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1. Introduction

Archaeological Building Recording Services (ABRS) were commissioned by Bola's Home Ltd to undertake archaeological standing building recording (photographic survey) of the former Hartshill Institute, originally the Hartshill Working Men's Association building at 287 Harsthill Road, Harsthill, Stoke-on-Trent (SJ 86624 45788 (*Figures 1 & 2*)). Planning permission and Listed Building consent has been granted to convert the building to residential use (Planning Application No SOT/57854 & 57855LBC). The building is a traditional brick-built former institute, and is visible on the first edition Ordnance Survey map. The building is located on the southern side of Hartshill Road. The Senior Planning Officer (Archaeology/HER), Stoke-on-Trent City Council has recommended that archaeological standing building recording (photographic survey) be carried out prior to any proposed works being carried out.

The building is Grade II listed and located within the Hartshill Conservation Area. The building was listed in March 1993 for its historic and aesthetic qualities. The listed building description records it as :-

*Formerly known as: Hartshill Institute HARTSHILL ROAD Hartshill.
Former Institute, now in use as theatre workshop. c1840. Brick with stone dressings and plain tiled roof with scalloped tiles and ridge cresting. Gable facing street, with advanced gabled porch with paired shafts to doorway flanked by casement windows beneath 2-centred relieving arches with embossed tiles in the apex of the arch. Small rose window over the porch. Pronounced bargeboards echoing roof truss are carried on corbels.*

The building was recorded during the intensive phase of the Stoke-on-Trent Historic Building Survey (HBS) in 1984 (ref. S/179). The HBS was supplied by the Senior Planning Officer, Archaeology and reviewed as part of this building recording.

A photographic survey was to be undertaken following standards as defined in Understanding Historic Buildings: A guide to good recording practice (English Heritage 2006). The photographic survey addressed the requirements detailed in the brief issued by the Senior Planning Officer.

The project was completed following the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) *Code of Conduct*, and adhered to their *Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Investigation and Recording of Standing Buildings or Structures* (2014), following the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) approved by the Senior Planning Officer, Archaeology (ABRS 2015-HIHS_WSI).

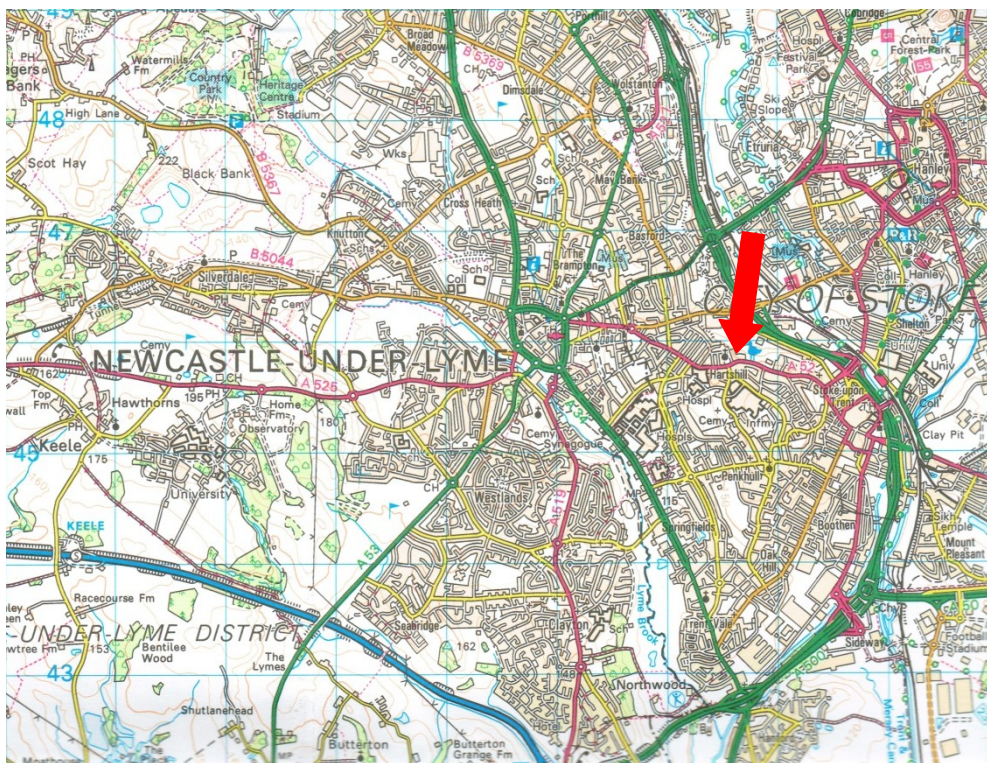


Figure 1
Site Location

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2. Aims and Methodology

The aim of the survey was to provide a permanent photographic record of the building in its current state, prior to alteration or repair, to standards set down by English Heritage (2006).

The photographic survey was undertaken by Gerwyn Richards on July 15th 2015. Photographs, in 35mm monochrome negative and digital format taken as raw image files and converted to TIFFs (Tagged Image File Format) covered items 1-8 of the English Heritage guidelines (2006, 4.4.7).

Orientation: The building consists of a single linear range, fronting Hartshill Road and aligned north-north west to south-south east, for ease of description this is taken hereafter to be north to south with the principal elevation being that facing Hartshill Road, to the north. Where the terms 'left', 'right', 'front' and 'back' etc are used in the report, this is in relation to this principal elevation as viewed from Hartshill Road. For the purposes of this report a letter prefix has been allocated to each building and a letter prefix has been added for significant partitions where required.



Figure 2
Proposed Development Area in Detail.
(Provided by client. Not to Scale).

3. Historical Background

The Hartshill Institute was opened in 1859 having been built by Colin Minton Campbell as a reading room for the Hartshill Working Men's Association. The Association soon began to experience a variety of difficulties and was closed in 1861. It re-opened in 1862, but closed again in 1865/66, it re-opened one final time in October 1866 and continued to struggle. In 1871, the Institution was advertised as a 'Public Hall' and was available to let for social

functions (from the Brief for historic building recording: 287 Harsthill Road, Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent (SOT/57854/57855).

The plans drawn during the Stoke-on-Trent Historic Building Survey and show the original layout of the building (*Figure 3*).

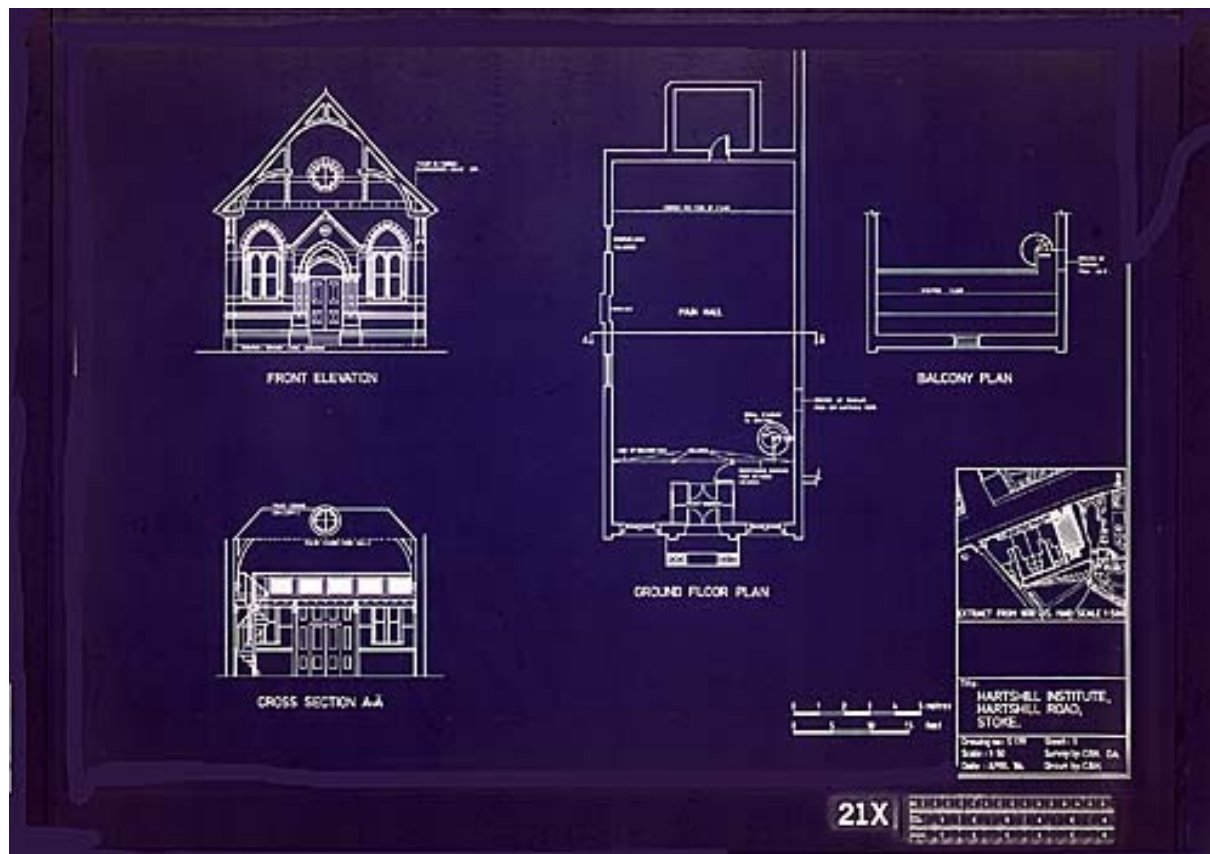


Figure 3
Stoke-on-Trent Historic Building Survey 1984.
(ref. S/179)

A historical map regression confirms that the building plan remained largely unaltered during the 20th century. The only significant alteration is the addition of two small outshoot extensions to the south elevation. Viewing the Stoke on Trent Ordnance Survey 1:500 plan of 1878 and the later 1:500 plan of 1951 (SoTCA Ref XVIII.1.16 (*Figure 4*) & SoTCA Ref SJ8645 NE (*Figure 5*)) indicates this extension dates to the 20th century. The straight joint in the brickwork of the south easternmost extension is still apparent. Less apparent changes observed during the recording include the forward paired shafts on the porch being replaced with concrete shafts and an additional brick skin at ground level on the principal elevation.

Until recently the Institute was used by the Newcastle Players as a workshop and prop store before being sold into private ownership in 2014.

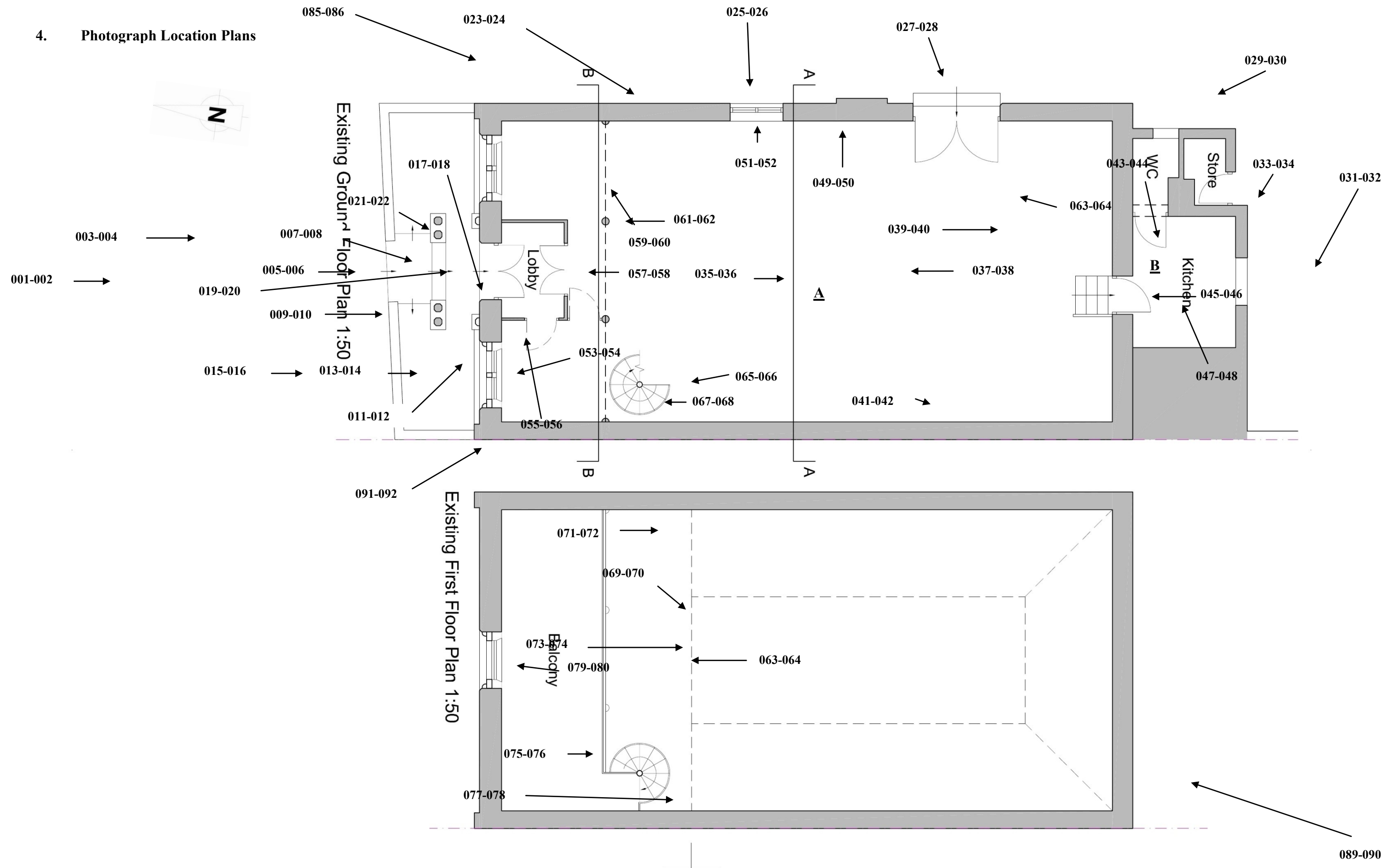


Figure 4
Stoke-on-Trent Ordnance Survey 1:500 plan 1878.
(SoTCA Ref XVIII.1.16)

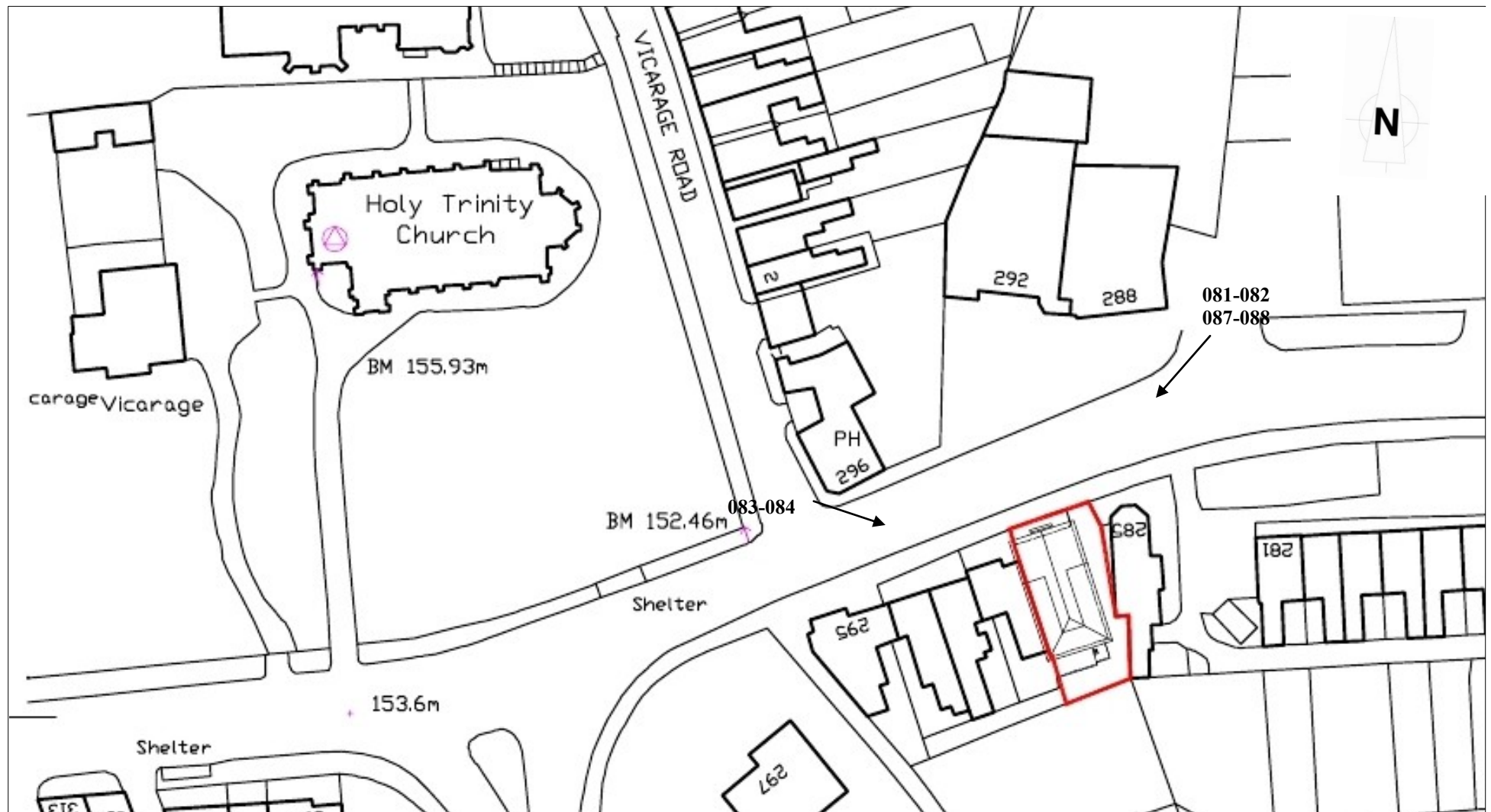


Figure 5
Stoke-on-Trent Ordnance Survey 1:500 plan 1951.
(SoTCA Ref SJ8645 NE)

4. Photograph Location Plans



Landscape Photographs.



5. Photographic Index

Digital	B&W	Rm ID	Description	Dir	2015.LH.157
001	001		Principal Elevation.	S	
002	002		Principal Elevation.	S	
003	003		Principal Elevation, First Floor Detail		
004	004		Principal Elevation, First Floor Detail		
005	005		Gabled Porch, Detail.	S	
006	006		Gabled Porch, Detail.	S	
007	007		Inscribed Stone on Principal Elevation.		
008	008		Inscribed Stone on Principal Elevation.		
009	009		Paired Shafts on Porch Replaced in Concrete.		
010	010		Paired Shafts on Porch Replaced in Concrete.		
011	011		Original Stone Shaft on Principal Elevation, to Right of Door.		
012	012		Original Stone Shaft on Principal Elevation, to Right of Door.		
013	013		Original Brickwork (above), Inserted Brick Skin Below, Detail on Principal Elevation.		
014	014		Original Brickworks (above), Inserted Brick Skin Below, Detail on Principal Elevation.		
015	015		Window Detail on Principal Elevation.	S	
016	016		Window Detail on Principal Elevation.	S	
017	017		Tiled Reveal on Principal Door.		
018	018		Tiled Reveal on Principal Door.		
019	019		Principal Door, Detail		
020	020		Principal Door, Detail		
021	021		Repaired Shaft Bases.		
022	022		Repaired Shaft Bases.		
023	023		West Facing Elevation, Oblique View.	SSW	
024	024		West Facing Elevation, Oblique View.	SSW	
025	025		Window & Brickwork Detail on W. Facing Elevation.		
026	026		Window & Brickwork Detail on W. Facing Elevation.		
027	027		Door on W. Facing Elevation, Enlarged to Right.		
028	028		Door on W. Facing Elevation, Enlarged to Right.		
029	029		Straight Joint Between Extension & Institute, SE Corner.	NW	
030	030		Straight Joint Between Extension & Institute, SE Corner.	NW	
031	031		Rear Elevation, Oblique View.	WNW	
032	032		Rear Elevation, Oblique View.	WNW	

033	033		Original Angled Return on Rear Elevation.	
034	034		Original Angled Return on Rear Elevation.	
035	035	<u>A</u>	General View.	S
036	036	<u>A</u>	General View.	S
037	037	<u>A</u>	General View.	N
038	038	<u>A</u>	General View.	N
039	039	<u>A</u>	Roof Structure, General View from Ground Level.	
040	040	<u>A</u>	Roof Structure, General View from Ground Level.	
041	041	<u>A</u>	Roof Structure, Detail View.	
042	042	<u>A</u>	Roof Structure, Detail View.	
043	043	<u>B</u>	General View.	WSW
044	044	<u>B</u>	General View.	WSW
045	045	<u>B</u>	Panelled Door.	
046	046	<u>B</u>	Panelled Door.	
047	047	<u>B</u>	Plank & Batten Door and Picture Rail (Left).	ENE
048	048	<u>B</u>	Plank & Batten Door and Picture Rail (Left).	ENE
049	049	<u>A</u>	Panelling & Fireplace on East Wall, Detail.	E
050	050	<u>A</u>	Panelling & Fireplace on East Wall, Detail.	E
051	051	<u>A</u>	Internal Window Detail on East Facing Wall.	E
052	052	<u>A</u>	Internal Window Detail on East Facing Wall.	E
053	053	<u>A</u>	Internal Window Detail on Principal Elevation.	N
054	054	<u>A</u>	Internal Window Detail on Principal Elevation.	N
055	055	<u>A</u>	Ticket Window & Panelling.	E
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057	057	<u>A</u>	Panelled Doors & Panelling.	N
058	058	<u>A</u>	Panelled Doors & Panelling.	N
059	059	<u>A</u>	Iron Columns, General.	ENE
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061	061	<u>A</u>	Iron Column, Detail.	
062	062	<u>A</u>	Iron Column, Detail.	
063	063	<u>A</u>	Balcony, from Ground Level.	N
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065	065	<u>A</u>	Stairs, General View.	N
066	066	<u>A</u>	Stairs, General View.	N
067	067	<u>A</u>	Stairs, Detail View.	

068	068	<u>A</u>	Stairs, Detail View.	
069	069	<u>A</u>	Lantern Roof, General View.	
070	070	<u>A</u>	Lantern Roof, General View.	
071	071	<u>A</u>	Iron Straps on Truss.	
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073	073	<u>A</u>	Lantern Roof, Detail.	
074	074	<u>A</u>	Lateran Roof, Detail.	
075	075	<u>A</u>	Fretwork & Panel Detail on Balcony.	
076	076	<u>A</u>	Fretwork & Panel Detail on Balcony.	
077	077	<u>A</u>	Roof Construction, Detail on Westernmost Wall.	S
078	078	<u>A</u>	Roof Construction, Detail on Westernmost Wall.	S
079	079	<u>A</u>	Internal Window Detail, Rose Window on Principal Elevation.	N
080	080	<u>A</u>	Internal Window Detail, Rose Window on Principal Elevation.	N
081	081		Context View from Hartshill Road.	SSW
082	082		Context View from Hartshill Road.	SSW
083	083		Context View from Junc' of Hartshill Rd & Vicarage Rd.	E
084	084		Context View from Junc' of Hartshill Rd & Vicarage Rd.	E
085	085		External Roof Detail.	
086	086		External Roof Detail.	
087	087		Context View from Hartshill Road.	SSW
088	088		Context View from Hartshill Road.	SSW
089	089		Ltd External View of Lantern Roof.	
090	090		Ltd External View of Lantern Roof.	
091	091		Ltd View of West Facing Elevation.	E
092	092		Ltd View of West Facing Elevation.	E

6. Contact Sheets



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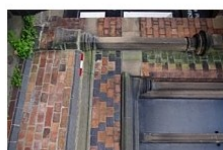
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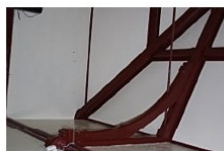
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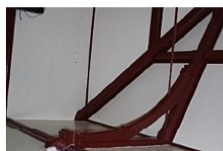
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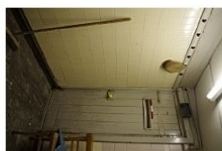
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7. Archive & Publication

The site archive consists of

- 1 A3 paper plan showing photo locations
- DVD containing 92 digital images
- 3 A4 contact sheets
- 91 Black & White negatives and contact prints
- 3 A4 photo record sheets
- Unbound copy of this report

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A version of the summary (above) will be submitted to the editor of the local journal for inclusion in the next edition.

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