

HOLMFIRTH CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

Appendix J CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER BUILDINGS

Key Buildings

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The positive buildings are shown on the map in Figure 16 in the appraisal are too numerous to list individually. Like the key buildings, they are regarded as non-designated heritage assets and their heritage significance should be taken into account in planning considerations. 387 buildings are designated in this category all dating from pre 1939.

REF	CHARACTER AREA	ADDRESS	BUILDING NAME or NUMBER <i>with Features & History</i>	List ref	CHARACTER PERIOD	BLUE PLAQUE
APR	1/1b	8 -10 Towngate	Age UK		1800--1850	
AYB	1/1b	6b Towngate Daisy Lane	Daisy Lane Books		1800--1850	
AYS	1/1b	Towngate	Brambles Wine Bar Notes from Holmfirth History Trail <i>Previously the White Hart, Brambles is one of the many Holmfirth pubs which would have been used not just by drinkers in its time but also for coroners inquests, property auctions, manorial court leets, and the inevitable location of annual dinners for local associations. The White Hart was established around 1795 and the landlord at the time was John Boothroyd who moved to the Nook in 1826. In 1830 record show that there was a brew house on site. Later records mentioned a slaughterhouse and stable</i>		1800--1850	
AOY 1	1/2a	54 56 Huddersfield Road	Harrisons (previously Holmfirth Express Offices) Notes from Holmfirth History Trail <i>This building, resembling a small church, has seen many different guises. The date 1879 can be seen at the apex of the building and it is said that it was built for the local temperance society. In The building was also owned for a period by Eli Collins, a printer who started the Holmfirth Express in 1886. The Express closed in 20?? And is now a furnishing shop.</i>	K1	1800--1850	
AOY 2	1/2a	54 – 56 Huddersfield Road (Norridge Bottom)	En Route Cafe	K1	1800--1850	
AQG	1/2c	23 Victoria Street	Co-op Travel (23) Notes provided by Deb Wyles <i>Probably trading as James Haigh, outfitters. This firm traded from 1834 (they claim) until ??2000. Very traditional interior.</i>		1800--1850	
AQH	1/2c	15 Victoria Street	Old Bridge Bakery (15) Notes provided by Deb Wyles <i>Would appear to have been a bakery since 1901. Dawson, Birch ran it. Possibility that Dawson teamed up with Birch and before that they were separate bakers. They rarely identified the building number. ?? ceased trading. It is fairly recent</i>		1800--1850	
AQI	1/2c	13 Victoria Street	Thomas Cook (13) Notes provided by Deb Wyles <i>In 1909 was James Brooke, toys and ornaments. 1927 William Simmonds, glass and china 1930 Miss Greenwood knitting wool 1980 G B Hirst travel agent. Still a travel agent</i>		1800--1850	

AQJ	1/2c	11 Victoria Street	Forget-me-not (11) Notes provided by Deb Wyles <i>First time this is recorded in Trade directories or newspapers by name and number is 1980! In other words they didn't advertise. Gledhill and Brook have been here since 1901. Might be earlier. Originally (early 20th century) they were water and steam millers. ?? date of closure. Probably early 2000s. It was attached to buildings destroyed in 1944 flood. It was prone to lorry crashes (from Dunford Road direction).</i>		1800--1850	
CBR	1/2d	17 Victoria Street	Holmfirth Food and Wine (17) Notes provided by Deb Wyles <i>in 1930 was a joint shop with no 19. Coldwell and Battye, outfitters. In 1980 was linked with no. 19 as Hobson choice, grocer In 1990/2000 no. 17 only was Otters Pet and Grooming Centre In 2000 -2016 was Basics</i>		1800--1850	
CBS CBT	1/2c	19 – 21 Victoria Street	Occasions (19-21) Notes provided by Deb Wyles <i>In 1913 no. 21 was the Labour Exchange In 1930 nos. 17 -19 were joined and trading as Coldwell and Battye In 1980 nos. 17- 19 were joined and trading as Hobson choice</i>		1800--1850	
CTE 2	1/2c	27 Victoria Street	Charlesworths Notes provided by Deb Wyles <i>Arthur Charlesworth (27) been there since 1880 something. Never traded anywhere else</i>	K2	1800--1850	
CTE 3	1/2c	27a Victoria Street	Little Lions	K2	1800--1850	
CTE 4	1/2c	25 Victoria Street	Lionheart Boutique (25) Notes provided by Deb Wyles <i>In 1927 J.S. Fisher, pharmacist Unsure how long this went on for</i>	K2	1800--1850	
CJZ	1/3b	2 Dunford Road	Shoulder of Mutton Notes from Holmfirth History Trail <i>This pub was established in 1788 and had stabling. In the 19th century there was a butchers and slaughterhouse here.</i>	K3	Pre1800	Yes
CQO	1/3b	3a Victoria Square	The Nook 3A Notes from Holmfirth History Trail <i>The Nook is one of Holmfirth's oldest pubs, dating from 1754 and rebuilt in 1819. Previously the Rose and Crown, it was recently renamed the Nook to reflect the name used by local people for the many decades past. It takes its name from the site, and is on one of the Holmfirth's ancient routes</i>		1800--1850	Yes

AGH	1/4a	New Fold	<p>Modd Laithe Farm</p> <p>Modd Laithe Farm is right at the top of Goose Green, near the old swimming pool, which still remains. The occupant has lived there for the last 85 years. The farmhouse lies within the boundary and is the only working farm in the conservation area. However the 10 acres of land lie outside the boundary. The occupier fears it will go to housing development and would like to see it remain a farm.</p> <p>HE Comment:- The description suggests the farm may be substantially intact and unaltered. This makes it a potentially good candidate for a listing application. Any listing would focus only on the building(s), so the land outside the conservation area would not be significant.</p>		1800-1850	
BXJ	2/1a	39A Bridge Lane	39A & 39C	K9	1851---1900	
BXK	2/1a	5 Bridge Lane	5	K9	1851---1900	
BXZ	2/1a	39 Bridge Lane	39 extension	K9	1851---1900	
BYA	2/1a	39 Station Road	Red Hairdressers	K9	1851---1900	
CWQ	2/1a	4 Bridge Lane	4	K9	1851---1900	
CLZ	2/1a	Huddersfield Road	<p>Technical College (Holmfirth Adult Education Centre)</p> <p>The Technical Institute, a Victorian building, exhibits elaborate tall gables, steep roof with lanterns, tall elaborate windows letting in lots of light and fanlights over the doors. A design by Joseph Smith of Sheffield and Holmfirth was selected and the foundation stone was laid on 16 July 1892.</p> <p>This building housed evening classes for apprentices from 1894 and became the first secondary school in Holmfirth between 1907 and 1932 with 48 pupils</p> <p>Notes from Holmfirth History Trail</p> <p><i>The building, at first known as the technical Institute, was built by public subscription and opened in 1894 providing technical and manual education outside the then existing elementary school system. Plans for the Institute date back to 1891 and the fundraising was initiated by James Marsden JP of Wigan and a native of Holmfirth who agreed to give £500 once the total had reached £3000. In the end £4456 pounds was raised and Mr Marston contributed £750.</i></p> <p><i>Youngsters attended in the evenings after completing their days work in the Mills. The college had rooms specifically for weaving, dying and clay modeling, science lectures, designing, art, reading, conservation and a secretary (on the ground floor) and chemistry laboratory, more art rooms and examination and lecture hall and the ladies room (on the upper floor).</i></p> <p><i>Following the education act of 1902 the newly established West Riding County Council assumed responsibility for the Institute which, until then, had been managed by volunteers and local businessman. From 1907 until 1932 the building provided accommodation for Holmfirth's first secondary school, although the technical classes still continued in the evenings.</i></p> <p><i>Pupils how to achieve a certain level of education and pay for the privilege of attending. Initially fees were 6 pounds per year, although some scholarships awarded. Inevitably some eligible pupils could not afford the fee and so gave up their places.</i></p> <p><i>In 1959 it became a further education centre on technical courses. The building is currently vacant.</i></p>		1851---1900	Yes

CIS	2/1a	Huddersfield Road	<p>Fire Station</p> <p>Notes from Holmfirth History Trail</p> <p>Holmfirth fire station was built in the late 1800s. Initially it was the single story building which housed one appliance (Fire engine) whose gable end is adjacent to Huddersfield road. An additional two large wooden sheds attached to the main building housed the second appliance and an ambulance. The Holmfirth urban district Council ran the station until 1939, when the National Fire service was formed and around all the county and district fire services.</p> <p>In 1954 the two detached wooden sheds which housed the second pump and appliance were demolished and replaced with the three bays adjoining the original station building.</p> <p>The ambulance was withdrawn but the two appliances remained. Both full-time and part-time personnel manned station. The watch room was manned 24 hours a day with a duty fireman. At the present time there are 13 retained firefighters.</p>		1901---1938	
CLY	2/1a	16 Bridge Lane	<p>A & DP Architects (Old Police Station)</p> <p>Notes from Holmfirth History Trail</p> <p>This building which is an annex attached to the rear of the Technical College was originally Holmfirth police station. Built in 1857 at a cost of £1000, it had three cells and the house for the inspector. The force consisted of one inspector and eight constables.</p>		1851---1900	
COA	2/1a	29 Station Road	<p>Wagstaffs</p> <p>Notes from Holmfirth History Trail</p> <p>Wagstaff's is one of the select few businesses in Holmfirth to survive for well over a century. This boot and shoe business was situated at No.1 Towngate from late Victorian times. They transferred to their present shop at No. 29 Station Road in May 1921 as a result of the demolition of the Riverside buildings to widen Towngate.</p>		1851---1900	
CTO 2	4/1b	Huddersfield Road	<p>Drill Hall</p> <p>Notes from Holmfirth History Trail</p> <p>The building of the Drill Hall, opened in 1892, was the result of the decision taken in May 1884 that there was a priority requirement for a new purpose-built drill hall in the town. Prior to this the National school and then the Druids Hall had been used for drill exercises. The E company 2nd Volunteer Battalion West Riding Regiment, established in 1860 was growing in size and needed larger premises. The site acquired for this Tudoresque-style building was land adjacent to the town hall (Opened in 1842).</p> <p>The premises including a spacious hall, two large ante-rooms, armoury, band room, orderly room and sergeants mess.</p> <p>It was financed by public subscription and the building was used as a place for educational meetings, entertainments and social gatherings.</p> <p>What is seen today is the combined Town Hall and the Drill Hall which became the Holme Valley Civic Hall in 1947. In the entrance is the memorial to some of those who died in the South African (2nd Boer) War, 1899-1902.</p>		1851---1900	Yes
CVF	4/1c	25 High Town Lane	25 High Town Lane		1800---1850	
CVI	4/1c	31 High Town Lane	Ginnel – High Town Lane		1901---1938	
APC	4/2a	57 Huddersfield Road	Santander/Pharmacy		1800---1850	

CCY CCZ	5/1a	32 – 34 Woodhead Road	Toll House/ Fairtrade 32 Notes from Holmfirth History Trail <i>The present building dates from around 1870, replacing a previous toll house on or near the same site. The Tollhouse lay on the Shipley Lane head to Greenfield Turnpike, evidence of it still existing in the form of the mileage plate on the parapet of the nearby bridge. In 1875 the trustees discontinued the Turnpike and in 1876 sold the building. The building has been a wine and spirits outlet, butchers shop, off-licence, café, bookshop and, currently a fair trade shop.</i>	K4	1851--1900	Yes
AEE	6/2a	Station Road	Druids Hall (Masonic Hall) Notes from Holmfirth History Trail <i>The Druids Hall dates back to 1846. It cost over £2000 to build. It was the premises of the Holmfirth Branch of the Ancient Order of Druids Friendly Society, an organization offering financial help and security to the poor. They paid funeral expenses for example. The Druids was one of a number of friendly societies that were quite common in the 19th century. In 1851 590 Druids were recorded in the Holmfirth/will dale area. Apart from the Druids the hall was used for other functions including a staff dinner of the workers at Albert Mills in 1884. By the beginning of the 20th century the Friendly Society movement was in decline and membership had fallen drastically. In 1906 the remaining membership decided to offer the building for sale at public auction and it took on a new existence as a hotel and a fully licensed public house with brew house attached. It continued in this form until 1917 when the local Masonic Lodge, in need of larger premises, purchased the Druids Hall for some £700. The Druids Hall, now known as the Masonic Hall, has been home of the Holme Valley branch (number 652) since 1921.</i>		1800--1850	Yes
ALQ ALP	6/3a	Station Road	Bamforth's Notes from Holmfirth History Trail <i>Bamforth's was established in 1870, and by the end of that century James Bamforth was well-known in Holmfirth as a photographer and artist. In the 1890s the magic lantern was a popular form of entertainment and Bamforth produced slides of these lantern shows. Bamforth was also a producer of postcards and was in at the very beginning of the silent movie era, creating short comic films in the Hollywood style comic but using Holmfirth as the background and local people as the stars and actors in his films. At the outbreak of the First World War film making came to an end. However the production of picture postcards continued and was a lucrative market opened up by Bamforth particularly of the saucy seaside postcards with their "near the knuckle" double entendres. The building has a very long window on the upper floor to provide extra studio light. The Bamforth business closed in 19?? And the building came into a sorry state of neglect. In 2016 renovation work was started on the building.</i>	K5	1800--1850	Yes
APM AVD AVE	6/4a	52 – 54 Back Lane	52 to 54 Back Lane (Houses with gothic windows)	K8	1851--1900	
CJR	6/4b	South Lane	Grove House			
CJS	6/4b	1 South Lane	Henry Mitchell (Wholesalers to the licensed trade)		Pre1800	

AVP	6/5b	Dunford Road	Ribbleden Mills The date of this mill is circa 1865 and should be preserved as the last mill existing in the HCA. It has retained its Georgian venetian windows and multi paneled glass, band course and shallow pitched roof. It also has the last mill chimney in the HCA.		1851---1900	
AIZ AJA BSK	7/3b	54 – 58 Upperthong Lane	54- 58 Upperthong Lane - Weavers cottages Notes from Holmfirth History Trail <i>Mid 19th century waivers cottages. Noticed the "taking in door", with its exterior stair in the end wall of the terrace. This is where the raw materials were brought in and the finished cloth taken out of what would have been a communal weaving space across the whole top floor</i>	K6	1800---1850	
BSL	7/3b	52 Upperthong Lane	52 Upperthong Lane - Chapel House Notes from Holmfirth History Trail <i>The Chapel house was built adjoining the Lane Congregational Chapel during the ministry of the Rev John Cocklin (1806-1849).</i>		1901---1938	
BSM	7/3b	Upperthong Lane	Lane Congregational Chapel Notes from Holmfirth History Trail <i>One or several nonconformist groups in Holmfirth area, the independence, shared a church with the Methodists have never felt before building their own place of worship here in 1777. The original burial ground was across the road from the chapel, but is now a private garden. The chapel was remodeled in 1847 giving the building in its current appearance.</i>		1851---1900	
BSO	7/3b	46 Upperthong Lane	The Manse		1851---1900	
AQM AQN	4/2a	39- 40 Huddersfield Rd	39 – 40 (Burton's Academy) Notes from Holmfirth History Trail <i>Burtons Academy (after John Burton) is next door to the present Holmfirth Library and until recently has been a B&B establishment but has recently been sold. The first mention of a school being here is in Pigot's 1834 Directory where is described as a boarding and day school.</i>	K7	1851---1900	
APJ	7/4a	49 – 51 Huddersfield Road	Former Council Offices		1851---1900	
MONUMENT			Pump 'ole (and Harold Wagstaff) Notes from Holmfirth History Trail <i>This is a water pump and trough, in a recess under the steep incline of South Lane. It was erected by public subscription in 1850 and was in use until late 1920s. People would meet here the local lads' rugby team took their name the pump. One of the Pump Hole Rangers, Harold Wagstaff, began his career with them in 1905 at the age of 14 and went on to become one of the greatest players of all time. He captained England in 1914 and in 1920 on tours to Australia and New Zealand. In 1995 at the centenary of the rugby league, Harold Wagstaff was chosen for one of the five commemorative postage stamps.</i>			Yes
MONUMENT			Holmfirth Dyers Chimney			

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