



Building Recording Addendum

Job Number:	18.1267
Project:	The Abbey Public House, St Helens
Client:	Joseph Holt Ltd
Date:	29 May 2019

NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

This document should be read in conjunction with the Archaeological Building Survey Report (prepared by Paul Butler Associates dated 04.03.2019) and is an addendum to it. The first floor and part of the ground floor were inaccessible at the time of the initial survey. These areas were accessed prior to demolition. This document comprises the results of these findings and confirms the initial reports conclusions.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Paul Butler Associates were commissioned to perform an archaeological building survey of the outbuilding within the rear yard of The Abbey, 1 Hard Lane, Dentons Green, St Helens, WA10 6TL, as per condition 4 of Planning Permission P/2018/0787/FUL. The survey could not be fully completed due to inaccessible areas. These areas were surveyed prior to the demolition of the building and forms the basis of this report
- 1.2 Mr. Steven Price BA (Hons), MA, MPhil, PCIfA of Paul Butler Associates carried out the recording. Steven Price is a Practitioner of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists with over 15 years' experience of surveying and recording buildings of many types. He has carried out numerous Level 2/3 surveys.

2. SITE LOCATION

- 2.1 The Abbey Public House lies on the west side of Hard Lane just to the south of the junction with Chaucer Road. The outbuilding lies within the rear yard, to the west of the Abbey Pub. Neither building lies within a conservation area and neither are listed. The National Grid Reference of the outbuilding is SJ 49820 96579 and the postal address is The Abbey, 1 Hard Lane, Dentons Green, St Helens, WA10 6TL. The building sits in a densely developed area.

3. METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The methodology followed that set out in the historic building survey report. The previously inaccessible ground floor room was accessed after the demolition team removed the door. The first floor was accessed via a cherry picker. The floor of the northern room of the first floor was unsafe, therefore was recorded from the doorway.

4. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

- 4.1 The previously inaccessible room lay at the northern end of the second bay, accessed via a timber door in the east wall. This led into a narrow room with whitewashed brick walls. To the west the timber partition wall was present. The floor was concrete and the ceiling open to the timber joists of the decayed floor above.
- 4.2 The first floor was accessed via the main doorway in the south elevation. The floor to the room was bare boards and the ceiling open to the modern machine cut timber trusses. All of the walls were bare brick and to the east the circular pitching eye and the timber framed portrait window were visible. To the north was a cross wall with a personnel doorway inserted, slightly west of centre. To the east of this a timber chute projected into the room.
- 4.3 Through the doorway in the north wall gave access to a further first floor room. Here the walls were again bare brick and the ceiling open to the modern trusses. In the east wall the timber framed portrait window was visible, as was a circular pitching eye to the north of it, masked from the exterior by foliage. In the north wall a blocked doorway with rounded jambs lay to the west side.

5. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The additional findings do not change the initial assessment. The first floor was likely used for storage and feeding the animals below.

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Outbuilding Ground and First Floor Plans

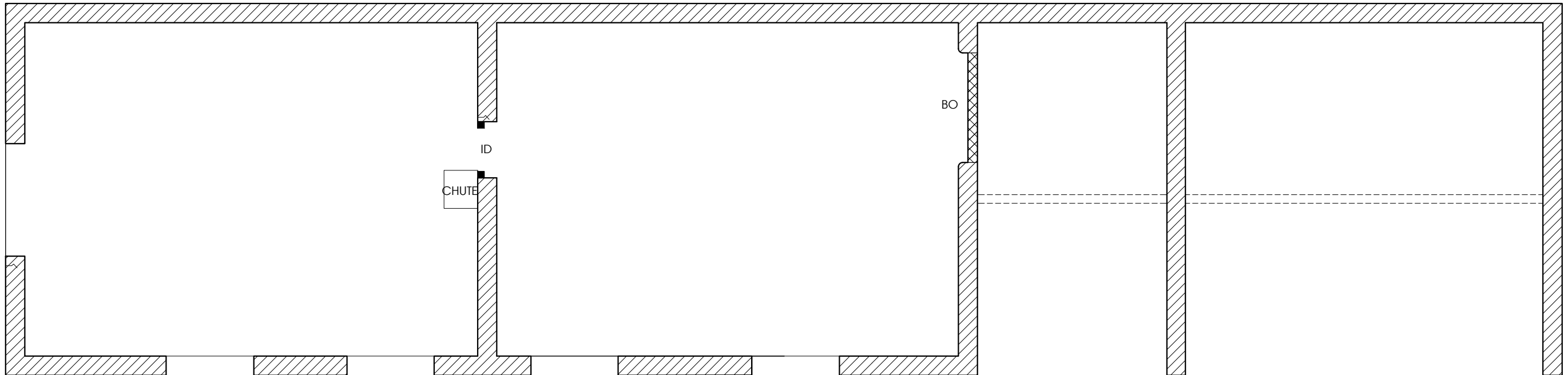
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 - ID Inserted Doorway



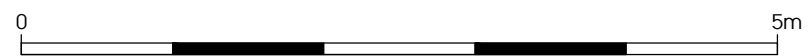
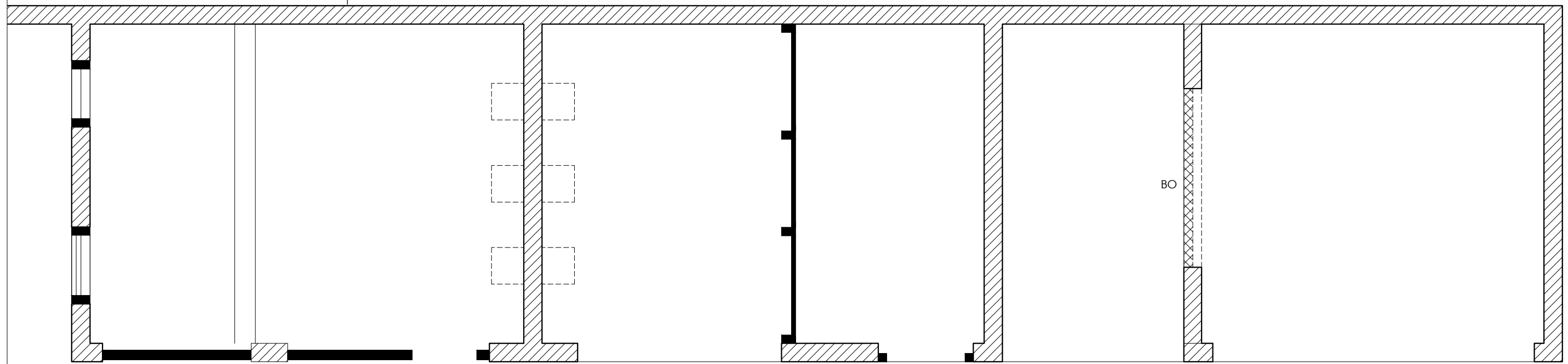
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First floor



Ground floor



North

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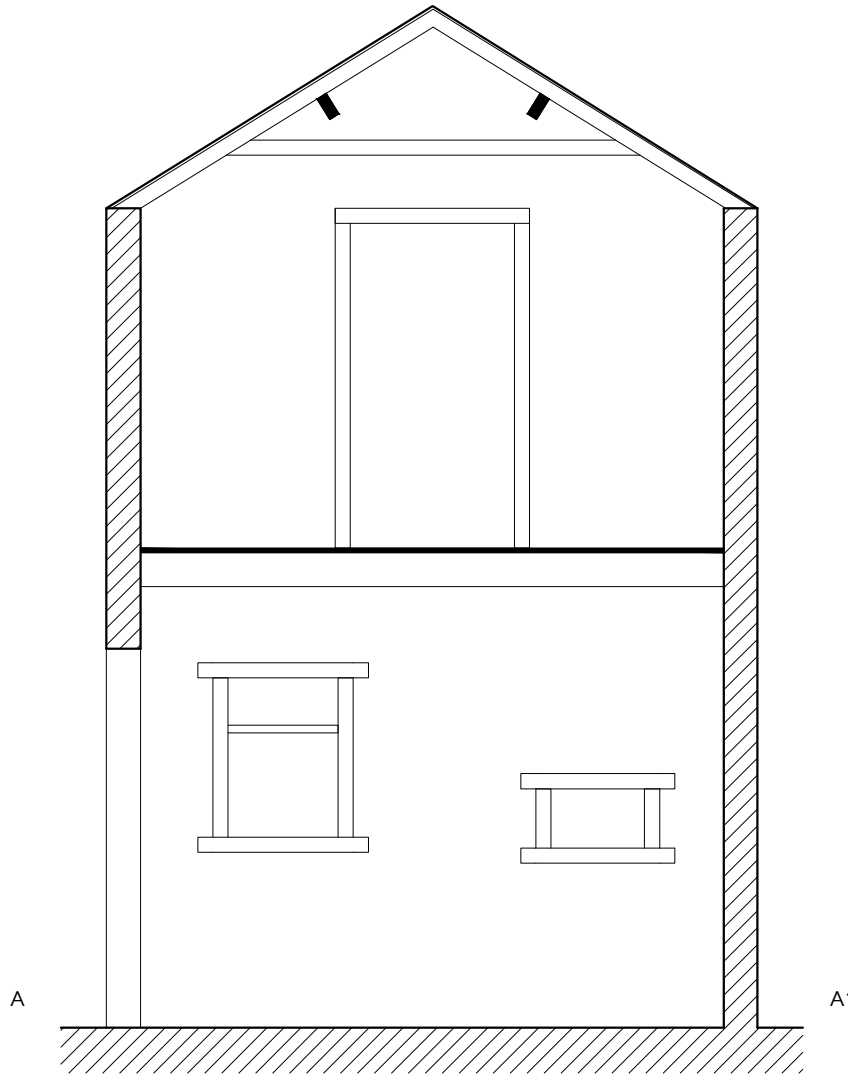
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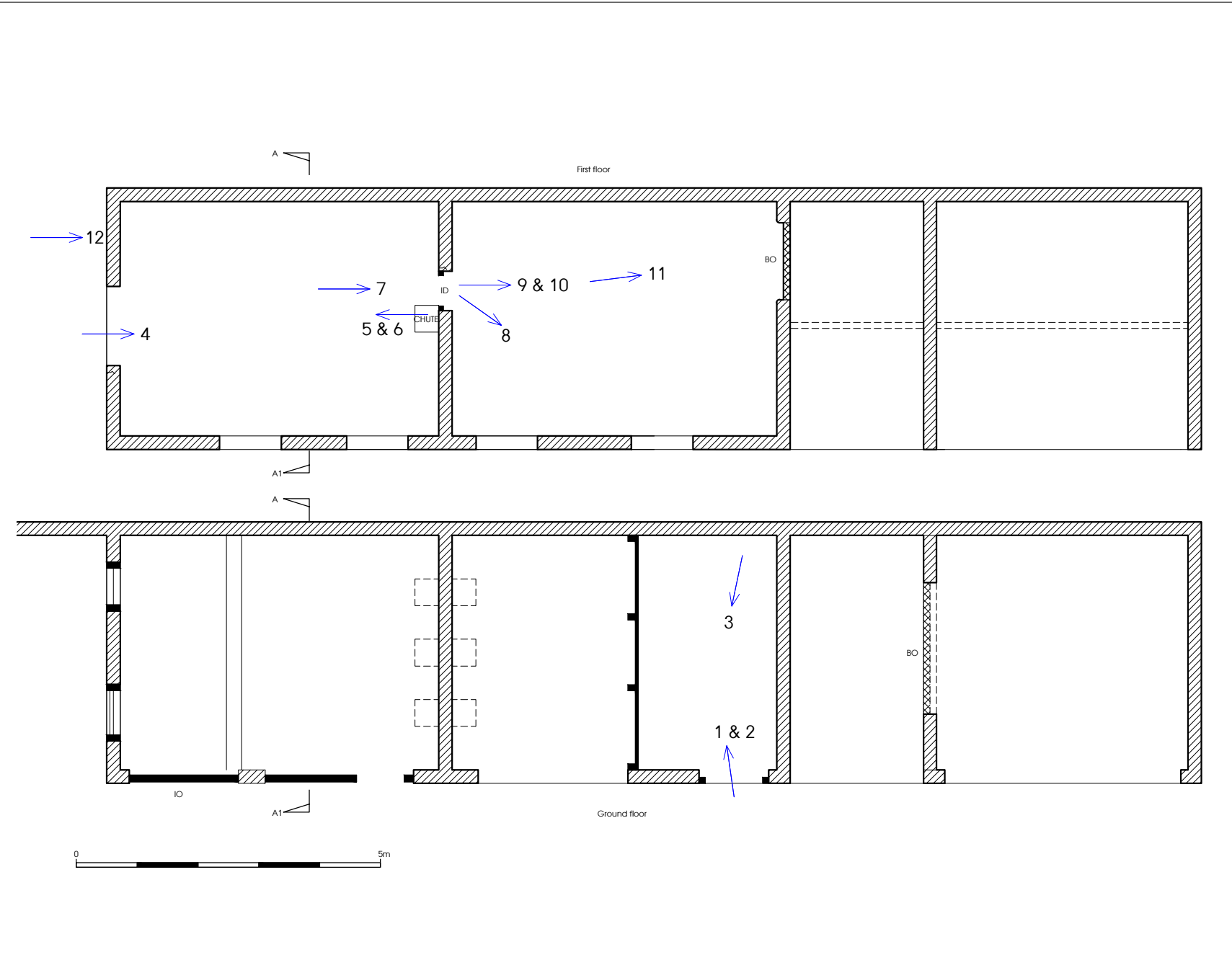
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Figure 4: Photograph Register

Plate No.	Digital No.	Description	View to
1	P5176696	Interior of ground floor room	W
2	P5176697	As above showing ceiling joists	W
3	P5176698	Ground floor room showing doorway	E
4	P5176673	Southern room of first floor	N
5	P5176684	Southern room of first floor looking south	S
6	P5176685	Detail of modern roof trusses	S
7	P5176686	Detail of inserted door to north room	N
8	P5176682	North room of first floor	NE
9	P5176678	North room of first floor	N
10	P5176681	Roof trusses of north room	N
11	P5176676	Blocked opening in north wall of north room	N
12	P5176687	Detail of slate roof	N
13	P5176700	Building after partial demolition	SE

Plates



Plate 1: Interior of ground floor room



Plate 2: As above showing ceiling joists



Plate 3: Ground floor room showing doorway



Plate 4: Southern room of first floor



Plate 5: Southern room of first floor looking south



Plate 6: Detail of modern roof trusses



Plate 7: Detail of inserted door to north room



Plate 8: North room of first floor



Plate 9: North room of first floor



Plate 10: Roof trusses of north room



Plate 11: Blocked opening in north wall of north room



Plate 12: Detail of slate roof



Plate 13: Building after partial demolition