

Case Name: Homefield, 10 St Mary's Road, Portishead

Case Number: 1479977

Background

Historic England has been asked to consider Homefield, 10 St Mary's Road in Portishead, North Somerset for listing.

North Somerset Council granted prior approval (21/P/1865/DEA) for the demolition of the building on the 23 July 2021 and there is a current planning application (21/P/2544/FUL) for the demolition of the house and the erection of two detached houses. This was due to be determined on the 31 January 2022, but an extension has been requested to enable this listing assessment.

Asset(s) under Assessment

Facts about the asset(s) can be found in the Annex(es) to this report.

Annex	Name	Heritage Category
1	Homefield	Listing

Visits

Date	Visit Type
19 January 2022	Full inspection

Annex 1

The Draft List Entry are being assessed as the basis for a proposed addition to The National Heritage List for England.

Draft List Entry

Name: Homefield

Location

10 St. Mary's Road, Portishead, North Somerset, BS20 6QW

County	District	District Type	Parish
	North Somerset	Unitary Authority	Portishead

History

Homefield survives as a multi-phased house. The building fabric seems to suggest that it was built in the early C18 as a five-bay, single-pile house. The two bays to the north-east end appear to have been built soon afterwards, as suggested by the evidence for an inglenook fireplace created in the existing stack. This was reduced in size in the late C18 with a bolecion moulded architrave, late C18 hob grate and C18 Delft tiles all inserted. The building looks to be in this form on the North Somerset enclosures map dated 1809. The two-storey range to the rear of the early C18 range, and the single-storey lean-tos at the south-west end of the building, were erected in the early to mid-C19, with the lean-to (thought to have functioned as a dairy) to the C18 range being slightly earlier in date as indicated by the blocked window opening in its north-west wall. The two outbuildings attached to the rear of the two-bay range were also added in the early to mid-C19. The building is depicted with this footprint on the tithe map for Portishead (1840) and includes the detached outbuilding to the north-west. This map also demonstrates that by this time the house had been divided to form two dwellings. The Ordnance Survey (OS) map of 1884 depicts the house as a single dwelling again, and the single-storey, hipped roof addition at the north-east end is first shown on the OS map of 1931. Further alterations have occurred in the C20, including to the ground floor openings of the principal elevation, the replacement of windows with uPVC, and the insertion of a dormer window to the rear elevation of the two-bay range, above the attached outbuildings.

Details

House, built in the early C18, with C18, C19 and C20 additions and alterations.

MATERIALS: built of rubble stone that has been rendered. The pitched roof is covered in pantiles. The chimney stacks have early to mid C20 concrete caps. The French doors and the windows to the principal elevation are all of uPVC, with some timber-framed and metal casements with leaded lights to the rear and side elevations. The lean-tos at the south-west end have corrugated iron roofs.

PLAN: an evolved plan comprising originally a central entrance hall with rooms to either side. The entrance hall and the reception room to the north-east have been amalgamated to form a single space, with access to the C19 additions to the rear, and the two-bay addition to the north-east, through which can be accessed the single-storey extension beyond.

EXTERIOR: the principal elevation (south-east) comprises the five bay C18 house with gable end stacks, and a central six-panelled door beneath a shell hood. The ground floor openings to the left have been altered from full height openings to window openings of the same size and proportion as the five windows to the first floor. There are uPVC French doors to the right of the entrance, and there was presumably an additional window to the right that has been blocked. The two additional bays to the north-east have a further gable end stack, three-light windows to the first floor and French doors to the ground floor with louvred timber shutters,

(those to the other French doors having been removed) and a single light window to the right; the internal evidence suggests that this window has been reduced in size. A single-storey hipped roof addition has been added to the gable end.

INTERIOR: the entrance hall, now amalgamated with the reception room to the right retains a late C18 staircase with a ramped handrail, stick balusters and a closed string with moulded top. The formerly separate reception room has early to mid-C20 timber panelling and a brick fireplace of the same period, with full-height shutters of probably C18 date to the French doors. The reception room to the left of the entrance hall has an C18 fireplace, with a C20 insert, an arched niche to the rear wall and a cupboard with a four-panel door. The window shutters appear to be C20, and the window recess and architrave both extend to the floor suggesting that the openings were originally full height. Within the two-bay range to the north-east end is an C18 fireplace with a bolection moulded surround, mid-C18 Bath pattern hob grate, and C18 Delft tiles. The overmantel has a heavily moulded cornice with decorative corbels and panelling to either side; that to the left is a cupboard concealing an inglenook bench. There may have been an additional fireplace to the opposite wall, but the ground floor section of chimney stack has been removed and a doorway inserted to the single-storey extension. To the French doors are two-panel window shutters of early C19 style. The C19 addition to the rear also retains window shutters, including to the former dairy. To the first floor are further fireplaces of the C18 and C19 and throughout are C18 and C19 doors with associated door furniture.

The roof structures have been replaced in the C20.

SUBSIDIARY FEATURES:

To the north-west of the house is a single-storey early C19 outbuilding built of rubble stone, with one wall of brick. The roof has been replaced in the C20.

Selected Sources

Other

North Somerset enclosures map (1809)

OS Map 6" (1884 edn)

OS Map 6" (1931 edn)

Tithe map for the parish of Portishead (1840)

Map**National Grid Reference:** ST4655575558

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