



Historic England

WHALLEY ABBEY

List Entry Summary

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

Name: WHALLEY ABBEY

List entry Number: 1164643

Location

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The building may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County: Lancashire

District: Ribble Valley

District Type: District Authority

Parish: Whalley

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

Grade: I

Date first listed: 13-Feb-1967

Date of most recent amendment: Not applicable to this List entry.

Legacy System Information

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Legacy System: LBS

UID: 183536

Asset Groupings

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List entry Description

Summary of Building

Legacy Record - This information may be included in the List Entry Details.

Reasons for Designation

Legacy Record - This information may be included in the List Entry Details.

History

Legacy Record - This information may be included in the List Entry Details.

Details

SD 73 NW 2/51 13-2-1967

WHALLEY Whalley Abbey

GV I

Cistercian monastery. West range of cloister now used as Roman Catholic church hall. Assheton mansion now a conference centre. Building work begun

c.1320. Abbey church begun in 1330 and finished in 1380. East range of cloister late C14. Infirmary and Abbot's lodgings complete by 1440s. In 1480 the north-east gateway was built, and the Abbey was dissolved in 1537. The site was bought by the Assheton family, who subsequently converted parts of the Abbot's house and Infirmary into a residence, which was complete by c.1680. This house was restored and extended in the mid C19. In the 1930s the site was excavated and the foundations discovered were exposed and consolidated. Only the foundations of the church remain. The west range of the cloister is of a full 2 storeys and is roofed. The south wall of the cloister is incomplete but includes a lavatory with moulded arch. The east range is more complete and includes a doorway with a fleuron order leading into the chapter house vestibule. At the south end of this range is the rere-dorter, with the drain passing through pointed arches. Between the east claustral buildings and the Assheton mansion the foundations of the chapter house and part of the Abbot's Lodgings are exposed. The southern part of the west wing of the mansion is now roofless. It contained Assheton's long gallery on the 1st floor and incorporates part of the Abbot's kitchen. The north-west wing of the mansion is C19. The entrance to the house is through a 1st floor porch reached by a flight of stone steps. Inside, the mansion has a deeply-moulded pointed arch on the ground floor, a window of 2 trefoiled lights now in an internal wall, and large deeply-chamfered joists supporting the floor of the hall on the 1st floor above. This hall has a stone fireplace with segmental arch, with a C19 fireplace within. The roof is of c.1500 with king posts rising from high collars with moulded arch braces. Between the purlins and principals are carved triangular braces. On the north-east side of the mansion is a courtyard enclosed by stone walls, with single-storey C17 buildings on the east and north sides. The north-east gateway is of 2 storeys and has an embattled parapet and diagonal buttresses. The arches are pointed and moulded. The north part of the interior has a tunnel vault which appears to be of post-Reformation date. Ashmore, O., *A Guide to Whalley Abbey*, 4th ed. 1981. Scheduled Ancient Monument.

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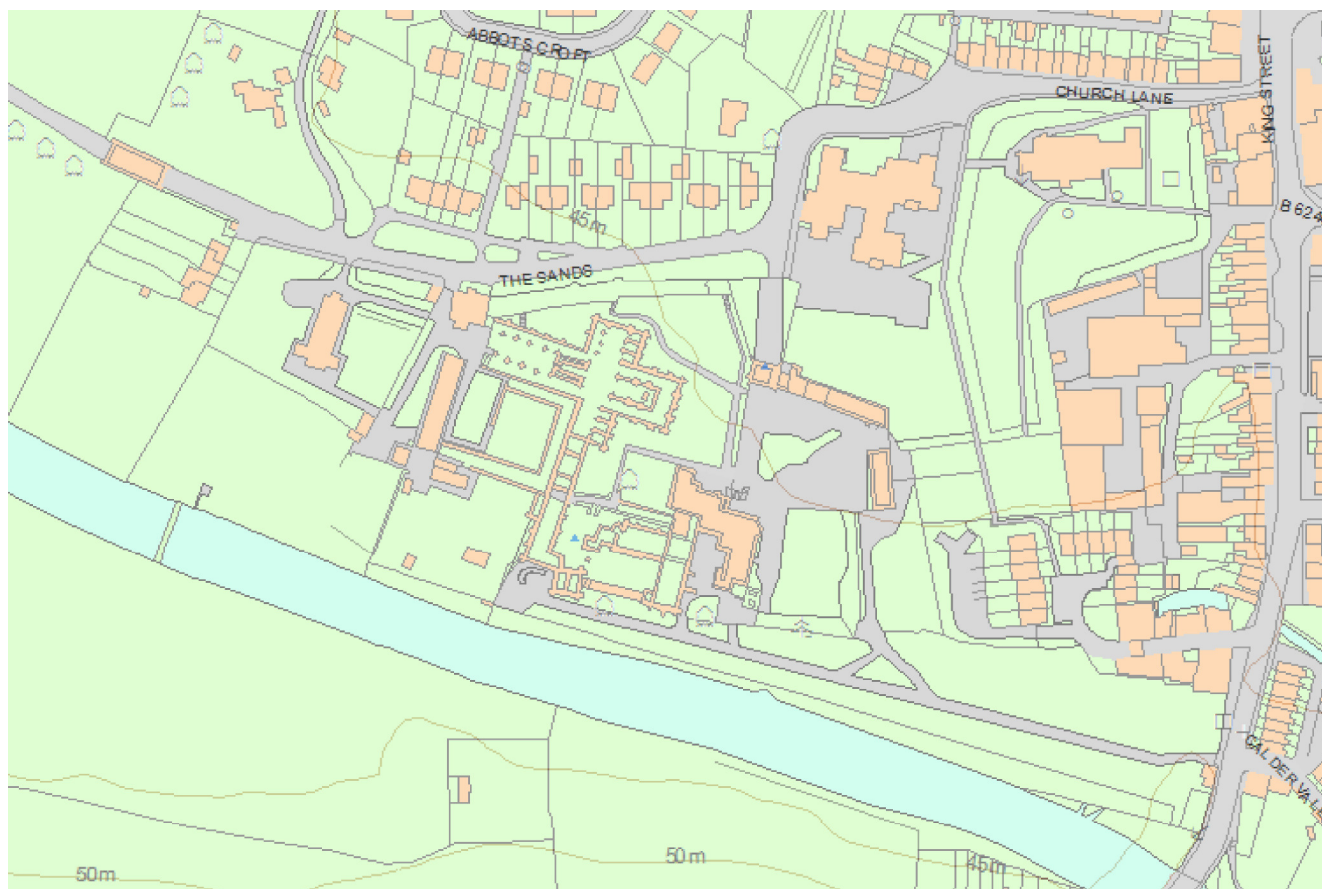
Selected Sources

Books and journals

Ashmore, O, *A Guide to Whalley Abbey*, (1981)

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Map



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