

Heritage Statement

15 Hill Top Fold, Slaithwaite HD7 5EQ

15 Hill Top Fold, also known as “Aeneas Bothomley’s House” is known to have been built in 1685, evidenced by the date stone above the door, and by the will of Edmund Bothomley, leaving the property to his son Aeneas. It is a “Yeoman’s House,” one of a number in the area. It has additional local significance as the residence of Robert Meake, a local clergyman and diarist.

The house was derelict by the mid-20th century but was “rescued” in the 1970s by a Mr. & Mrs. Beaumont who made a number of repairs and changes during the 1970s and early 1980s. The current pointing dates from around this period.

The current pointing is in a poor state of repair, and needs to be replaced. The current pointing is grey cement strap pointing, a style which is popular in modern buildings, but not appropriate for a building of this age.

We therefore propose to replace the pointing with a more suitable lime based mortar. The finished pointing will be a light sandy colour, and the style will be recessed between the stones, with a brushed finish.

Previous informal discussions with Kirklees Conservation officers have indicated that this is appropriate for the building.

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