

NMR MONUMENT REPORT

ST JAMES HOSPITAL

Unique Identifier: 405902

NMR Number: TQ 40 NW 21

Location

Lewes (Civil Parish)

Lewes (District)

East Sussex

OSGB Grid Reference TQ 4130 0975 (centre / point)

Summary

Remains of a hospital chapel founded post 1100, dissolved c.1540

Status

SCHEDULED MONUMENT

LISTED BUILDING GRADE II

Other Identifiers

Scheduled Monument (County Number) - ES 253

Listed Building List Entry Uid - 293420

Notes

(TQ 41330976) St James's Hospital (NR) (Remains of) (1)

St James's Hospital, similar to an almshouse, founded possibly after 1100 and dissolved c1540. Dependent on Lewes Priory. The 14thc hospital chapel still exists and is converted to a cottage, but the great infirmary hall has disappeared. Internal dimensions of chapel 34 x 15 feet. Walls flint-faced and to the N and S retain mid-14thc windows. The infirmary hall (110ft x 36ft) extended W of the chapel to the end of St James's Lane. There was a tenement called the Gatehouse, perhaps part of the hospital, in St James's Lane which had already fallen down at the beginning of the 17thc. On the N side of and near the chapel there seems to have been the foundations of a large building, perhaps the cells or compartments of a large building, perhaps the cells or compartments of the brothers and sisters. This was 18 ft E-W and 40ft long, its E side 34ft. W of the E end of the chancel. The foundations of a large buttress were dug up at some date, and this appears to have been the NW extremity of the building, and probably belonged to the N aisle of the chapel. It stands at 115ft W of what is now the W end of the hospital. (4)

Only the chapel, now converted into a cottage, remains. It is at TQ 41300975 and is occupied. (5)

Only the chapel remains, at TQ 41300975. Of this, the only original fabric is the N and S walls with two windows in the N side. The building has lately been restored and converted into a school storehouse.

Published 1:2500 survey correct. (6)

Sources

- 1 Ordnance Survey Map (Scale / Date)
OS 25" 1910
- 2 David Knowles and R Neville Hadcock, 1953: Medieval religious houses : England and Wales, Page(s) 284
- 3 Sussex Archaeological Society, Sussex archaeological collections : relating to the history and antiquities of the counties of East and West Sussex, Vol 97, 1959, Page(s) 132
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Related Events and Archives

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- 4 Edited by L F Salzman, 1940: The Victoria history of the county of Sussex: volume seven: the Rape of Lewis in The Victoria history of the counties of England, Page(s) 45
- 5 Field Investigators Comments
F1 RLBW 20-JAN-53
- 6 Field Investigators Comments
F2 ASP 11-MAY-72
- 7 David Knowles and R Neville Hadcock, 1971: Medieval religious houses in England and Wales, Page(s) 370

Any event and or archive records linked to this monument are outlined below. For further details please contact the NMR (see covering letter) quoting the Unique Identifier and NMR Number of this monument record and the identifying numbers and titles of items of interest.

Related Event Records

405903	Field observation on TQ 40 NW 21	Field Observation (Visual Assessment)	20 Jan 1953 - 20 Jan 1953
405905	Field observation on TQ 40 NW 21	Field Observation (Visual Assessment)	11 May 1972 - 11 May 1972
1325273	FORMER SOUTHOVER SCHOOL SITE	Evaluation	01 Jan 1996 - 31 Dec 1996

Related Archive There are no related archives for this monument.