

Heritage Statement.

Description

The Museum is located within the Castle grounds and is a listed structure. It is a solid stone construction with a slate roof that consists of a number of hipped roofs and lead valley gutters. There is evidence of patch repair to the pitched roof and different slate types have been used over the years. In areas the walls are finished with a parapet with coping stones. It was built C1730 for the Steward of the Castle.

The property is located within the picturesque setting of the grounds of Clitheroe Castle within a Conservation Area. The main building is surrounded by the castle fields, a park, a bandstand and a bowling green along with other historical and aesthetical features. The main building has timber framed windows and double doors. Also included in the main museum building is a shop and a basement, the basement houses the boilers for museum and cafe. The general footprint of the main building is square.

The museum buildings also include The Education Suite, The Stewards Gallery, Office and Museum Stores. These are linked to the main museum building by the Atrium Cafe and a walkway. There is an arched walkway that leads through to the rear of the building and down towards the Castle grounds. On the opposite side of the arched walkway is a small store room known as the Ribble Valley Borough Council store room.

There is access to the parapet roof via a metal ladder that is permanently fixed to the wall.

Scope of works and effect of works

The works are to include, re-slating of a pitched roof that is behind a parapet wall on the higher levels of the museum building.

It is proposed to inspect the roof once the slates are removed then the extent of the works will be more apparent.

If it is found that the roof felt is defective then a new layer of felt will be laid along with new roof battens (if the existing battens are found not to be in a reusable condition).

The re-slating will also include 3 tiers of TAPCO Shake – no maintenance slates to allow access to the areas of the roof to allow CCTV equipment to be serviced and the 6 weekly clearing out of the drains. Standard slates have been damaged in this process and the TAPCO slates are more resilient to impact and force point damage. The lifespan of the roof will be greatly increased and should reduce the risk of water ingress through the pitched roof area.

The TAPCO tiles are astatically similar to slate tiles and a sample has been provided.

The overall effect of the works would mean that the roof will be renewed and sections of the roof would have different tiles. The area of pitched roof concerned is at a higher level of the building and is located behind a parapet wall. The roof is not visible from the ground or any other area that is accessible to the general public.