

Address: 12 Rydale Court Liversedge WF158LP

### About the application

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| Application number: 2022/93748   |                                                                               |
| What is the application for?:    | Listed Building Consent for heritage blue plaque [within a Conservation Area] |
| Address of the site or building: | Red House Museum, 281, Oxford Road, Gomersal, BD19 4JP                        |
| Postcode:                        | WF15 8DF                                                                      |

### User comments

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| <p>Red House Gomersal has long been a worthy building for the honour of Blue Plaque status and it is only fitting that it should be given such an accolade.</p> <p>It was the home of Mary Taylor who is important in the history of the feminist movement; believing women should be educated and financially independent. She wrote feminist articles and books and was an early pioneer in the fight for equal opportunities.</p> <p>She was also a close friend of Charlotte Bronte who loved to visit Red House. Charlotte enjoyed the company of all the Taylor family who were far more radical in their ideas and conversation than the more conservative, Anglican regime she was used to at Haworth Parsonage.</p> <p>Mary's father, Joshua Taylor, made an impression on the young Charlotte, sharing stories of his journeys to the Continent in his capacity as a thriving millowner and lending her books.</p> <p>But Mary Taylor had an even bigger influence on Charlotte Bronte's life and her writing. She inspired her friend to further her education in Belgium following their schooldays at Roe Head in Liversedge and her experiences in Brussels provided material for the novel "Villette" and "The Professor"</p> <p>Her novel "Shirley" was based on the local area and the people who lived here (including the Taylor family members) while the story of the Luddite attack on Rawfolds Mill was actually based on Joshua Taylor's mill at Hunsworth.</p> <p>Charlotte Bronte knew the people well, the area well and Red House very well.</p> |    |