

Studying vernacular buildings

Vernacular buildings are those which are typical for an area, built from local materials and following a local 'style'. By studying these buildings in detail, and using oral and documentary evidence, we are building up a picture of the different local styles in Yorkshire. When a building has been studied, the plans, drawings and a written report are filed in the group's archives, and a copy sent to the owner/occupier. With their agreement, these reports are made available for wider research. They are deposited at the Yorkshire Archaeological Society collection at the University of Leeds Brotherton Library.

About the conference

These conferences are aimed both at beginners wishing to learn how to record vernacular buildings and people with more experience seeking to increase their knowledge and understanding. Two YVBSG bursaries of £150 each will again be available to help pay for attendance at the annual recording conference. They are in commemoration of our long-standing and committed member Tony Tolhurst, who died in November 2013. Applicants should read the conditions, complete and return the bursary form, available on the website at www.yvbsg.org.uk.

If you're interested in attending the conference but don't have your own transport, please enquire as to whether lifts might be available.

About the Group

Membership of the Group is open to anyone interested in vernacular buildings. We are also interested to hear of any buildings to investigate.

Further information

Contact YVBSG Secretary, Mary Cook email secretary@yvbsg.org.uk for further information, or visit our website at www.yvbsg.org.uk.



Vernacular Buildings of Bradford

9-11 May 2025



Weekend Study and Recording Conference

in the Low Moor, Wibsey
and Shelf areas

Programme

Friday 9 May

- 18.00 Registration and informal gathering at Aldersgate Methodist Church, Common Rd, Low Moor, Bradford BD12 0TW
- 18.30 Evening Meal – curry night at Aldersgate
- 19.30 Talk: *The development of Low Moor and Wibsey*.
Speaker: Mary Twentymen
- 20.30 Arrangements for the following day, including allocation of recording teams, leaders and venues and brief introduction to the buildings
- 21.00 End

Saturday 10 May

- 09.30 Recording teams assemble to collect packed lunch and travel to respective venues - Individual teams to make their own arrangements for transport
- 16.30 Meet at Aldersgate Church (tea/coffee/soft drinks)
- 18.30 Talk: *The development of Horton Bank Top*. Speaker: Janet Senior
- 20.00 Conference dinner at Chapel House Inn, Low Moor

Sunday 11 May

- 10.15 Drawing and report writing at Calverley Old Hall
- 12.45 Lunch at Little Leaf Café, Calverley (not included in fee)
- 13.45 Tour of Calverley village
- 15.30 approx End of conference

Equipment

Please bring pencils, rubber, clipboard or hardback notebook for recording, and A4 paper, ruler, set square and compasses. The Group has some tape measures and other equipment, but you are encouraged to bring your own. Waterproof clothing and stout footwear are advisable.



Housing in Low Moor

Booking

Delegates will have to arrange their own overnight accommodation and transport. Other events are taking place in Bradford that weekend and early booking is advisable. The nearest hotel is The Guide Post, Common Road, Low Moor, Bradford BD12 0ST – <https://www.guideposthotel.net/>.

Three options are available (price per person):

- **with all meals (£65).** This includes two-course dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings, packed lunch on Saturday, lectures and refreshments on Friday and Saturday at Aldersgate Methodist Church.
- **as above but with Saturday evening meal only (£35).**
- **without meals (£15).**

**Please complete the booking form
and return by 23 April 2025**