

External works to the rear of the Greenway Hotel, Shurdington

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Historical character (Grade II (NGR: SO9198517822))

The building can be described as a large house now used as a hotel, formerly known as Shurdington House/Manor. Built early C17 by the Lawrence family, altered and extended 1835 and 1865, restored and extended c1910 for Archdeacon Sinclair by Ernest Newton. Pebble-dashed with exposed squared and dressed stone quoins; stone slate roof with ashlar stacks. The C17 house was 'H'-shaped in plan; C19 flat-roofed extension to the former library on the south. Newton added projecting wings in the same style as the main body to the east front accentuating the 'H'-shaped plan and linked the main house to another C17 building to the north. C17 ranges: 2 storeys and attic with cellar under the principal range; C19 linking range 1 storeys. Symmetrical 1:1:2:1:1 windowed entrance front main body. Gables project forwards left and right with rectangular C19 three-light bay windows to the ground floor; C19 four-light ovolo-moulded stone-mullioned casements with transom above; 3-light ovolo-moulded stone-mullioned casements with stopped hoods to each gable.

Central gable with single bays with 'gabled' parapets projecting forwards slightly either side; wood-mullioned cross windows to the ground floor; C19 ovolo-moulded stone-mullioned windows to the first floor. Central C19 flat-roofed porch in front of the central gable. Continuous drip moulds over the ground and first floor windows. Triple-gabled southern elevation lit by stone-mullioned cross windows with 2-light stone-mullioned casements to the gables. Early C20 triple-gabled eastern elevation with paired stone-mullioned cross windows with king mullions to the ground floor; 3-light casements with hoods to the gables. Plank door within C19 moulded Tudor-arched surround to the central gable now acting as the entrance to a C20 conservatory between the two projecting gables. Most windows to main body have leaded panes.

Linking range on the north of the main body in similar style with stone-mullioned casements. Twin-gabled west front to the formerly separate C17 building which is lit by single-light and 2-light stone-mullioned casements with stopped hoods; one 4-light ovolo-moulded stone-mullioned casement. Early-leaded panes to the casements lighting the gables. Lead rainwater goods with rainwater heads dated and initialled 'W.L. 1816', some early rainwater heads with oak leaf, 4-petal flower and lozenge motifs to the subsidiary C17 building. Axial and lateral composite stacks with moulded cappings. Saddleback coping and pointed finials, some now lost to the main body. Stepped coping and roll-cross saddles to the subsidiary C17 building. Octagonal standing for late C18 cupola, removed c1970, behind the central gable on the east. The cupola replaced a C17 square roof-top study.

Interior: mid C18 stone fireplace in the entrance hall with a lugged surround with a gadrooned inner margin, swan-necked 'pediment' with foliage and grapes at the centre; moulded mantel shelf; stone panels decorated with fruit and scallop shell motifs below a broken triangular pediment. C18 style round-headed archways with fluted pilasters. Early C20 staircase with turned balusters and ball finials; shell-headed shelved alcove on quarter landing. Early C20 panelling incorporating reused C17 carved panels at the top within the former Drawing Room. Early C20 Tudor-arched fireplace with carved spandrels and C17 carved oak overmantel with 3 round-headed alcoves with gadrooned arches and Ionic capitals; carnation-like flowers on the columns, further decoration in the form of lions' heads, grotesque human heads and S-curve dragons.

The Works

New gravel pathway with timber edging to the rear car park, resurface the car park with Cotswold stone. (MOT)

New lighting and new timber gates.

Justification

The car park is currently under utilised as staff are concerned with the rough surface and lack of security at night. Hence improvements to the gate, walking surfaces and new lighting. Hotel staff work late hours and the main guest car park to the front is not very big.

Impact

There will be no impact in regards to the hotel building itself, the wall the existing car park will have some lights attached to it.

Some grass will be removed to enable the path and cabling

The gates will be swapped and any making good to the fence as required.

Photographs

Looking east along proposed path route





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Looking north into rough car park



Looking west into rough car park



Looking west along Greenways Lane



Gates and boundary internally



View along west wall