The Hoyland Lowe Stand Trust

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Hoyland Lowe Stand

From the Michael Bedford collection
Lowe Stand bonfire in 1935 for King George V Silver Jubilee celebrations

Heritage Statement

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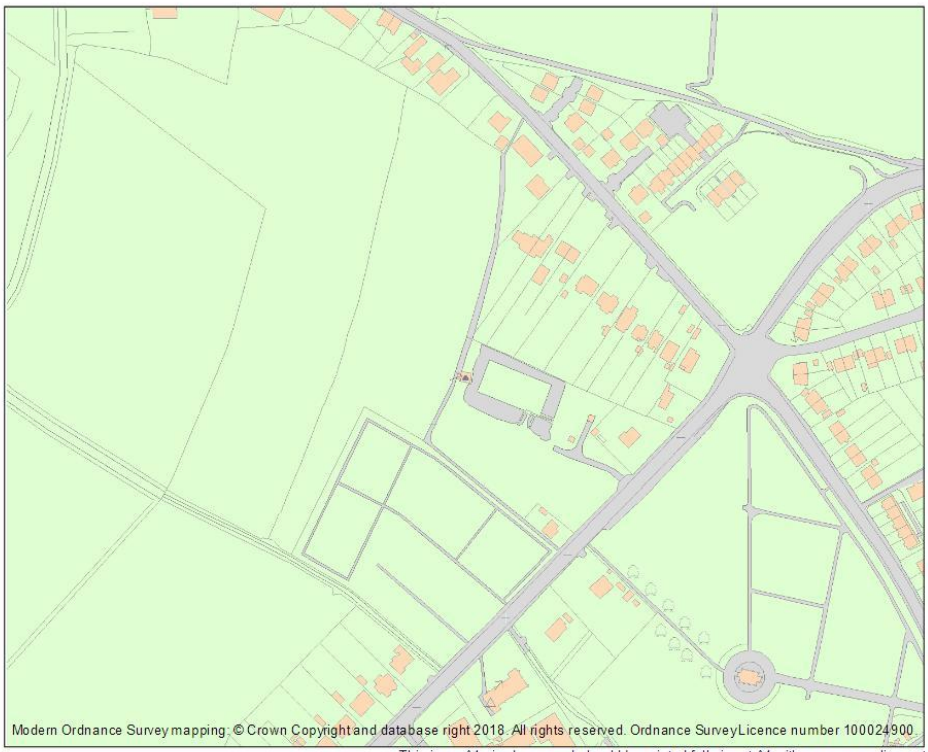

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Name: HOYLAND LOWE STAND

Heritage Category:	Listing
List Entry No :	1151093
Grade:	II

County:

District: Barnsley

Parish: Non Civil Parish

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Site Location & English Heritage Listing – Historic England, 2018.

The Past….

The Hoyland Lowe Stand is an 18th-century folly built for Thomas Watson-Wentworth, 1st Marquis of Rockingham and likely originally intended as a hunting lodge, observation point and recreational area during local hunts and gatherings. Nearby Tankersley and Wentworth Parks were well noted for their run of Red Deer.

Standing out against the skyline and proclaiming one of the most 'conspicuous' parts of South Yorkshire the Stand has been a prominent landmark for over 250 years and is steeped in history. A Grade 2 listed building, which, if it could speak, would tell of fascinating stories, relating to this corner of England, of the life of well-known people, historical events, pageants and feasts.

The First Marquis of Rockingham's commission is in a class of its own. Hoyland Lowe Stand is built of stone, the main block consisting of two storeys with a flat roof which is reached by a number of stone steps. Built around 1750AD, the Stand is position on a parcel of land, to which the stand may owe its name (Loew – the Norman name for 'Hill'), it towers over 609 feet above sea level, and is the highest point from Hoyland, eastwards across the North Sea.

In more recent times Hoyland Lowe Stand was the property of the Dearne Valley Water Board, who eventually transferred the ownership to Hoyland UDC, as part of the land was used for the construction of a large underground water reservoir.

The Present….

Hoyland Lowe Stand is situated in the South Yorkshire town of Hoyland, 5 miles (8.0 km) southeast of Barnsley.

Spreading at its feet are the Dove & Dearne Valleys to the East, the gently sloping contours of the Pennine Range to the West. The view to the South is more industrialised with views of Sheffield and Rotherham but the view North is unsurpassed. On a clear day a host of parish church spires and towers may be seen, including Wakefield Cathedral, York Minster and various other places of interest are amongst the splendid views.

Hoyland Lowe Stand is on or close to a number of routes popular with walkers, including the Trans Pennine Trail.

Other nearby historical landmarks are St Peter's CoE.

However, Hoyland Lowe Stand currently has no maintenance programme in place, falling ever more into ruin. Under current Economic pressures, it is understandable that Barnsley Council continue to struggle to apportion any kind of budget towards its upkeep.

The Lowe Stand Trust was formed to help raise income to assist the Council to prevent further decay and vandalism to the Historic tower.

In order to protect the structure from further damage the Trust has sealed the building against unauthorised entry and fencing has been erected around its perimeter. The Trust is grateful for the support given to them by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and South Yorkshire Community Foundation in helping to share the cost of this work.

Whilst a full and comprehensive restoration programme would be the ideal scenario, the Trust accepts that due to the current economic climate and perhaps other local historical sites being larger and of more interest, a comprehensive restoration is not currently viable.

It is therefore the aim of the Trust to carry out urgent works, which will prevent further decay of the building, and will ensure that the stand can last into the next century. Without these works, Barnsley could eventually lose another listed building.

Intended Works And The Impact Of Them

Intended works are simply to carry out pro-active and re-active repairs to the masonry walls and instate a recessed "*hidden*" roof structure, to prevent further internal decay and "washing out" of the cavity of the stonework.

Unlike many buildings, The Lowe Stand, despite suffering from partial collapse, can be repaired using the original stonework, which was painstakingly recovered from the land surrounding of the Stand. Essentially, the parts that had collapsed, have been located, cleaned and palletised, ready to be re-used. Therefore, it is envisaged very little, if any, non-original stonework will be required to be brought in to carry out the urgent repairs, which will involve the use of lime mortar.

Installation of Heli-Bar fixings will be required on some of the corner stonework, to help "stitch" the existing stonework together, where there has been lateral movement. These works are obviously invisible repairs.

The installation of a roof, is intended to help preventive further damage internally to the Stand. Whilst a timber decking with high-performance felt overlaid has been proposed, this element will be unseen externally. This method, primarily, will give water tightness to the building for 15-20 years minimum, with little maintenance, and provides a cost effective solution. The installation of structural roofing timbers, will also help brace the top of building – installation of a first floor and structural timbers, will also provide lateral bracing. All using original joist pockets.

Major land owners in surrounding area, including The Fitzwilliam Estate, Yorkshire Water, Kirk Balk School, O2 Telecommunications and also The Church Of England are all behind the proposals and have kindly offered support - physical and monetary over the years.

Overall Conclusions

It is envisaged that the Stand will essentially only have a few tell-tale signs of repairs, once complete. Therefore aesthetically from an external view, the Stand will only change, by the rebuilding of the tower section, to the original design. Other than this, little else will be noticeable. However, the repairs as a whole, will give extended life to the tower, and will give future generations the chance to still see the historical monument still standing and possibly the further chance of a more comprehensive restoration in years to come.

Due to the original stone being used, along with Lime mortar, repairs should eventually, after a period of 'weathering', blend into the existing structure.

Importantly, the Stand has local and regional support – with petitions gaining over 1,400 signatures – all physically and with no digital or social media input at the time. Local events well supported, public consultations completed and regular publicity via the local press and regional television.

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:HOYLAND LOWE STAND

List Entry Number: 1151093

Location

HOYLAND LOWE STAND, HAWSHAW LANE

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

County:
District: Barnsley
District Type: Metropolitan Authority
Parish:

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

Grade: II

Date first listed: 14-Dec-1964

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

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List Entry Description

Summary of Building

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Reasons for Designation

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History

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Details

HOYLAND NETHER HAWSHAW LANE
SE303E (north-west side, off)

2/10 Hoyland Lowe Stand
14.12.64
II
Tower. c1750 for the 1st Marquis of Rockingham. Coursed, rubble sandstone, no roof. Square 2-storey tower with taller, square stair-turret projection on north-west side. Large quoins, wallstone floor bands. Tower has altered ground-floor openings and tall, projecting square-faced surrounds to 1st floor(now blocked). Turret has similar surrounds to small openings lighting stair. Interior: stone newel and upper part of spiral stair remain. Brick inner arches to tower openings. D. Hey, Buildings of Britain 1550-1750, Yorkshire, 1981, plO9.

Listing NGR: SE3631900974

Selected Sources

1. **Article Reference** - *Author:* D Hey - *Title:* Yorkshire - *Date:* 1981 - *Journal Title:* Buildings of Britain 1550-1750 - *Page References:* 109

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