

HERITAGE STATEMENT

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Heritage Statement supports a planning application to repair and restore 12 Church Street in accordance with the principles of the High Streets Heritage Action Zone initiative.

2.0 THE HERITAGE CONTEXT

The National Planning Policy Framework (the Framework) requires an Applicant to describe the significance of all heritage assets affected by new development in order to provide an understanding of the potential for impacts.

In doing this the relevant historic environment record should be consulted (the Framework paragraph 194). In this instance the Merseyside Historic Environment Record (HER) has been consulted (Appendix A) along with the Heritage Gateway (Appendix B). The HER for Merseyside has been checked under reference CME2503. These searches show that 12 Church Street falls in the Prescott Town Centre Conservation Area and that there are a number of relevant heritage assets nearby.

The most obvious focal point in the Conservation Area lies between St Mary's Church and Eccleston Street around the former Market Place, although the original function of the market place has long since ceased and the area is degraded by the low quality public realm and the underused site below the church.

There is one nearby listed building:

St Mary's Church: retains a 14th Century vestry, but much of the building dates to a rebuild of 1610 (dated on plaques) by John Ogle and Sir John Bold. The tower and spire were added in 1729 and later strengthened, and the aisles were added in 1818-19. The font is possibly Anglo-Saxon. It is Grade 1 listed.

The property falls in the designated **Prescot Town Centre Conservation Area**.

In addition, the HER shows non-designated heritage assets in proximity to 12 Church Street, including this property. These are:

Deane's House Hotel, Church Street, Prescot

Site of No. 4 Church Street, Prescot

Nos. 6 and 8 Church Street, Prescot

Site of a house and a malt kiln, Church Street, Prescot

Site of a 16th century cottage, Church Street, Prescot

Site of two burgage plots, Church Street, Prescot

Site of Plumpton's burgage plot, Church Street, Prescot

Site of Prescot Grammar School, Church Street, Prescot

Site of a house, Church Street, Prescot

No. 12 Church Street, Prescot

Watchmakers Workshop, rear of No. 12 Church Street, Prescot

3.0 GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING FOLLOWING SURVEY

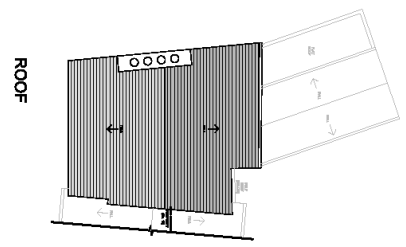
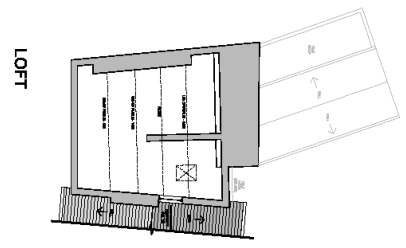
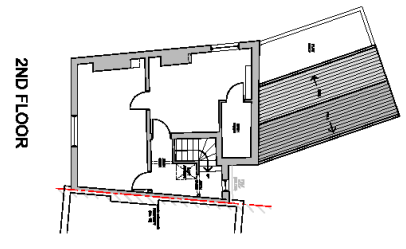
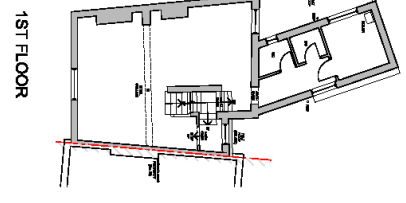
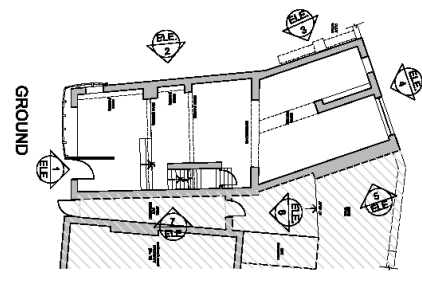
- The building is a three storey property (with additional attic space) located on the north side of Church St. opposite St Mary's Church in Prescott town centre. Originally part of a terrace of three similar properties, linked to another dissimilar building, following demolition of the other two properties the property is now an end terrace with an exposed gable end. The accommodation consists of a disused restaurant unit at the ground floor and first floors with additional ancillary rooms on the upper floor. Access is via the front elevation. There is no private external space associated with the property.
- The exposed western gable and rear elevations have been rendered, apparently with sand/cement.
- The construction is traditional loadbearing brickwork below a slate roof with a central ridge. There is a two-storey rear outrigger, also in rendered masonry below a pitched slate roof, and single storey side extension with a flat roof.
- See floor plans on following page for general layout.



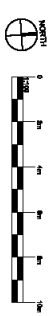
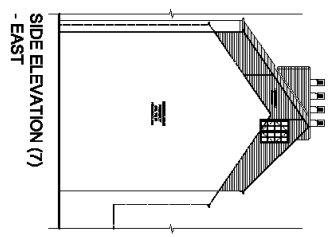
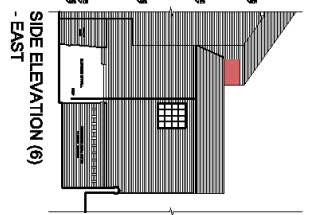
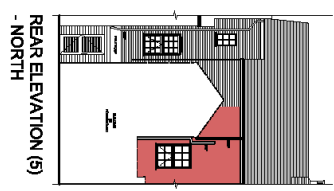
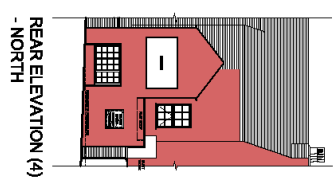
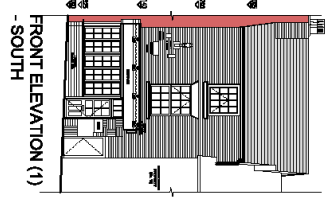
- The historic photographs below illustrate the former shopfront applied to the property.



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2.1 EXTERNAL

2.1.1 Elevations

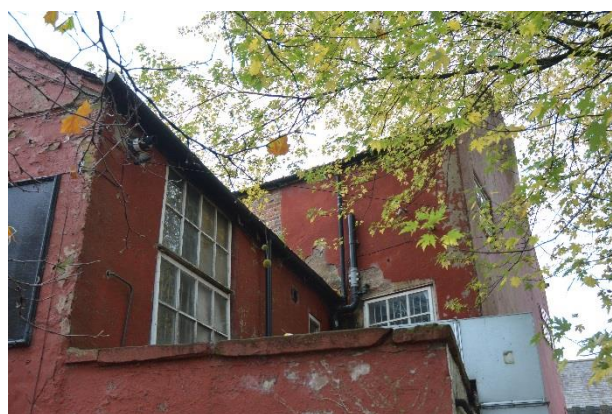
Front

- The wall construction to the front elevation is 9" solid loadbearing clay brick with stone cills and heads to the windows. The ground floor front elevation has a continuous modern shopfront extending across the full width of the property and returning around the western gable.
- The first floor external wall is presumed to sit on a concealed bressumer beam. The masonry has been repointed, apparently using sand and cement. The pointing is in fair condition.
- The window at first floors has been replaced with a modern top hung timber window, however the window at second floor appears to be original vertical sliding sash with Georgian panes (4 panes over 8).



Rear

- The brickwork to the rear elevation is partly coated in sand cement painted render. There are no original windows and not all openings are original. The outrigger, some of which is likely to have been original, is similarly rendered and fenestrated.
- The general condition of the rear of the property is poor, with PVC rainwater goods and badly stained, cracked render.



Gable

- The side/gable elevation to the main building and the outrigger is coated in sand cement painted render, in varying condition.
- A modern window has been inserted and ventilation plant has been affixed to the wall.



2.1.2 Roof

- The main roof and outrigger are in traditional slate. The roof slopes require a further walk-over survey accompanied by a competent roofing contractor before finalising the scope of work. Similarly, the flashings should be inspected. Observed from ground level and from drone photographs however, it appears that the condition is fair, though with a number of dislodged slates. The copings and flashings are likely to need replacing and ridge tiles rebedding.
- Rainwater goods and roof drainage are in UPVC and appear to be in need of repair and/or replacement.
- Historic photographs indicate chimneys to either side of the property, both now removed.



2.2 INTERNAL

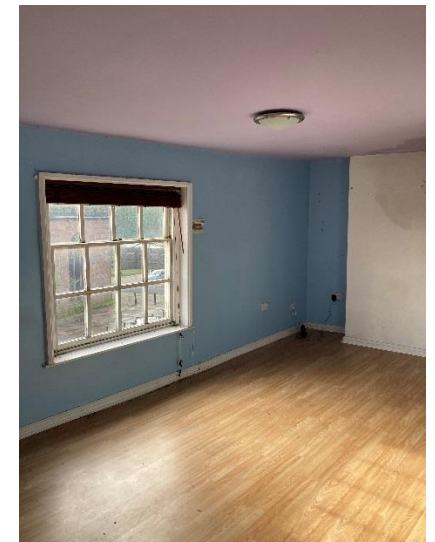
2.2.1 Ground Floor

- The retail unit is unused and in poor condition. There are substantial changes in floor level between the front and rear of the property.
- There does not appear to be a basement.
- There are no original decorative features apparent.



2.2.2 First and Second Floors

- The upper floors are in a relatively tidy condition. Lightweight partitions have been inserted to subdivide the spaces.
- There are no original features apparent.



3.0 AN ASSESSMENT OF THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BUILDING

The Framework expects that major development proposals which affect heritage assessments should be accompanied by an assessment of the heritage significance of those heritage assets and an assessment of the impact of the development on that significance. The glossary of the NPPF defines significance (for heritage policy) as:

‘The value of a heritage asset to this and future generations because of its heritage interest. That interest may be archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic. Significance derives not only from a heritage asset’s physical presence, but also from its setting’.

Architectural Significance

The building is a three-storey property on Church Street in Prescot Town Centre. The property is an unlisted building within the Prescot Town Centre Conservation Area which is a designated heritage asset in accordance with the Framework. The Merseyside HER shows the building as a non-designated heritage asset and provides the following description:

“In 1978 the building was described as: “...Three storey brick house, flush vertical sash windows, on first floor with low sash window on second, possibly original frames on south façade, stone sills and lintels. Probably 18th century. New windows to rear. Modern shop front at ground floor, modern tiled roof, and 19th century extension to rear. It was recorded in 1980 as the remaining dwelling of the row of town houses facing the church. The buildings to the west had been demolished and those to the east had been replaced by the 1920s post office building.”

Historic England

Historic England provides some guidance on understanding heritage interest and heritage values in its Conservation Principles (2008). It advises that heritage values can be in one of four categories:

- **Evidential Value:** Evidential value derives from the potential of a place to yield evidence about past human activity.
- **Historical Value:** Historical value derives from the ways in which past people, events and aspects of life can be connected through a place to the present. It tends to be illustrative or associative.
- **Aesthetic Value:** Aesthetic value derives from the ways in which people draw sensory and intellectual stimulation from a place.
- **Communal Value:** Communal value derives from the meanings of a place for the people who relate to it, or for whom it figures in their collective experience or memory. Communal values are closely bound up with historical (particularly) associative) and aesthetic values, but tend to have additional and specific aspect.

In terms of the heritage value as set out in Historic England’s conservation principles, the building displays:

- **Evidential Value:** The building has moderate evidential value as an example of a 19th Century shop unit, although this has been compromised by late 20th Century modifications. It is the only surviving property in an original terrace of three storey 18th century houses facing the church.
- **Historical Value:** The property has moderate illustrative value demonstrating the form and pattern of development along Church Street during the 18th / 19th Century, although again the alterations to the frontage have reduced the significance. The property has no significant associative value.
- **Aesthetic Value:** In its current state the property has limited aesthetic value as, following alterations, very few of the decorative and stylistic features representative of the period remain, both internally and externally.
- **Communal Value:** The communal value of the property is moderate, derived from its relatively long continuous use as a retail shop serving the local community and its central location on Church Street.

4.0 AN ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACTS AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED WORKS

The proposals for the repair and restoration of 12 Church Street comprise strategies and design elements which will have beneficial impacts on the heritage significance of the building.

Restoration

The original appearance of the building has been substantially damaged by poorly considered late 20th Century modifications, including replacing the shopfront and upper floor windows, removal of the adjacent property and alterations to the rear.

The proposals are to reinstate the appearance of the street elevation, including a shopfront similar to that which existed in the early 20th Century and the original upper floor windows, based on historic photographic records.

Repair

The proposals also include the general repair of the building fabric, using traditional materials and techniques. This will include: structural repairs, replacement of inappropriate render, repointing of brickwork in lime mortar, rebuilding of the western chimney stack, new and refurbished original windows, new rainwater goods and repairs to the roof, eaves and coping stones. The proposals will stabilise the building and restore the integrity, durability and appearance of the built fabric.

Justification for the Proposed Works

The proposals should be viewed in terms of both preserving and restoring the individual property, and also in the wider context of its contribution to the Conservation Area.

To avoid further degradation of the fabric it is important that repair work is carried out to secure the long term integrity of the building.

The restoration of earlier architectural features that have been lost, in particular to the front elevation, will enhance the appeal and value of the building in its own right, but will also contribute to the overall appearance and setting of the whole of Church Street and the Prescott Town Centre Conservation Area.

It is believed that the outrigger to No12 Church Street is what is referred to as the former watch makers' workshop. The overall refurbishment of the building will preserve this reasonably minor part of the building and maintain any association with its past use.

The proposals have been developed in close liaison and with the support of the Prescott Heritage Action Zone Project Officer. The proposals can be considered to represent appropriate development.

Broader Impacts

In section 2 of this Statement the relevant heritage assets in the vicinity of the application property have been identified.

The degree and nature of the impacts on the significance of these assets needs to be considered. Taking each in turn,

Prescot Town Centre Conservation Area – Church Street lies at the core of the Conservation Area. Over a considerable period of time this core has diminished in value as a consequence of the loss of buildings and the dominance of traffic and parking in the public spaces. To an extent the improvements to the application property will improve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and they have the potential to kick start the lasting refurbishment of other buildings in the Conservation Area.

St Marys Church – The most significant heritage asset in the Conservation Area. Its setting will be enhanced by improvements to the application property for the reasons noted above. Church Street and the church precinct are closely connected. Improvements to either will have mutual benefits.

Many of the records in the Merseyside HER (Appendix A) relate to the location of buildings in the vicinity of Church Street which have been demolished. This is a reflection of the degree of change that has taken place in this part of Prescott. The application proposals have no impacts of any significance on the sites of former buildings.

In relation to the buildings in the Merseyside HER that remain:

6 and 8 Church Street - The property was described in 1978 as: "Two storey, white painted 19th century house. Ground floor converted to shop. First floor has four large paned sash windows. Ornamented band at eaves. Slate roof". The proposed works to 12 Church Street will be beneficial to the setting of these properties.

Deane House Hotel, Church Street – An imposing brick Georgian building, with later additions and alterations. It occupies a very prominent position in the Conservation Area. The proposed works to 12 Church Street will be beneficial to the setting of this building which faces its flank elevation.

5.0 MITIGATION STRATEGY

The proposals include a significant amount of alteration and repair. However, in this instance, the proposals are for repair and restoration works to remove inappropriate modifications and are therefore beneficial.

The proposals have been developed as part of the Prescott High Street Heritage Action Zone initiative and with significant input from the Prescott Heritage Action Zone Project Officer. The details and materials have been agreed with the HAZ Project Officer and can therefore be regarded as being in accordance with the aspirations and principles of the Initiative.

APPENDICES

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A - MERSEYSIDE HER SEARCH RESULTS

Merseyside Historic Environment Record

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Monuments

HER Number: MME6557 **Record Type:** Building**Site Name:** No. 12 Church Street, Prescott**Summary:** No. 12 Church Street, Prescott, probably an 18th century building.

Monument Types and Dates

HOUSE (STUART to VICTORIAN - 1700 AD? to 1850 AD?)

1700 AD - 1850 AD

SHOP (VICTORIAN to 21ST CENTURY - 1850 AD? to 2050 AD)

1850 AD - 2050 AD

Description

No. 12 Church Street, Prescott. (1)

In 1978 the building was described as: "...Three storey brick house, flush vertical sash windows, on first floor with low sash window on second, possibly original frames on south façade, stone sills and lintels. Probably 18th century. New windows to rear. Modern shop front at ground floor, modern tiled roof, and 19th century extension to rear". (2)

It was recorded in 1980 as the remaining dwelling of the row of town houses facing the church. The buildings to the west had been demolished and those to the east had been replaced by the 1920s post office building. (3)

Sources

- (1) Archive: Merseyside Sites and Monuments Record. 1977-2011. SMR F sheet. 4692-325
 - (2) Monograph: Davey, P.J.. 1978. Prescott Action Area: an Archaeological Overview.
 - (3) Unpublished document: T.A.C.P. Architects and Town Planners. 1980. Prescott Town Centre, Building Assessment.
Digital copy available, please request SME2828
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Related Monuments

MME14348	Watchmakers Workshop, rear of No. 12 Church Street, Prescott	All Groups
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Location**National Grid Reference**

SJ 46530 92742 (point) - precise to 1 metre

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	PRESCOT
County	MERSEYSIDE
Metropolitan Borough	KNOWSLEY
Township	PRESCOT

Designations and Statutes**Associated Designations**

Conservation Area (Current)	Prescot Town Centre	Active	DME3436
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Other Statutes and Cross-References

ADS UID for Heritage Gateway - 3306347	Active
Merseyside SMR File Reference - 4692-325	Active

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

Associated Resources

There are no digital images associated with this record

HER Number: MME14348 **Record Type:** Building**Site Name:** Watchmakers Workshop, rear of No. 12 Church Street, Prescott**Summary:** Watchmakers workshop to the rear of No. 12 Church Street, Prescott, a late 18th century building.

Monument Types and Dates

WATCHMAKERS WORKSHOP (GEORGIAN to LATE 20TH CENTURY - 1775 AD? to 1983 AD?)

HOUSE (GEORGIAN to 21ST CENTURY - 1775 AD? to 2050 AD)

RESTAURANT (LATE 20TH CENTURY to 21ST CENTURY - 2000 AD? to 2050 AD)

Description

Watchmakers workshop to the rear of No. 12 Church Street, Prescott.

The building is shown on the OS Town Plan of 1848.

The building was included in a 1983 survey of watchmaker's workshops in Prescott: 'Positioning of workshop: two storey outrigger to rear of house. Condition: appears good, but has been completely renovated inside and out. No fittings remain. When built: late 18th century. History: early history uncertain, but in 1880s used by James Scotson and Brothers, tool makers.' (1)

The building was also included in an architectural condition survey carried out in 1980, when it was described as the remaining dwelling of a row of town houses facing the church. It was found to be in good condition. (2)

Sources

- (1) Unpublished document: Merseyside County Museums. 1990. Horological Workshops Phase I: Prescott (Re-survey).
- (2) Unpublished document: T.A.C.P. Architects and Town Planners. 1980. Prescott Town Centre, Building Assessment.
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Related Monuments

MME6557	No. 12 Church Street, Prescott	All Groups
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Location**National Grid Reference**

SJ 46530 92746 (point) - precise to 1 metre

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	PRESCOT
County	MERSEYSIDE
Metropolitan Borough	KNOWSLEY
Township	PRESCOT

Designations and Statutes**Associated Designations**

Conservation Area (Current)	Prescot Town Centre	Active	DME3436
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Other Statutes and Cross-References

ADS UID for Heritage Gateway - 3312483	Active
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Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

EME2574	Condition Survey of Selected Buildings in Prescott Town Centre - 1980 (Non-Intrusive Event)
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Associated Individuals/Organisations

Associated Resources

There are no digital images associated with this record

B - HERITAGE GATEWAY SEARCH RESULTS

HERITAGE GATEWAY

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Help and FAQs	(2) It was Kenneth Pullman's shop. (3) It was described in 1978 as: "Three storey brick Georgian house in four bays, with stone plinth. Ground floor altered to shop, but still retains a fine door with pediment and pilasters; semi-circular opening above probably contained fanlight. First and second floor -- sash windows with stone heads. Projecting cornice at eaves. Slate roof. Stone visible beneath rendering on east gable". (4) The building was included in part of an architectural condition survey carried out in 1980. It was noted that the building was reported to have been 200 years old. The interior was described as "ground floor of original unit has been extensively altered with beams inserted and openings formed between rooms. Floors are at different levels, some being solid. Staircases and doors have been boarded up and walls lined with cladding. First and second floors appear to be in original condition". (5) The following building shall be deleted from the list:- PRESCOT CHURCH STREET SJ 49 SE 6/26 No. 4 GV 19.3.51 II PRESCOT CHURCH STREET SJ 49 SE (north side) 6/26 No. 4 19/3/51 G.V. II House, incorporating shop. Late C18. Brick with stone dressings, plastered ground floor. 3 storeys, 4 bays. Stone base, 1st floor sill band and top cornice. Ground floor shop windows, that to left has flat pilasters, frieze and cornice. Other windows have wedge lintels, those to 1st floor are sashed with glazing bars. 2nd floor casements. Round-headed entrance has Doric aedicule with open pediment, boarded fanlight and C20 door. 2 stacks. Listing NGR: SJ4656192739 (1)
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Church of St Mary, Church Street, Prescott. (1)

"The name Prescott is derived from the Anglo Saxon Priest Cote -- Prescott... The first record of a church in Prescott was made in 1140. The name Saint Mary was first used in 1286 in the Churchlee Charter when the rent for the ville of Churchlee (believed to be a small farmstead in Prescott) was one pound of incense a year payable to Saint Mary's Church". "In the medieval period the Lords of the Manor of Prescott appointed the Rectors of Prescott. The rectory and manor was held in succession by the families of Gernet, De Dacre, and Neville of Raby until 1391. The Rectors regarded the parish of Prescott as a rich possession. It measured 58 square miles and had 15 townships. As early as 1291 it was considered to be twelfth in value out of the fifty Lancashire parishes. In 1391 Neville of Raby sold the Manor to John of Gaunt from which it passed to his son King Henry IV. The rectors, appointed by the crown... very few of them lived in Prescott and they employed priests to substitute for them. The last extort, William Boothe, became Bishop of Lichfield in 1447 and in that same year oversaw the transfer of the Manor and Rectory to the newly established King's College at Cambridge. From that date King's College became Lord of the Manor and Rector of Prescott, and in future appointed vicars to run the parish for them". "By 1600 the lack of consistent upkeep meant that the church had deteriorated too badly for repair... The rebuilding work undertaken in 1610, was drastic... the chancel and nave were demolished and rebuilt, in red sandstone, as one of the last examples of the architectural style known as late perpendicular. It is likely that the 14th century tower together with the chancery chapel survived the rebuilding programme. ...during the Civil War, much of the carving and decoration was removed and unfortunately not all was restored at the end of the upheaval. ...In 1727 Mr Sephton was appointed to design and build a new tower and spire for the church. The work was finished in 1729 and cost £455. Little was known at the time of the stresses caused by the weight of a spire upon a tower. By 1797 the spire needed taking down and replacing. Half way through the rebuilding, the spire was damaged by a great storm. Work was restarted, and completed by 1798". (2)

A document dating to 1272 establishes that "a rector of Priest-Cote, John Fairfax, left x pounds to build a tower of stone for the Church". (3)

A document written by William, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, to the Provost and Scholars, dating to 1447 reads "...Since by reason of my consecration the church of Prescott in my diocese is vacant and is deprived of the Rector's stipend, I commit to you, for the duration of the vacancy, my duty and full power to gather in and receive, in my name and with my authority, the tithes, fruits, incomes and other benefits that pertain to the said church; to dispose of them according to the demands of the law; and to use them to provide for the masses and other services and the ministration of sacraments in the said parish church and its dependant chapels...". (4)

A copy of a decree dating to 1500 describes a dispute between the parishioners of the mother church at Prescott and the daughter church at Farnworth, mediated by the archdeacon of Chester, over the responsibility of payment for the maintenance and upkeep of the church. In that document it was reported that "...the fabric of the mother church is in a bad state of repair, and that if remedial action is not taken quickly, it will shortly collapse completely...". (5)

Court records of 1556 refer to the church as All Saints, as does a will of 1557. It is possible that the dedication to St Mary was wholly adopted following the rebuilding of 1610. (6-7)

The church survey of 1650 records the "very large church" at Prescott. (8)

A mid to late 17th century plan of Knowsley Park shows what is probably intended to be Prescott church to the south east of the park. It is shown with a tower at the west end with a large window above a door and crenelations above, with a spire. This drawing, however, may not be an accurate record of the building. (9)

"The Church of Our Lady stands on the south side of the town, where the ground falls considerably to the south and west... Little evidence remains of the early history of the building, but the base of the south wall in the chancel may be ancient, and the north vestry is probably of the 15th century. With these exceptions the whole church was rebuilt in 1610 in a plain gothic style, and the west tower dates to 1729, apparently replacing an older tower, while in 1818 the aisles were enlarged and altered. The outer stonework of the church is entirely modern, and the south vestry is an addition of 1900... The chancel has a set of black oak stalls dated 1636, three returned on each side of the entrance to the chancel, three against the south wall, and two against the north. All have misericordes, but the carving beneath the seats has been removed. The fronts and standards are well carved, and the benches in front of the stalls are supported at intervals by turned balusters. The altar rails are also of the seventeenth century, and are returned westward in the middle of their length, giving kneeling space for communicants on three sides, while against the north and south walls are benches backed with seventeenth-century panelling. A bench-end on the north side seems to belong to an earlier date than any of the rest of the woodwork in the chancel. Against the north wall is an effigy placed upright, with a panel of heraldry over it, and the initials I O and the motto 'Veritas Vincit.' It commemorates John Ogle of Whiston. Near the effigy is a good example of a seventeenth-century poor-box. The roof of the chancel is not old, though following old work in

	its detail; and the chancel arch is modern. The nave has north and south arcades of five bays with octagonal pillars, plainly moulded capitals, and pointed arches of one chamfered order, which, in spite of their Gothic form, doubtless date from the rebuilding of 1610, and have over them a low clearstory, with ten three-light square-headed windows on each side, and over the chancel arch a five-light window of the same character between two three-light windows at a slightly lower level. The nave roof is a fine example, with alternate tie and hammer beams with carved brackets, and wind-braces to the purlins. On one of the beams is the inscription, 'Thomas Bold, knight, 1610'. The aisles of the nave have nothing of interest to show except some stone tablets let into the walls; one in the north aisle with the arms of Bold and 'T. B. 1610' (for Thomas Bold), and three in the south aisle, namely, one with the crowned arms of Derby and de Vere quarterly, with W. D. for William, sixth earl of Derby and king of Man; another, dated 1610, with the Bold arms and 'H. B., M. B.' (for Henry and Margaret Bold); and a third, with the Gerard coat, inscribed 'Sir T. G. Kt.' They are all of good workmanship, and form a distinctly unusual feature, and it is possible that they were here set up to record those who contributed to the rebuilding of 1610. In the south aisle also are the royal arms of George III. The west tower, though rather coarse in detail, is of good proportion, and has round-headed belfry windows of two lights flanked by Doric pilasters, and over them a heavy cornice with a group of three vases at each angle of the tower. Above is a tall stone spire with three tiers of spire lights, of Gothic form. In the second stage of the tower is a circular window on the west face, and above it an inscription recording the building of the tower, 'Conditum an^o domni 1729'; while in the ground stage is a three-light west window with two plain circles in the head, and below it a square-headed west doorway, the head of which is level with the tall, moulded plinth of the tower". (10) A font that was said to have one belonged to this church, was relocated to the Church of Bartholomew at Roby, where it was used as a flowerpot in the churchyard. (11) The stalls are dated 1636. A similarly dated screen was removed in the 19th century and the stalls altered. (12) A chair dated 1610 was donated to the church by John Ogle. It was returned to the church, probably having been removed in the mid 17th century, in 1920. (13) The ancient font was returned to the church in 1936. It had been displaced in 1755 by the marble tazza bowl presented by Daniel Willis of Halsnead. It went to St Bartholomew's in Roby in 1850 but was replaced there in 1875. It was then placed in the churchyard. (14) The churchwardens' accounts from 1523 to 1607 detail various expenses relating to the church. (15-16) The tower was built by Henry Sephton. The aisles were built by John Bird. W. and G. Audsley carried out a restoration in 1876. (17) From the National Heritage List for England: 1PRESCOT CHURCH STREET SJ 49 SE (south side) 6/28 Church of 19/3/51 St. Mary G.V. I Church. C14 lean-to vestry to south of chancel; nave and chapel, 1610 (dated on plaques); tower dated 1729; aisles, 1818-19. Tower has base with cyma moulding; west entrance has Tudor head with roll moulded surround with 3 pointed overlights, hollow-chamfered square-headed architrave with label mould. Round-headed west window has 3 round-headed lights and 2 roundels, roundel above has torus surround and top mask. Frieze inscribed "CONDITUM ANO DOMNI 1729" and cornice. Bell stage has Doric flat pilasters and entablature, 2-light round-headed bell openings, louvred lights and clock faces, that to east has angel key. Parapet with balustrading and 3 finials to each angle. Spire has 3 tiers of lucarnes and sill courses. Aisles have cornices and embattled parapets, 3-light windows with intersecting tracery. Clerestory has 3-light square-headed windows Chancel has south windows as above; east window of 4 lights with uncusped Perpendicular tracery. Vestry to south of 1900, north vestry has square-headed windows. Interior: 5- bay arcades, octagonal piers and single chamfered arches. West wall has stucco tracery panelling. Roof has alternating tie beam and hammer beam trusses, braces, pendants and curved wind braces. Wall plaques record armorial bearings of local families, and date, roof also dated. Timber screen of 1921. Stalls dated 1636, fluting and poppy-headed bench ends. Timber panelling with frieze. Panelled timber reredos, 1891. 3-sided early C17 altar rail with turned balusters. Round plain font, possibly Anglo- Saxon. Font of 1755, baluster on scrolly base supporting shallow reeded bowl. Monument to John Ogle, died 1612, upright effigy in contemporary dress. Other C18 and C19 monuments, principally T. Barrow, died 1751, by D. Sephton, and Sir W. Atherton, died 1803, by Sir R. Westmacott. South aisle east window, 1879, by Morris and Co., grisaille flower quarries and 3 small figures. East window of 1840, classically draped figures under gothic canopies, removed after damage, 1985. Listing NGR: SJ4653192700 (18) "A small test pit by the writer under the floor of the late medieval vestry of St Mary's church produced a considerable depth of stratigraphy and medieval pottery in the sequence". (19) Status: Listed Building Grade: I Status: Conservation Area Parish: PRESCOT District: KNOWSLEY County: MERSEYSIDE Grid reference: SJ465927 Map reference: [EPSG:27700] 346531, 392703 Period/Subjects: 1140 TO 2050 - CHURCH Identifiers: [ADS] Depositor ID - MME6311 [ADS] Associated ID - HBSMR Id: MME6311 [ADS] Associated ID - Related Event: EME3184 [ADS] Associated ID - Related Monument: MME6312 [ADS] Associated ID - Related Resource: SME1
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	Former site of a house and a malt kiln, Derby Street, Prescott. (1) Court documents of 1563 record that Edward Holland surrendered a messuage and a burgage, that he occupied, to the use of Izabell Holland, his mother, for her life, after to himself. (2) A court document from 1576 records: "Edward Holland did surrender one messuage, one kilne, one cottage [between the messuage and the kiln] and one parcell of a croft [No. 106 on map facing p.49] adioyninge to the said messuage and kilne, in the occupacion of Richard Holland his sonne, to the vse of George Kenwricke [of Raynhill] maltman, for tearme of one and twentie yeares". The terms also included that he was to be allowed one kiln full of malt yearly. (3) A court document of 1578 records that Edward Holland surrendered several messuages and cottages called the slated house, the kiln, the little cottage and the house that Robert Miller lived in, along with three crofts and parcels of land, all occupied by Edward, or George Kenwricke or Robert Mylner, to the use of Richard Holland, his son and heir. (4) Court documents of 1580 record Richard Holland surrendering one messuage or tenement with a kill [kiln] and a close called kill [kiln] croft in the occupation of George Kenwricke to Margrett Tildisley, widow, "saving the right of George Kenwricke in the messuage and kiln for a term of years, by a grant of Edward, father of the said Richard". They also record that a piece or noke of a little cottage or house used as a shippin in the tenure of the late wife of George Kenwright, deceased, encroached on the lord's waste. (5) A court document of 1581 records that Richard Holland surrendered (for £20) a messuage or tenement in the occupation of Ellen Kenwricke, widow of George Kenwricke, a kiln and kiln croft to the use of Margrett Tyldesley, widow of Nicholas Tyldesley, "saving the right of Ellen Kenwricke in the said messuage and kiln, for a term of years, by a grant made to her late husband by Edward Holland dec., father of the said Richard". (6) A court document of 1585 records Margrett Tildisley, widow, surrendered one messuage or tenement, an adjacent kiln to her use for life and afterwards to Phillip Layton (and with no issue to his sister Elizabeth), "saving the right of Richard Shaw and Ellen his wife". (7) The survey of 1592 records that Margaret Tilsley widow held a messuage and a kiln with a garden and croft in the tenure of Richard Shaw, abutting east on the land [lane?] adjoining the churchyard, west on the croft of Anne Holland, north on Fall Lane [now Derby Street], south on Stockles Higher Field, paying 9s rent. The survey of 1721 does not appear to include the kiln. (8) Court documents of 1596 record that Phillipp Layton and Margrett Tildisley, widow, surrendered a messuage or tenement and a parcel of land on the south part thereof, occupied by Richard Shawe, to the use of Henry Johnson, paying 11s rent to the lord. (9) Court documents of 1600 record that Philip Layton of Prescott Hall and Margaret Tildesley, his mother, surrendered a messuage or tenement occupied by Richard Shawe to Richard and his wife Ellen for their use for their lives, paying one peppercom yearly for the first four years and 24s 4d yearly thereafter. Paying 9s yearly to the lord. (10) Parish: PRESCOT District: KNOWSLEY County: MERSEYSIDE Grid reference: SJ464927 Map reference: [EPSG:27700] 346472, 392789 Period/Subjects: 1576 TO 1592 - HOUSE 1563 TO 1721 - MALT KILN Identifiers: [ADS] Depositor ID - MME6436 [ADS] Associated ID - HBSMR Id: MME6436 [ADS] Associated ID - Related Resource: SME1 [ADS] Associated ID - Related Resource: SME1728 [ADS] Associated ID - Related Resource: SME1728 [ADS] Associated ID - Related Resource: SME1728 [ADS] Associated ID - Related Resource: SME1728 [ADS] Associated ID - Related Resource: SME1728 [ADS] Associated ID - Related Resource: SME1728 [ADS] Associated ID - Related Resource: SME1728 [ADS] Associated ID - Related Resource: SME1728

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