

Heritage Impact Assessment

St Wilfrid's Church, Egginton, Derbyshire

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Brief Overview

In 2007 lead was stolen from the roof, over the Organ bay (just to the East of the North aisle). Approvals were obtained and the lost lead was replaced by terne-coated stainless steel. Further lead has now been stolen from the roof over the North Aisle, which it is proposed should also be replaced with terne-coated stainless steel.

Introduction to our Church

This delightful and historic Grade 1 Listed Medieval Church is dedicated to St. Wilfrid. Evidence can be seen of building work carried out around 1290 to 1310 when the present church was built. It replaced an earlier Norman Church that was recorded in the Domesday Book, which itself probably replaced an older wooden Saxon Church on the same site. Egginton is NOT in a Conservation area. The Church is shown on the site plan [Copy Attached].

There are several notable features, including, the East window containing very interesting old stained glass thought to date from the 14th century; in a South aisle recess is a medieval defaced figure of a man in red sandstone, much perished; the chancel arch bears the notches of both the medieval screen and rood beam, both probably destroyed during the Reformation; and on the outside of the South wall of the chancel is a medieval scratch dial, or Mass dial as they are sometimes called.

Our Church is vitally important to the wider community of Egginton, especially the North Aisle, where pews were partially removed some years ago to provide a more open and flexible area for meetings and events. This most recent theft of lead was from the roof over the North Aisle, which houses a number of local activities, including Monday Club (younger children's activities with a Christian core); Jubilee Club (older folks - to combat loneliness and isolation); Pilates (to keep fit and supple); Monthly Soup Lunches (of 50+, more than double the average Sunday attendance); all require the fabric of this particular part of the building to be secure and watertight to permit this quiet and highly effective work in the community to continue and flourish.

Excluding the numbers who attend Services, Weddings and Funerals, we estimate that in excess of 4,000 visits a year are made to St Wilfrid's Church, including the children from the Egginton Primary School. As you will observe, a successful outcome to this application for Planning Permission will directly benefit a large number of people in our community.

The Problem

Roof Repairs are urgently needed on account of the 2019 theft of lead. Temporary arrangements of roof tarpaulins and wooden battens are in place but not proving entirely successful. This tranquil

Security

A list has been prepared showing security actions taken after the first lead theft and the more recent actions being taken following the 2019 theft. [Copy Attached].

Other Relevant Details

Our insurance for lead thefts is capped at a maximum of £7,500pa.

All major Quinquennial Report repairs have been undertaken.

Grant-aid for roof repairs has not been received within the last 10 years.

The Impact

Having had an earlier theft of lead 7 years ago and now a second tranche of lead stolen this year, there is NO POINT in replacing the lead with more lead.....just for another thief to come along and help themselves, particularly as the Church is so set back from the road, in a quiet location, hidden behind a number of trees and only a short distance from the A38 dual-carriageway. Hence the real need to use terne-coated stainless steel for these present roof repairs.

The terne coating initially goes on a shiny silver grey, then quickly weathers to a lead grey finish. All the details will match the existing roof. The lead sheet gutter and chute, which remains in place, will be retained. The gable end lead sheet flashings have been damaged and are in poor condition these will be replaced with a code 5 lead sheet. This is all described on the attached drawings and in the Architect's Specification.

It is stressed that the appearance of the roof will not change.

From the site photographs it is clear the Church is heavily screened by trees. Moreover the North aisle roof is at a shallow angle and is largely hidden behind a castellated parapet wall.

Taking all these factors together there is no appreciable impact at all.

Sir Henry Every Bt.

Patron and co-opted member of Egginton PCC

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