HERITAGE STATEMENT - SCHOOL HOUSE COTTAGE, NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND

School House Cottage is a small Grade II listed property in Newton-in-Bowland. Since its construction in circa 1850 it has, to the best of my knowledge, been used for residential purposes, originally as the home of the adjacent School's Headmistress. Following the closure of the School in the 1960s, it was used as a dwelling either on an owner occupied basis or on a long-term let basis.

The property was purchased by myself in 2014 and with effect for April 2015 it has been used as a Furnished Holiday Let. I was advised by Council Staff to apply for Small Business Rate Relief, and following a series of emails and telephone calls this was granted from April 2015.

It is my intention to cease offering the property as a Holiday Let from 31st December 2018. From that date, I wish it to be designated as a Dwelling House. This change would not involve any works of any nature to the Property or the surrounding area.

The Cottage is situated in the Forest of Bowland, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. From this perspective, the Change of Use from Furnished Holiday Let to Dwelling House will have no effect whatsoever on the environment or on the site context or features. In addition, there will be no impact on archaeological, architectural or historical or any other significance of the Property or its surrounds.

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