



Technical Support Package for:

Heritage and Character Assessment

Buildings and features at risk

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Location:

Elm Grove at junction with Whetstone Lane.

Description:

Sandstone wall and gatepost. Incorporates a Victorian post-box set into the wall.



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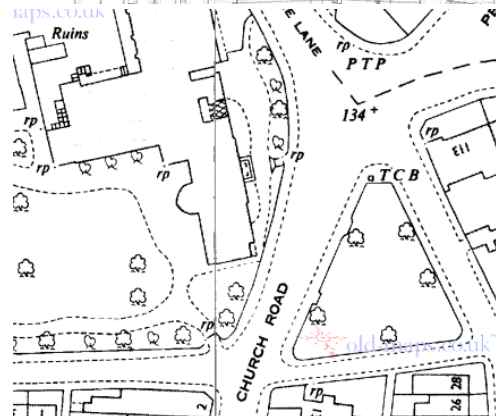
Elm Grove, Whetstone Lane and Church Road.

Description:

Sandstone wall originally forming the boundary of the Rev. Shewell's house, later the Convent. This has suffered in recent years, an area of collapse being replaced with breeze block. In Church Road, an original cast iron pedestrian gate (not clearly shown by Ordnance Survey until 1954) with traces of original paint survives, recently protected/hidden by a sheet of metal.



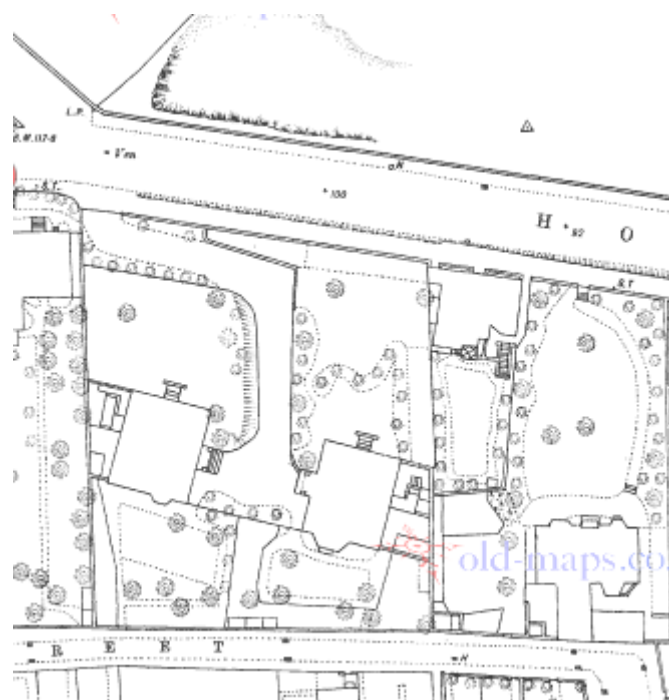
1876



1954

Location: 87 Holt Hill

Description: Most recently used as a dance studio, this is our only remaining house built by an early 19th C Liverpool ship-owner. Currently for sale.



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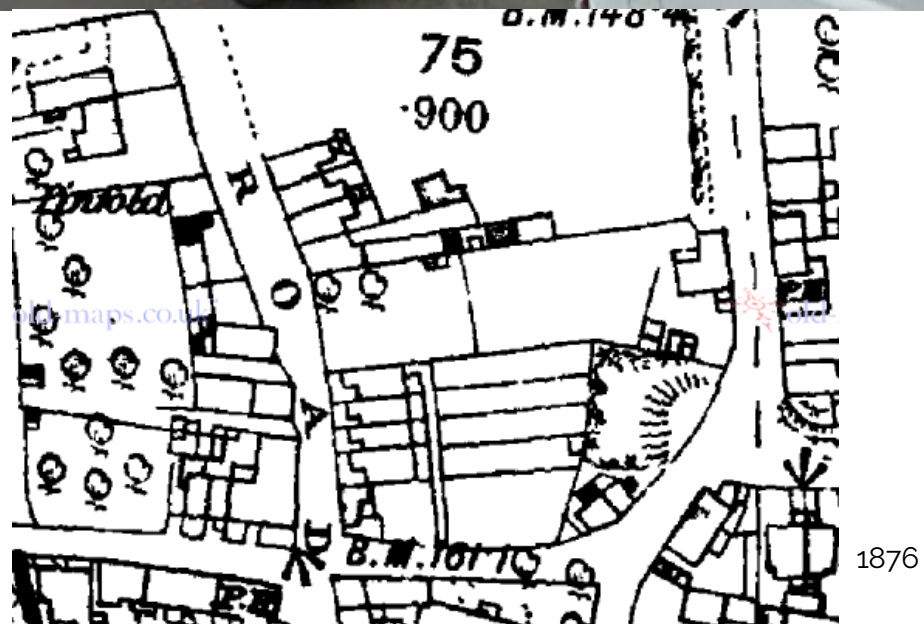
A J Motors, Frodsham Street

Description:

A rare example of a stable block and cart store, built prior to 1874. This may well be demolished soon, which is a pity, because all other examples are long gone.



Location: 140 and 144 Church Road
Description: An ancient building now used by a fencing manufacturer, this building was the blacksmith's premises for the village. Behind and above it is another old building used by a builders' merchant.

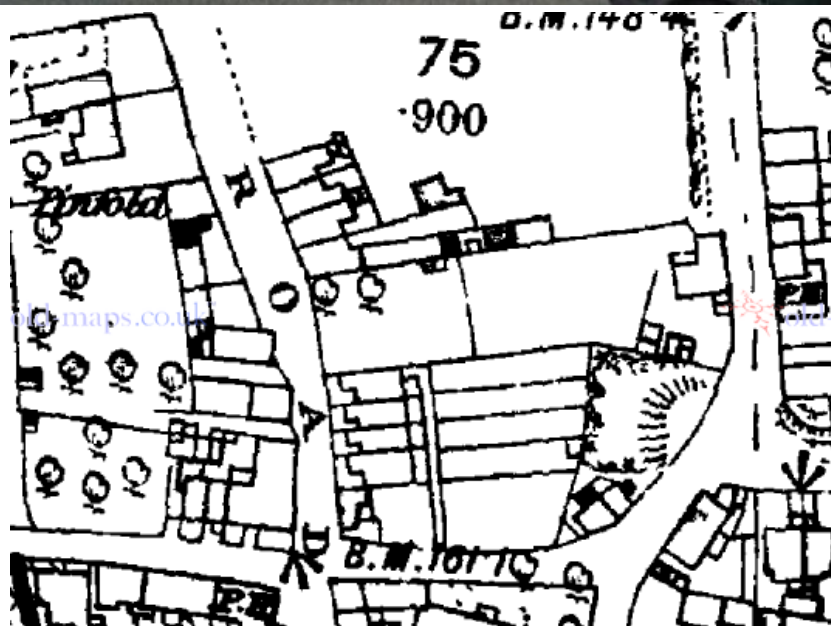


Location:

85 to 91 Greenway Road and Tower Road

Description:

A terrace, the ground floor of which were outbuildings belonging to Tranmere Hall; the upper storey being added in the 19thC to create the existing houses. Behind them, a length of tall sandstone wall is the sole surviving portion of the mediæval wall forming the southern boundary of the grounds of Tranmere Hall.



1876

Location:

Junction of Derby Road with Whetstone Lane

Description:

A cast-iron item of street furniture thought to enclose electrical boosting facilities used to assist trams on the steep slope.



Location: 1 Greenway Road (Elm Cottage)

Description: An early 19th C vernacular farmhouse with sturdy red sandstone gateposts and dwarf walls – a rare survivor for the locality.



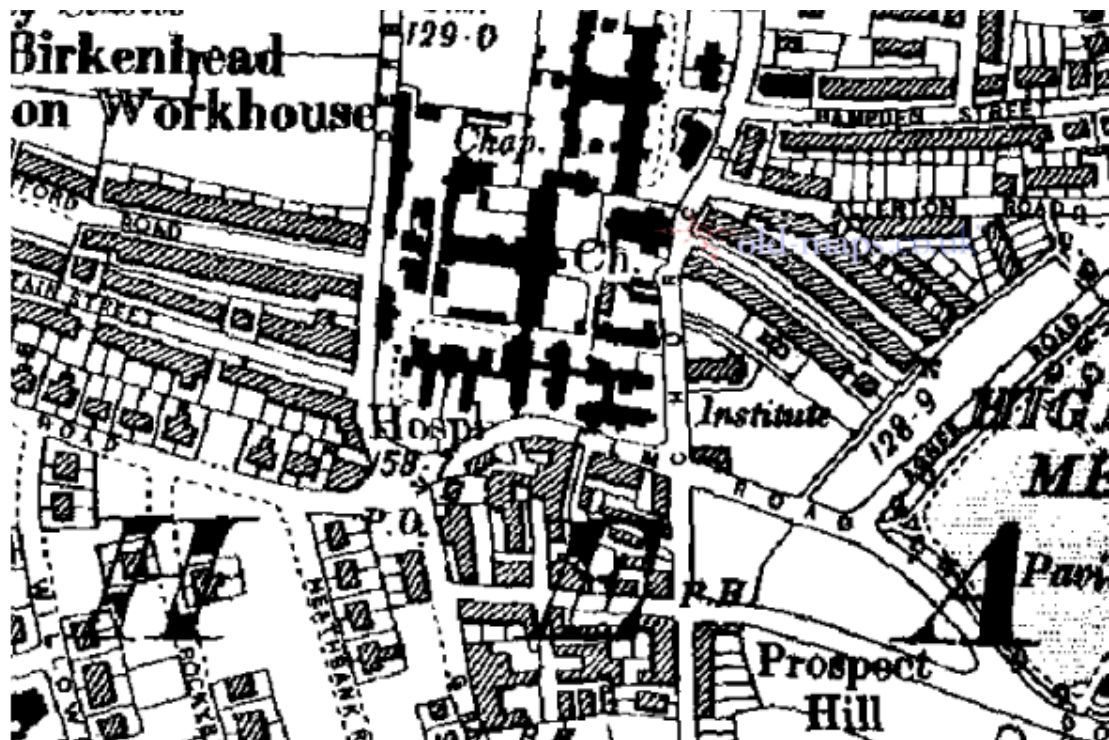
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Location:

St Catherine's Church Institute, Church Road

Description:

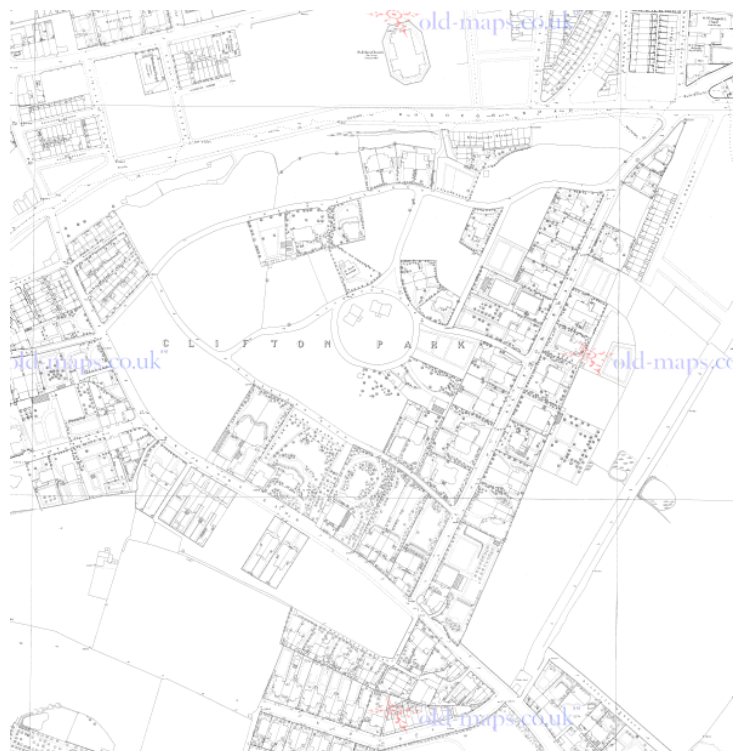
Built in 1892, it had a capacity of about 600 people and is now used by the Scout movement.



1899

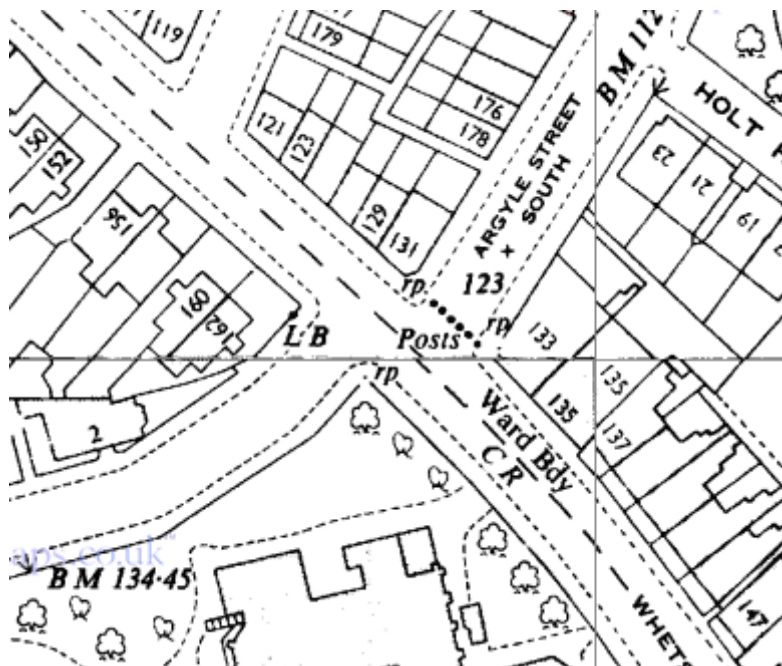
Location: Clifton Park

Description: Now a conservation area, the laying out of the estate was started in about 1843. Many of its buildings are at risk from neglect and the integrity of the conservation area as a whole is threatened by inadequate local planning authority control. There is no conservation area advisory committee. See the *Wirral Council* website to download the Conservation Area Appraisal and supporting documents.



1876

Location: Junction of Argyle Street South with Whetstone Lane
Description: Cast iron posts dating from about 1950.



1954

Location: Ubiquitous

Description: Cast iron road name plates, c.1950. These should be protected and conserved, with special priority given to those within the Clifton Park Conservation Area; fixed to or within the setting of listed buildings, or on sandstone walls.



Location: Central Library, Borough Road
Description: Built in 1934 to replace the former central library (one of three Carnegie libraries built in the town), which dated from 1856 and was demolished to make way for the first Mersey road tunnel (Queensway).



Location: 367 to 375 Borough Road

Description: A rare example of almost unaltered Victorian commercial architecture dating from about 1890, with an oriel window and cupola at each corner of the principal elevation.

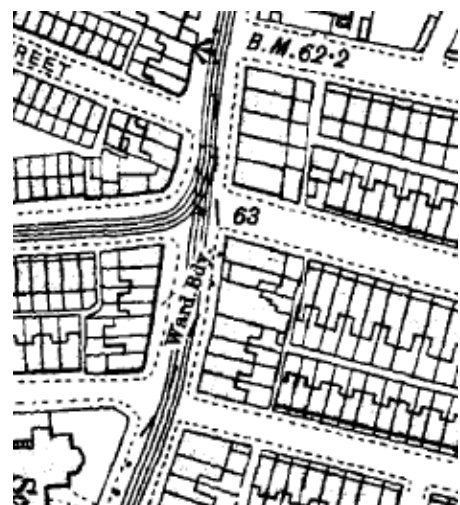


Location: 377 to 391 Borough Road

Description: Another relatively good example of terraced commercial development. Most of the buildings date from about 1890 but the handsome terracotta façade is a later addition, dating from about 1911.



1899



1912

Location: 7 Elm Grove

Description: Childhood home of the war poet, Wilfred Owen, from 1900 to 1903. The building displays a blue plaque testifying to this fact.



Location: 14 Willmer Road
Description: Childhood home of the war poet, Wilfred Owen, in 1903. The building does not display a blue plaque testifying to this fact.



Location: 51 Milton Road

Description: Childhood home of the war poet, Wilfred Owen, from 1904 to 1907. The building does not display a blue plaque testifying to this fact.



Location: Tranmere Tunnels, entrance in Holborn Square
Description: Deep underground air raid shelter constructed during World War 2 for Cammell Laird shipyard workers.



Location: 1 to 5 Wellington Terrace
Description: Early 19thC sandstone terrace and semi-detached houses.



Location: 154 Whetstone Lane.

Description: A cottage reached only by a footpath from Whetstone Lane. Tests on its roof timbers produced a dendrochronology date of around 1500. If not reused from an earlier building, this suggests that the cottage is one held by the Prior of Birkenhead to oversee his landholding on Holt Hill, as well as his ancient woodland below, now developed as The Woodlands.



Location:

Description:

Alleyway between Whetstone Lane and Raffles Road
Two early 20thC cast iron bollards of identical design. A square base with obliquely incised corners creating inwardly tapering vertical panels, octagonal in section and defined by thin vertical banding extending from a thin octagonal band near the base and then flaring above a 1" rope-shaped horizontal band to a 2" octagonal band with rounded edges. Topped by an octagonal dome, displaying a fine, smooth patina. One further band in the centre of the vertical panels with eight badges, each decorated with the same four-petal flower motif.



Location:

Mersey Park and Lodge

Description:

Municipal park, opened 1885. The yellow sandstone gateposts and walls are identical in design to those in Birkenhead Park (opened 1847). All of the original cast iron railings are missing and substantial damage has been inflicted upon most of the gateposts and walls by vandals. The character and appearance of the newly refurbished lodge has been substantially diminished by the insertion of uPVC windows.

