

TAVISTOCK NDP HERITAGE ASSESSMENT FORM

Using the criteria for the visual survey please complete the following for any building or structure that you think is important to the area which is not nationally Listed or considered as a 'positive building'.

<p>Location: Street/road name Abbotsfield, Tavistock</p> <p>Postcode PL19 8EZ</p>
<p>Property name/number Abbotsfield Hall</p>
<p>Description of the location if it is not a property (If not in a built-up area please provide a OS map reference)</p>
<p>Description: <i>[Please take a photograph(s) if possible, from the road and attach to this form.]</i></p> <p>What is the building/structure? i.e. house, school, streetlight, letter box, metal railings, steps, etc. Large 'villa style house, described by some as pretentious, was built in 1852. See photograph below.</p>
<p>What material(s) is it made out of? i.e. slate, granite, render, stone, etc Rendered walls under slates roofs.</p>
<p>Explain why you think it is important and should be preserved. See below.</p>
<p>Historical connection:</p> <p>Do you know whether the buildings/structure has an historical connection with the town; i.e. was formerly an important building/structure, was connected with a prominent local person, etc. Built by Thomas Morris was the Managing Director of Devon Great Consols Mining Company. The copper mines played an integral role in creating the character of Tavistock under the domain of the Dukes of Bedford who owned the lands under which the copper was found.</p> <p>William Morris brother of Thomas was the renowned, poet, designer, artist and pioneer socialist who designed the Morris window in St Eustachius. Parish Church was a shareholder in the Devon Great Consoles.</p> <p>Immediately prior to the D-Day invasion of Normandy on 6th June 1944, General Dwight Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe, and Field Marshall Lord Montgomery of Alamein attended important conferences in this house, which was the HQ 29th Division of the US Army.</p>



Entrance elevation