

## Building Investigation

Do you have an interesting building?  
Could we help to interpret it?

If you are interested in having a building investigated by the group, please send an email to [enquiries@yvbsg.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@yvbsg.org.uk) with a brief description of the building, its location and photographs. We will then contact you to discuss/arrange this.

Or complete and return this form to:

*Mary Cook, YVBSG Enquiries Secretary  
34 Porter Close, Durham DH1 5ZL*

I would be interested in having my building investigated.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Brief details of the building \_\_\_\_\_

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Please enclose an SAE for reply.

## The Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group

Yorkshire has a rich variety of vernacular buildings. By studying buildings in detail, and using documentary and oral evidence from a variety of sources, the Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group (formerly the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Vernacular Buildings Study Group) is building up a picture of the different styles of local architecture.

The group has recorded over 1900 buildings to date. For each building studied, the group produces a measured survey with plans, drawings, photographs and a written report. Reports on buildings recorded by the group are available for copying or for consultation. For details see the Building Reports page at [www.yvbsg.org.uk](http://www.yvbsg.org.uk) or email [archivist@yvbsg.org.uk](mailto:archivist@yvbsg.org.uk).

The Group is a voluntary body, founded in 1972 and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2022. It is not connected to the listing process or the enforcement of building regulations, though some of its members are professionals in that sector. The Group does not accept paid commissions, though it will consider donations.

We aim to support all those interested in studying the vernacular architecture of Yorkshire and are keen to co-operate with local history and other groups in helping to understand the buildings of an area.



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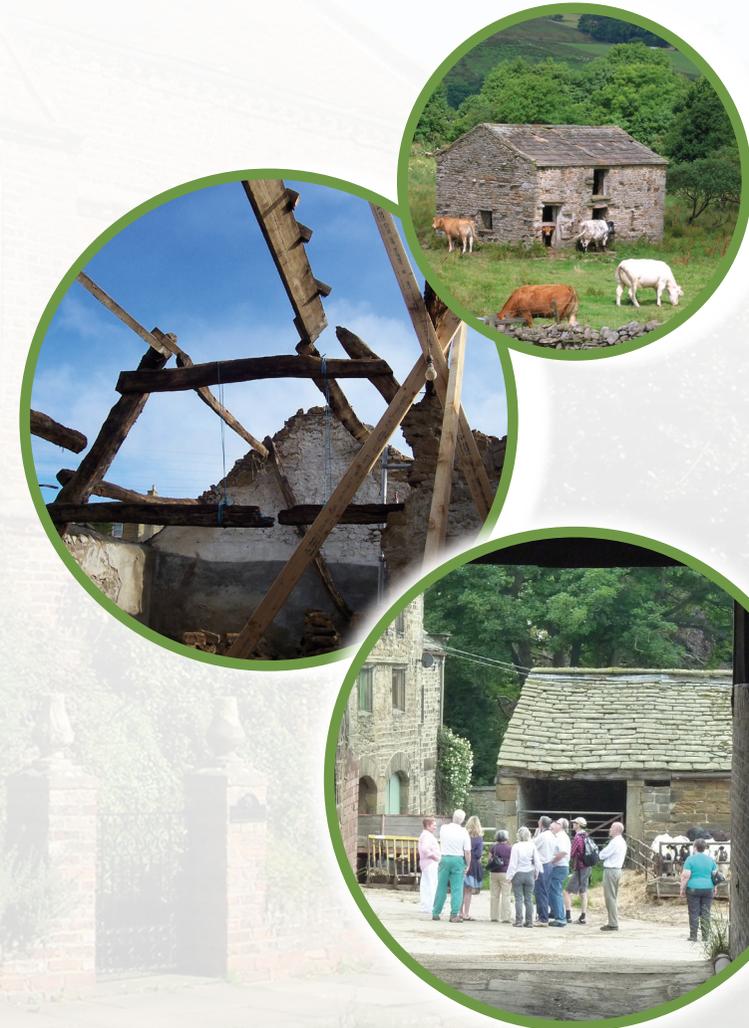


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## Recording

For each building studied, the group produces a measured survey with plans, drawings and a written report. The originals are held in the group's own archive, and a copy is sent to the owner/occupier. With their agreement a copy is also sent to the Special Collections section at the Brotherton Library, University of Leeds, to become part of the national archive, available for further research and study. A copy will also be sent to the relevant Historic Environment Record.



## Publications

Yorkshire Buildings is the annual journal containing articles, reports of buildings surveyed and news of related activities. There is a quarterly newsheet with details of current and future events, courses and publications.



Several articles have been published by members, particularly in the annual journal of the Vernacular Architecture Group, to which we are affiliated. A book called Doorways in the Dales, illustrating some of the decorative features to be found on buildings in the area, is available from the Secretary (£3).

## Activities

An Annual Building Recording Conference is held over a weekend in spring or early summer. On the first evening there usually a lecture, then the following day is spent in survey teams making plans and drawings of buildings, which are used on the final day to produce an interpretive report. A further lecture, a visit and social events usually complete the weekend.

An Annual Day School focusing on a particular topic, with speakers from both Yorkshire and other areas, is held in March. Previous day school have covered Features, Fixtures and Fittings; Recording Techniques; Traditional Buildings of Yorkshire; The Roof Over Your Head; Yorkshire's Traditional Farm Buildings; Vernacular Houses and Buildings in Towns; Old Mills and Workshops; The House and Family History; Understanding the Buildings of Estate Villages; Brick and Tile in Yorkshire's Vernacular Buildings; Vernacular Buildings on Yorkshire's Borders; Timber Framed Vernacular Buildings in Yorkshire; and Crucks and Cruck-Framed Buildings. The group's AGM is held immediately after the day school.

Field Recording Days are organised to study buildings in a certain regional area; survey teams draw and measure buildings; and the report-writing, drawing up, and interpretation is prepared at home afterwards.

Walkabout Tours of towns and villages, led by local experts, introduce members to the architecture of an area.

Training Seminars take place occasionally, with topics ranging from identification and interpretation, to measuring and drawing skills.

## Membership

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in vernacular architecture. Complete the form below and send to: Dr Pat Leggett, YVBSG Membership Secretary  
11 Lonsdale Meadows, Boston Spa West Yorkshire LS23 6DQ  
I/We apply for membership of the YVBSG and enclose the annual subscription of £12 per person (cheques payable to YVBSG or email membership-secretary@yvbsg.org.uk for details if you prefer to pay by bank transfer). The subscription runs from January to December.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

• To satisfy the General Data Protection Regulation, we would like you to confirm that you are happy for your personal details such as name and address to be held by the group. Your details will never be sold or passed on to any third party; they are kept secure and password protected. If you agree to us holding these details tick this box:

• By default we send out the Newsheet, and additional important notices about YVBSG and other events, by email to all members who have an email address. Please confirm that you are happy to receive such messages (if you do not have an email address we will continue to send you the Newsheet by post) by ticking this box:

• Two members living at the same address will by default receive one copy of any YVBSG postal mailings such as Yorkshire Buildings. Tick this box if you would prefer to receive two copies per household:

• YVBSG publishes a list of members' names and postal addresses, which is available to other members on the Members' Area of the YVBSG website. If you like to be included in this tick this box:

