

Templar House



Templar House, Lady Lane, Leeds LS2

Why is it important?

Templar house is a Grade II listed building which was built in 1840 by James Simpson as the new principal chapel in Yorkshire of the Wesleyan Methodist Association. The Chapel held 1700 worshippers, with a schoolroom beneath for 400 and was supported by many in the area. Lady Lane Chapel (Templar House) remains an important reminder of the history of Methodism in Leeds.

Building Description

The building is a red brick building with stone dressings and a slate roof and it situated on the corner site with Templar Lane. It has numerous bay windows with round-headed double recesses and moulded painted arches to the front elevation and the front steps up to a large doorway bay with fanlight, pilasters and entablature. Overall fairly plain but not severe architecture, typical of worthy and energetic 1840's Methodism, and still distinguished under the mess of later alterations and dereliction.

Current State

The building is beginning to deteriorate quite quickly despite all the windows of this building appearing to be securely boarded. The guttering is failing in many places and the stone cornice is beginning to fall. Plant life is growing all over especially where gutters have failed. The right hand side of the frontage is very wet with a lot of visible salts showing on the bricks. The stone at ground level is eroding probably also due to failed gutters. The back of the building appears to be very wet and it looks as if a failed chimney is allowing in the rain. The roof however seems to be sound for the time being. The interior was not inspected.

Current Owner

The building is currently owned by Hammersons.

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