

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS WEST

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Ward	Newton-le-Willows West	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLNWW001	357767	395664
Formerly	LL017	HER UID	MME18706
Building name	Newton-le-Willows Library		
Address	Newton-le-Willows Library, Crow Lane East, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9TU		
Description	<p>Newton-le-Willows Library opened in 1909 and was funded by a donation of £4000 from the industrialist Andrew Carnegie in 1903 on condition the Libraries Act was adopted and a penny rate was levied to fund the acquisition of new books and ongoing running of the library. Lord Newton opened the library which was constructed of Accrington Brick with sandstone dressings and a hipped slate roof. The building was designed by London architect Myrtle Smith and built by Mr Harry Fairclough of Warrington. The land itself was donated by Lord Newton.</p>		



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LL Ref	LLNWW002	357334	395077
Formerly	LL018	HER UID	MME18707
Building name	Griffin Hotel		
Address	Griffin Hotel, Earle Street, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9LR		

Description

Dated 1891 this building sets an historic tone to Earle Street and is an important focus on the edge of Earlestown Town Centre. Its main architectural features include a flamboyant, freestyle of crisp terracotta and engineering brick. It has conspicuous Dutch gables and parapets. The main building also has an adjacent stable block which compliments the main property. The original Griffin Inn was a much smaller affair than the magnificent building we see today. It was located on the other side of Earle Street and had previously been the home of John Jones, of Jones & Potts the original owners of the Viaduct Foundry. It was demolished to make way for expansion of the Viaduct Waggon Works. The site for the new Griffin Inn was exchanged by the Railway Company for the site of the old one. The current building was built in 1892 by the Bedford Brewery Company of Leigh. It was a controversial development, which was opposed by a significant section of the public and the many churches within the town.



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LL Ref	LLNWW003	357287	395396
Formerly	LL023	HER UID	MME16161
Building name	Church of St John The Baptist		
Address	Church of St John The Baptist , St John Street, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9NW		
Description	<p>The church opened in 1878 with a second effort of completion occurring in the 1920s (due to lack of funding). The original plans for the church were drawn up by Messrs Whitley and Fry of Dover. The church was originally designed in an Early English style to seat 900 people. The tower as it stands today was only partially completed in the 1920s. The church is constructed of yellow quarry faced sandstone with a slate roof, and has a 3.5 bay nave of an impressive scale which creates a big and imposing church.</p>		



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LL Ref	LLNWW004	357565	395173
Formerly	LL019	HER UID	MME16443
Building name	Rams Head Hotel		
Address	Rams Head Hotel, 2 Earle Street, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9LN		
Description	<p>Map from 1846 labels the site as 'Rams Head Inn'. The building itself dates from the early twentieth century. Simplified Edwardian Baroque style, with a stable block to the rear completes the composition, it includes circular opening on the first floor, reminiscent of buildings in Lancashire and Cheshire. In 1895 the building was owned by Thomas Forester.</p>		



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Ward	Newton-le-Willows West	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLNWW005	357317	395073
Formerly	LL018	HER UID	MME24416
Building name	Former stables adjacent to the Griffin Hotel		
Address	Pink Pearl Restaurant, Earle Street, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9LR		
Description			
<p>Situated next door to the Griffin Hotel this building formed the adjacent stable block which complimented the public house dated 1891. The building mimics the main architectural features of the public house including a flamboyant, freestyle of crisp terracotta and engineering brick. The buildings were a controversial development, which was opposed by a significant section of the public and the many churches within the town.</p>			



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Ward	Newton-le-Willows West	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLNWW006	357843	395654
Formerly	LL216	HER UID	MME16162
Building name	Church of All Saints		
Address	All Saints Church, Crow Lane East, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9TS		
Description			

Completed in 1914 this church was designed by William and Segar Owen of Warrington, with the tender going to George Finning and Sons of Earlestown. The foundation stone was laid during a masonic ceremony on 10th July 1913 by the Hon. Arthur Stanley, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the West Lancashire Division of the Ancient Order of Freemasons. Once completed, the church was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool before a large congregation. The building is set back from the road, leaving ample space of ground for its display, and is enclosed by iron railings. The church is built of rustic bricks with stone dressings to windows, plinths, parapets and gable coping.



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Ward	Newton-le-Willows West	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLNWW007	357160	395668
Formerly	LL366	HER UID	MME24417
Building name	Church of Christ		
Address	Church of Christ, Heather Brae, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9DQ		
Description			
<p>The Church of Christ began their meetings in a room over the shops adjoining Legh Street, Grant Street and Wellington Street. After a few years they moved into the former Salvation Army Citadel in King Street. Plans for the Heather Brae Chapel were passed on 17th March 1925, with the vast majority of the building appearing as in these plans, and the building was opened in 1926. There are several date stones in the building from 12th June 1926. They were laid by Mrs S.J.Griffiths and Mr C.Broster of Earlestown and Miss B.Marsden and J.Brown Esq of Wigan.</p>			



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Ward	Newton-le-Willows West	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLNWW008	357950	395877
Formerly	LL278	HER IUD	See below
Building name	Former Fire Station Buildings		
Address	J Holcroft Autos, Borrton Road, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 0EW		
Description	<p>Situated opposite the current fire station sits the first fire station buildings for Newton-le-Willows. These were in operation between 1945 and 1962. The two buildings are now used as a garage. Earlier maps for the site show it in use as a gas works, with Borrton Road previously named Gas Street. Following the construction of new gas works, the site was retained for storage purposes. The two-storey building on the right is noted in plans of 1943 as being the control rooms for the H.F.S and appears to pre-date the building to the left. On 15th October 1943 two 'schemes' were put forward for consideration by A.J.A's office in Warrington for changes to the site for a new three unit garage. Ultimately the configuration of 'scheme 1' was progressed, with the three bay garage building running parallel to the main street. The two buildings were joined together by a wall and gates of approximately two metres in height.</p> <p>HER UID: Two storey building - MME19628; Three bay single storey building - MME24418</p>		



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Ward	Newton-le-Willows West	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLNWW009	357633	395250
Formerly	LL015	HER UID	MME24419
Building name	Nos. 32-40 Bridge Street		
Address	Nos. 32-40 Bridge Street, Newton Le Willows, WA12 9BA		
Description			
<p>Images from 1905 depict these buildings and show how they have been relatively unchanged over the century. The terrace is of pressed red brick construction with decorative terracotta detailing to the first floor and eaves level with a stepped brick feature also be found at eaves level. Each property benefits from two window openings at first floor along with an additional dormer window at attic level. Sills and lintels are of dressed masonry and historically the windows above ground floor would have been that of timber sliding sash. The remnants of decorative detailing and the condition of the brickwork found between 34 and 36 Bridge Street suggests that over time, there were marked deviations from the original shopfront designs. The building on the far left belonged to Rowland King, local photographer, and the man responsible for many postcards featuring Newton-le-Willows landmarks. Whilst the ground floor level of the terrace has been altered to include modern shopfronts and signage, the row still reads as a parade of shops as originally constructed, with the first floor and roof levels relatively unchanged.</p>			



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Ward	Newton-le-Willows West	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLNWW010	356528	395348
Formerly	LL400	HER UID	MME18373
Building name	Roman Catholic Church of St Patrick		
Address	St Patrick's Church, Common Road, WA12 9JH		
Description	<p>In 1931, Archbishop Downey, decided that the parish of St Mary, Newton, should be divided, and a new parish formed to serve Earlestown. The church opened on 10th July 1932 however it was unfortunately destroyed in a fire. The present church was built in 1957 to accommodate a projected increase in the local population from residential development on Newton Common and opened on Nov 29th 1958 by Archbishop Heenan (later to become Cardinal Heenan). It was designed by the architect Felix A. Jones of the architectural practice Jones and Kelly of Dublin. The red brick church fronts onto Common Road set back from the road by a green garden frontage and central statue. The front elevation displays a three arched entrance complete with turrets. These mirror the arched windows seen throughout the building. The south-west elevation shows some pebble dashed sections within the brickwork of the main structure. There are concrete pantiles to the main roofs and copper coverings to the three eastern semi-domes.</p>		



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Ward	Newton-le-Willows West	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLNWW011	356218	394992
Formerly	LL370	HER UID	MME24420
Building name	Former Bridge Keepers House		
Address	Canal Cottage, 290 Common Road, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9JN		

Description

This building was the bridge keepers house when Penkford Canal Bridge was a swing bridge and was previously named Penkford Lodge. The current building replaced an earlier iteration of 'Penkford Lodge' which had been constructed at some point in the 1830s and set further back from the roadside. From OS maps it is known this earlier building was removed at some stage between 1907 and 1928. The current building seems to date from around the early to mid 1900s during which time the Penkford Swing Bridge is still noted on mapping, although it appears to have been replaced by 1961. The lodge is still used for residential purposes, but the building itself has undergone some alterations and extensions over the years. This includes work such as the single storey extension to the Northern facade of the property which was granted permission in 2021. The building is of brick construction, with white render to the first floor, and a slate roof.



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Ward	Newton-le-Willows West	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLNWW012	357973	395720
Formerly	LL392	HER UID	MME24421
Building name	The Old Crow Inn		
Address	Old Crow Inn, 248 Crow Lane East, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9TZ		
Description			

A building is first shown on the site in a map of 1893 as a row of three buildings, the western end of which was the Old Crow Inn. The building of brick construction and displaying red brick chimneys and a slate roof. It is located just south of where the Newton Glass Works were situated. The Crowther family owned the pub in the late 1800s, as noted in a newspaper article regarding the huge wealth amassed by Sam Crowther (one of the sons) whilst living in Texas. In an article from 1917 it is noted that Sergt. D Davies of the Old Crow Inn had been singled out for conspicuous work with his unit (the Tank Corps) and awarded an Italian Decoration. There have been extensions to the building, notably to the rear of the premises. The building is currently undergoing renovation works.



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Ward	Newton-le-Willows West	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLNWW013	357536	395114
Formerly	LL391	HER UID	MME24422
Building name	Former Earlestown Industrial Co-operative Society Building		
Address	Nos. 1-17 15 Earle Street, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9LW		
Description			
<p>Early 20th century in a neoclassical style. Now a three storey building that stands on a prominent corner of Earle Street. First floor is faced in cream faience tiles with decorative relief motifs to the window surrounds and pilasters which separate the bay windows. At ground floor level all of the original fenestration have been lost and replaced by black brickwork walls, uPVC doors and windows. The building formerly housed the Earlestown Industrial Co-operative Society from the late 1800s until at least the late 1960's, and is of architectural and historic interest, with distinctive tiled cladding and decorative parapets. The change of use into residential accommodated has adjusted some of the external features - most notably the additional storey to the building and the removal of the metal cladding and roller shutters that had been installed previously. Due to the set back of the additional storey from the main facades however, this does not detract from the main decorative features of the building displayed at first floor level.</p>			



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Ward	Newton-le-Willows West	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLNWW014	358450	395885
Formerly	LL389	HER UID	MME24423
Building name	Newton-le-Willows Sports Club Pavilion		
Address	Newton-le-Willows Sports and Social Club, Crow Lane East, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9XE		
Description			
<p>Newton Sports Club started life in 1858 as Newton-le-Willows Cricket Club. The club was formed at a meeting which was held in the assembly room in the High Street. In 1875 a large pavilion costing £200 was built on the site of a smaller structure used by the cricket teams. The present pavilion was designed by Messrs Dring and Manchester in 1905 and cost £650, it was opened on 1st April that year. In 1882 the games of lawn tennis and quoits were introduced, and the name was changed to Newton-le-Willows Cricket, Bowling and Tennis Club. During the early 1960s rugby union joined the sports club family followed by rugby league in 2002 and football shortly after. The club, now known as Newton-le-Willows Sports Club, it is one of the oldest not for profit multi sports clubs within the area. The club's website shows how the eastern section of the building is the same as when the building was built, with the western portion being a later addition.</p>			



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LL Ref	LLNWW015	357328	395270
Formerly	LL215	HER UID	MME24424
Building name	Former Methodist Chapel and Sunday School		
Address	The Nine Arches, Legh Street, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9NE		

Description

Former Methodist Chapel with a date stone on the front gable above the door reading 'Primitive Methodist Chapel 1872'. There are three date stones on the former school building to the rear reading 5th July 1885. The former Sunday School, historically linked to the Chapel, stands at right angles to the Methodist Chapel, with its gable end facing Lord Street. Now a public house (opened in June 2016), having also been a pet shop, its name was chosen by readers of a local newspaper 'St Helens Star' and is known as 'The Nine Arches' after the Grade I Listed viaduct within the town and known locally by the same name. The building was restored using wooden beams in the roof and keeping bare brickwork on show throughout.



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