

HERITAGE STATEMENT

List Entry Name: **Stydd Lodge, Presbytery to Church of St Peter and St Paul, and attached Outbuildings.**

Statutory Address: **Stydd Lodge, Presbytery to Church of St Peter and St Paul, and attached Outbuildings, Stydd.**

National Grid Reference: **SD 65328 35788.**

District: **Ribble Valley (District Authority).**

Parish: **Ribchester.**

Listing Status: **Grade II.**

Listing Entry Number: **1072262.**

Date first Listed: **22-Nov-1983.**

Conservation Area Status: **The property is within Ribchester Conservation Area.**

Current use of Heritage Asset: **Presbytery for retired Clergy.**

Location and Setting:



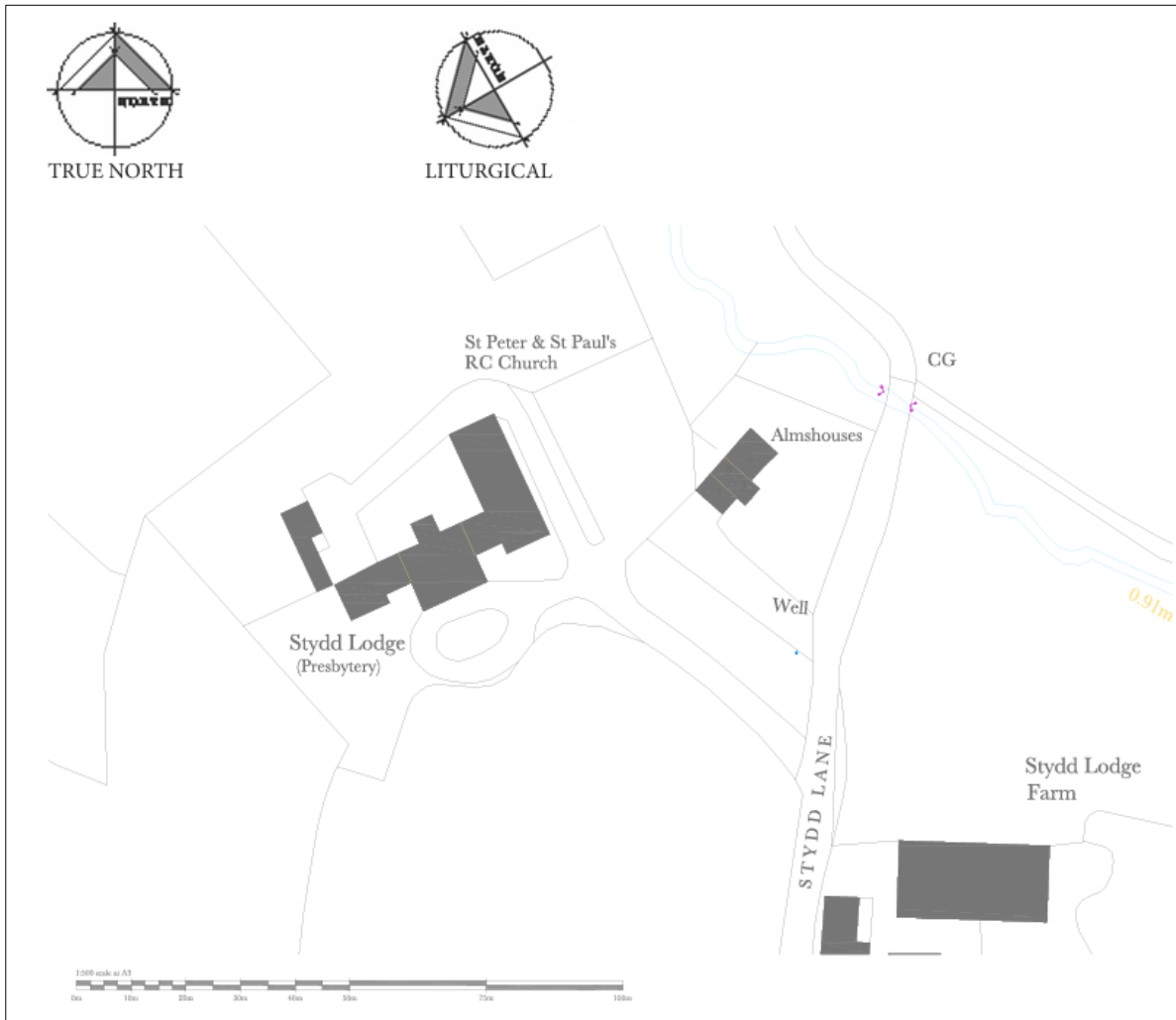
1888 - 1913 Historic Location Plan | National Library of Scotland



Aerial Photo | Mario Lancashire



Site Location Plan | Ordnance Survey



Site Layout Plan | Ordnance Survey



Photo | View towards Church, Presbytery and Barn from vehicular entrance.



Photo | Reverse view towards Shippen, Piggery, Barn, Presbytery and Church.

Listing Text: Presbytery, 1789. Squared, coursed sandstone with slate roof. 2-storey, 3-bay symmetrical composition with plinth, chamfered quoins, moulded cornice, and end stacks. Windows have plain stone surrounds, those on the ground floor being wide and possibly having lost mullions. The door has an architrave, fluted frieze with corner paterae, and moulded cornice. To the west is a single-storey one-bay link to a 2-storey outbuilding with hipped roof, chamfered quoins, and a plain stone window surround on each floor. This balances the church (q.v.) to the east and, from the south, makes it appear to be one of a pair of pavilions to a house.

Nature and Significance of the Asset:

Description and Architectural Significance:

The central Presbytery is flanked either side by pavilions with a Barn, Piggery and Shippen to the South-West and the Church to the North-East.

The Church is 5 bays with large round headed windows with stone surrounds along the length of the Nave. Two square windows, stacked, in stained glass illuminate the South-East end. The roof is hipped to the South-East end and is topped with a cross finial, the North-West end is gabled and topped with a bellcote over the main entrance and gallery window. The Church is mirrored centrally by the Presbytery with the Barn, Piggery and Shippen taking a similar mass and appearance to the South-West.

The central Presbytery is square plan 2 stories of 3 bays and 2 pile depth. It is situated on the central axis of the symmetrical composition between Church and Barn. The Presbytery is connected on the South-West by a single bay link to the Barn, and on the North-East by a single bay link to the Church.

The Presbytery is constructed with solid ashlar coursed sandstone walls, with a ground level plinth, chamfered corner quoins, and a moulded cornice with a lead lined gutter. The roofs are pitched slate with stone gable chimney stacks. The windows have plain stone surrounds with those on the main front elevation being wide and possibly having lost mullions. The entrance door has a stone architrave, fluted frieze with corner paterae, and moulded cornice.

To the South-West is a single-storey one-bay link to a 2-storey Barn with hipped roof, chamfered quoins, and plain stone window surrounds on each floor. This balances the Church to the North-East and, from the South-East, makes it appear to be pair of pavilions to a house.

The Architecture utilises good quality materials and workmanship but was deliberately modest to avoid attracting attention to the Church during the turbulent times leading up to the Catholic Relief Act of 1829.

Historical Significance:

St Peter and St Paul Roman Catholic (R.C) Church, Stydd Lane, 1789 is an example of a disguised Roman Chapel group. It was constructed between the time of the Papists Relief Act of 1778 and Catholic Relief Act of 1791. At the time of construction Catholics were not allowed to worship openly but the Church was built anticipating a near future when the R.C faith would be emancipated. The major barriers were indeed subsequently removed, including serving in Parliament, under the Roman Catholic Relief Act of 1829.

The style of building for Catholic worship at this time would have been very restrained and unobtrusive as a reflection of the anti-Catholic sentiment of the time. Often constructed in an unassuming style and built on inconspicuous sites.

The Presbytery is positioned centrally and flanked by two wings North-East and South-West leading to pavilions. Reminiscent of the Palladian villa plan.

The Proposed Works to the Heritage Asset:

The property is inhabited on a single occupancy basis by a retired priest Fr Martin Magee, and he has been suffering from anti-social behaviour outside the Presbytery, including the alleged dealing of illicit substances. It is proposed to install two security cameras as a deterrent to the anti-social behaviour and to capture footage of any illegal activity to enable prosecution by the Police. The cameras will also give Fr Magee peace of mind as a lone resident.

Impact of the Proposed Works on the Heritage Asset:

It is proposed to install two EufyCam E40 Model T8144 solar powered Wi-Fi security cameras as shown on the proposed elevation photographs. The cameras are only small measuring 68mm wide, 67mm high and 138mm long and will therefore be unobtrusive.

Because the cameras are solar powered and have Wi-Fi signalling there will be no need to run electric cables across the historic building fabric. Furthermore, the two-part mounting bracket (see the typical mounting detail on the proposed elevation photographs) can be fitted with screws and plugs inserted into the mortar joints without of the need for drilling into the original ashlar stone blocks.

Summary:

The two proposed cameras will have negligible impact upon the heritage asset but are of importance to the lone resident who has been suffering ongoing problems with anti-social behaviour for which the police will take no action until evidence of the alleged illegal activity has been provided. The cameras will function as a deterrent and will capture evidence of any illegal activity and should therefore hopefully resolve the problems that are being encountered.