



Dewsbury Road, Beeston, LS11

### **Why is it important?**

Stank Hall is a Grade: II\* building built in the late C15 - early C16 for the Beeston family. The cross wing and further alterations were carried out in the C17 for the Hodgson family.

### **Building Description**

The building is constructed of timber frame with millstone grit and delph-stone and a stone slate roof. There are 7 bays with wide opposing barn doors to eaves. The 2-storey cross wing at the South end has 4 and 2-light recessed chamfered mullioned windows. The doorways to the West side have been rebuilt and the central upper floor ogee-arched doorway has been blocked on the South side. Internally the barn has oak aisle posts and king-post roof trusses. The tree-ring analysis gives a date of 1448-1490 for the felling of the trees used in the construction of the timber frame. The cross-wing is known as Major Greathead's Chapel.

### **Current State**

The buildings are adjacent to a well used public footpath but are fenced off which gives a little security. The surrounding area is overgrown with vegetation. Windows have been boarded up; there has been some work to the roof, with plastic sheeting to afford some protection to the interior, however a large number of roof slates are missing. Evidence of damp and general deterioration of stonework.

### **Current Owner**

The building is currently owned by Leeds City Council.

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