

# WEST PARK

## Local List Buildings in St Helens – By Ward

Ward	West Park	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLWES001	349625	394651
Formerly	LL115	HER UID	MME13794
Building name	Clifton Terrace, Nos. 214-232 Prescott Road		
Address	Nos. 214-232 Prescott Road, St Helens, WA10 3HF		
Description			
<p>The industrial archaeology gazetteer for St Helens (Ravenhead area) records this row of buildings as managers houses, comprising three storeys of red brick, with arched windows under gables. The doors have massive flat topped hoods with moulded pillars. Chimneys are along the front and back, not on the central ridge, and there are ornate ridge stones. The terrace has a date stone of 1889.</p>			



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LL Ref	LLWES002	349535	395447
Formerly	LL219	HER UID	MME16154
Building name	Church of St Luke		
Address	St Luke's Church, Knowsley Road, St Helens, WA10 4PT		
Description	<p>Fundraising to build St Luke's Church was halted after St Helens Parish Church was seriously damaged by a fire in the 1920s. The members of St Luke's sacrificially offered their fundraising efforts to help re-build the Parish Church. As a reward when the funding for St Luke's was underway again the Diocese of Liverpool modelled St Luke's on St Helens Parish Church. This church was built in 1929-31 by Biram and Fletcher and was constructed in red sandstone with a rectangular nave and west tower.</p>		



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Ward	West Park	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLWES003	350125	395690
Formerly	LL114	HER UID	MME24455
Building name	Former Community Library		
Address	Storytime Private Day Nursery, 57 Horace Street, St Helens, WA10 4LZ		
Description			
<p>Now 'Storytime Private Day Nursery' this site was previously a community library having been built in the early 20th century. The building came about as a result of a 1904 architectural competition put forward by the Borough Engineer, Geo.J.C Broom, for two libraries to be built in Eccleston and Sutton. One was on Horace Street and the other off Ellamsbridge Road. The Horace Street site was presented by Greenall, Whitley and Co. and erected at a cost of £3000 from Mr Andrew Carnegie. An early image of the building was noted by the architects Briggs and Wolstenholme and is stored in St Helens Archive.</p>			



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LL Ref	LLWES004	348766	393828
Formerly	LL245	HER UID	MME18745
Building name	Eccleston Grange		
Address	Former Alfred Knight Ltd, Eccleston Grange, Prescott Road, St Helens, WA10 3BQ		
Description	<p>Once occupied by McKecknie, Mayor of St Helens (1887-1888), the founder of copper refiners in the area. Originally built in the 1860s and extended in the 1920s. Since this time the site has undergone further changes into the building that we see today. The house represents that of common late nineteenth century domestic architecture when villas were built in extensive grounds. It is known that the building was owned and occupied by William Longton in 1882. Contemporary articles confirm he was a councillor in the area, had landholdings in the surrounding area and had a keen interest in horses, owning a stable in 'Holt-lane Quarry, Whiston'. William Longton of 'Eccleston Grange' died in c.1889. The property was purchased by the Richard Austin Pilkington in 1903, with the Pilkington family extending the house in the 1920s. The building had ceased to be used as the family home by 1945, at which point it was converted to become the Central Analytical Laboratories and later sold to Alfred H Knight (c.1984). The building is now vacant.</p>		



*Note: No access to the site available. Historical image (from St Helens Local History and Archives Library) and photo of part of frontage of building taken by DC Officer in December 2023.*

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Ward	West Park	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLWES005	350070	394264
Formerly	LL106	HER UID	MME14851
Building name	Nos. 4-56 Factory Row		
Address	Nos. 4-56 Factory Row, Ravenhead Road, St Helens, WA10 3LX		
Description	<p>Factory Row comprises 26 cottages built in three phases. Those at the west end are the oldest, possibly built in c.1773 by Frenchman Jean-Baptiste Francois Graux de la Bruyere, who was believed to have brought glass making to St Helens and was the first manager of the Ravenhead glassworks. They are stone built to the rear and are said to have been back to back but knocked through in the 19th century. There is a date stone of 1854 in the centre of the row but this may relate to renovation work of that date. There are two double fronted houses in the middle of the row but the rest are two up, two down cottages. Yates' map of 1786 shows buildings near the glassworks and may have intended to show these structures. Greenwood's map of 1818 shows a row of buildings along the road on this site. The Tithe map of 1843 shows the full row but only records them as part of No. 860, a glass manufactory owned and occupied by the British Plate Glass Company.</p>		



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Ward	West Park	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLWES006	349531	395377
Formerly	LL227	HER UID	MME18746
Building name	The Black Bull		
Address	The Black Bull, Knowsley Road, St Helens, WA10 4PX		
Description			
<p>Plans for the hotel were drawn up in 1932 by Richard Owens and Son, architects of Liverpool. This was to be built on land owned by Greenall, Whitley and Co Ltd. The plans displayed a Tudor Gothic roadhouse style building complete with an elegant garden front and fully glazed garden rooms overlooking a bowling green. Amended plans of 1933 show a slight site configuration change with the building running parallel with the road. West Park RFC (rugby union club) was formally established at the Black Bull Hotel in August 1947.</p>			



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LL Ref	LLWES007	349970	394910
Formerly	LL228	HER UID	MME24456
Building name	Eccleston Arms Hotel		
Address	Eccleston Arms Hotel, 156 Prescott Road, St Helens, WA10 3TU		
Description			

A notice and plans for a new hotel called 'Eccleston Arms' are held at St Helens Archive and dated 1881. These were drawn up by the architect James Gandy for Greenall, Whitley and Co Ltd and show the building to be of brick construction with slate roof. The public house was also shown to have associated stables and a coach house to the rear, which is now a part of the building. Much of the ornate brickwork shown in these plans remains unchanged to this day. Plans dated 1887 relate to the addition of a wash house to Eccleston Arms Hotel. This is one of several extensions that have been undertaken over the years. 20th century mapping of the area notes that this public house was called 'The Original Old Noggs Vaults PH' at one stage. This was due to the pub being known colloquially as the "Noggs" (or Knoggs). Later it was referred to as the "Top Nogs".



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Ward	West Park	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLWES008	349712	394736
Formerly	LL229	HER UID	MME24457
Building name	Bird I'Th Hand		
Address	Bird I'Th Hand, 200 Prescott Road, St Helens, WA10 3HE		
Description	<p>There is a building shown at this location on Yates' map of 1786. The public house was known to be in existence in 1808 when Peter Leyland was landlord. He enjoyed the honorary position of aletaster for the manor of Eccleston. It was demolished in 1937 and replaced by the building that stands today. The proposed rebuilding plans were drawn up in 1936 by Biram and Fletcher. These showed the largely symmetrical building design with a contained garden court to the rear. The building was built on land owned by Greenall, Whitley and Co Ltd.</p>		



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<b>LL Ref</b>	LLWES009	<b>349783</b>	395586
<b>Formerly</b>	LL460	<b>HER UID</b>	MME18383
<b>Building name</b>	Roman Catholic Church of Saint Teresa of Avila		
<b>Address</b>	Saint Teresa of Avila Church, Devon Street, St Helens, WA10 4HX		
<b>Description</b>	<p>Constructed in 1964 by the architects W. &amp; J. B. Ellis and Partners, a father and son practice (William Ellis and John Basil Ellis) that was based in Manchester and St Helens. This was to be one of their last projects before their deaths in 1965 and 1966. In September 1964 the newly appointed Archbishop of Liverpool, The Most Reverend George Andrew Beck, blessed the foundation stone. The church was consecrated in 1965. The consecration itself was undertaken in English for the first time in the history of the Roman Catholic Church in England. This is a tall church with exposed concrete frame, brown brick facings and pitched slate roof. The plan is rectangular, with low flat-roofed side aisles and an apsidal east end. The west wall is glazed from floor to ridge with a concrete grid of seven tall lights. The south aisle has six round-headed windows, the north aisle a window strip just below the roof. Above the aisles both sides have continuous angled projecting windows, in the manner of Coventry Cathedral, with a clerestory window strip above. The font and timber pews came from the former church of 1925. The lower part of the west window contains good coloured glass installed in 1971-72.</p>		



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Ward	West Park	X Easting	Y Northing
LL Ref	LLWES010	349785	393968
Formerly	LL113	HER UID	MME24458
Building name	No. 2 Cairo Street and No. 78 Crossley Road		
Address	2 Cairo Street / 78 Crossley Road, St Helens, WA10 3NJ		
Description	<p>Thomas Melling (1817-1896) was a driver who drove the engine of the first express train between London and Birmingham before driving the first train across the desert from Cairo to Suez in 1858. He also worked as a driver of the English mail trains in Egypt. It was there where a cholera epidemic which had begun in 1863 in Bengal, India and reached Egypt in the same year. In gratitude for his heroism in sticking to his post during this time, the Egyptian government later provided funds for him to build a modest house for himself back in his hometown of St Helens. The house he built was presumably the one on the corner of Cairo Street with a shield-shaped plaque that reads: <i>T. Melling, Cairo Square, 1878</i>. Cairo Square was noted in the 1891 census as a road in Thatto Heath which was later renamed Cairo Street by the early to mid 1900s. A second plaque on the house commemorates the gift of funds from the Egyptian government that paid for its construction. The two-storey building has a cream rendered finish and is located at a prominent corner facing onto Thatto Heath Park.</p>		



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LL Ref	LLWES011	349590	394192
Formerly	LL473	HER UID	MME24459
Building name	Former Independent Methodist Church		
Address	ABI Mini Mart, West Street, St Helens, WA10 3DS		
Description			

In the early days of the chapel, discussions were already taking place with a view to building a new place of worship. With the help of the Free Gospel Chapels in Liverpool (Elizabeth Street and Tetlow Street), together with representatives of the Liverpool District of United Free Gospel Churches, a building committee was formed to discuss the new chapel with members of the Thatto Heath fellowship also sitting on the committee. Plans were prepared by a Liverpool architect, free of charge, and a local builder was contracted to carry out the works. In 1892 the foundation stones were laid and in late 1892 the congregation moved in. For over 60 years the fellowship enjoyed the use of two buildings, the church and the church hall. The building is of red brick construction with a slate roof, with two pairs of arch top windows either side of an arch topped doorway with three arch topped windows above to the front elevation. There are four pairs of arch topped windows to the side elevation fronting onto Carlow Street. A plaque to the front elevation reads 'Zion'. The building is no longer used as a church and now houses a local convenience store. Despite the changes to the building associated with its commercial use, the building still retains its original character and appearance.



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LL Ref	LLWES012	349033	394206
Formerly	LL263	HER UID	MME24320
Building name	Milestone (Prescot Road)		
Address	Milestone within boundary wall to no. 326 Prescot Road, St Helens, WA10 3AG		
Description			
<p>The Milestone Society dates this marker, built into the boundary wall of No. 326 Prescot Road, as 19th century. The carved stone post, erected by Liverpool, Prescot, Ashton and Warrington Turnpike Trust, once read 'TO / ST. HELENS / 2 / PRESCOT / 2'. There appears to have been another defaced line below, possibly the township in which it stood. The milestone was deliberately defaced in 1940 on the instructions of the War Office to minimise information to potential German invaders. The milestone is now illegible, and the inscription noted above can no longer be read.</p>			



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LL Ref	LLWES013	349402	394244
Formerly	LL265	HER UID	MME21222
Building name	Milestone (Taylor Park)		
Address	Milestone at entrance to Taylor Park, Prescott Road, St Helens, WA10 3AB		
Description			
<p>Original milestone from the Liverpool to St Helens and Ashton Turnpike Road. The stone reads on the left face "To Ashton VI Miles St Helens I Mile", on the right face "To Prescott III Miles Liverpool XI Miles" and "Eccleston" on the base. There is a benchmark on the left face below the word Helens. Milestones were ordered to be placed on the Liverpool turnpike in January 1753. Yates' map of 1786 shows an 11-mile marker in the area between what are now Dunriding Lane and Boundary Road. This area would be three miles from Prescott, one from St Helens and six from Ashton. Greenwood's map of 1818 shows an 11-mile marker in the same area, though further east than the earlier position. Though the milestone is now at Taylor Park, it had previously been located at the entrance to an NHS hospital site in Balker Drive [not its original position] in 2017. It was relocated and saved by the Council as the site had been sold to developers.</p>			



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