

Account of Purley on Thames

Bowling Green Farmhouse

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Introduction

Bowling Green Farmhouse is now a building containing ten flats. It was built c 1800 when the manorial farm of Purley Magna was moved a considerable distance from the new Mansion being constructed by Wyatt as Purley Park. It remained a farmhouse with very little change and occupied by the Sherwood family until around 1900 when the farm became the home of the South Berks Hunt and their MFH lived in the house. During this period the house was variously known as Belleisle or Elyham.

For most of this time the house was known as Kennelgates and occupied by Cecil Aldin a noted artist. He moved away in 1934 and the house had several occupants until 1951 when the whole farm was purchased by Messrs G P Trentham. They later acquired more surrounding land finishing with around 15 acres. The house was used as the head office and doubled in size in 1958 to the east and with a large single storey boardroom to the west.

In the 1980s the company was sold and the headquarters moved to Theale. This went into administration and the land came under a developer who began building what was marketed as Crown Green. However they too came into administration and the main estate was sold to Bryant Homes with the farmhouse acquired by a local developer who turned it into ten flats and named it Bowling Green Farmhouse.

The Listing

The listing was made in 1967 and has not been updated

Location

Statutory Address: G P TRENTHAM LIMITED, READING ROAD

Parish: Purley on Thames

National Grid Reference: SU 65885 76149

Details

SU 67 NE PURLEY READING ROAD (south side) 3/8 G.P. Trentham Ltd G.P. Trenthem Ltd (formerly listed as 14.4.67 Bellisle Farmhouse)

Farmhouse, now offices. Circa 1800 with later additions. White painted brick with slate roof hipped to right. 3 storeys. End stack to right. 7 bays, glazing bar sashes with slightly segmental heads, tripartite on ground floor. 2 storey arched recess in second bay from right. 6-panelled door in second bay from right with radial fanlight and doorcase consisting of attenuated muted Doric half columns supporting entablature and open triangular pediment. One storey addition to right with hipped slate roof, dentil brick eave cornice, and one tripartite glazing bar sash.