied.

Current Owner

The building is currently owned by Alternative Hotel Group.

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