

Heritage Statement

Thornlea Farmhouse, Sandy Lane, Chisworth, Glossop, Derbyshire, SK13 5SA

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1.0 Introduction

This statement forms part of the proposals to repoint the external walls of Thornlea Farm with Hot lime mortar.

2.0 The Existing Building

Constructed in the early 19th century, Thornlea Farmhouse was originally a mill and later converted into a house. The property is coursed gritstone rubble with painted gritstone window dressings and a stone slate roof. The property is spread over four storeys with a lower ground floor and an occupied attic space. The porch to the front was an addition in the 20th century. The windows to the front elevation are all mullioned with three-light flush mullion windows to the ground floor and two-light flush mullion windows to the first floor.

The outbuildings are located to the rear of the property accessed by a gravel drive which has shared access with neighbouring properties. The outbuilding and the studio are constructed in coursed gritstone rubble with stone quoins and stone head and sills over the structural openings.



Thornlea Farmhouse, Sandy Lane, Chisworth – Front Elevation



Thornlea Farmhouse, Sandy Lane, Chisworth – Side Elevation

3.0 Heritage significance

Thornlea Farm is Grade II listed, it was listed 25 June 1985.
List Entry Number 1087958

The listing states:

SJ 99 SE PARISH OF CHISWORTH SANDY LANE 8/43 (West Side) Thornlea Farmhouse
GV II

Mill, now house. Early C19. Coursed gritstone rubble with painted stone dressings, stone slate roof and stone gable end stacks. Four bays, 2 storeys. Central flush doorcase, covered by C20 stone porch, with 3-light flush mullion windows to either side. Above four, regularly placed, 2-light flush mullion windows.

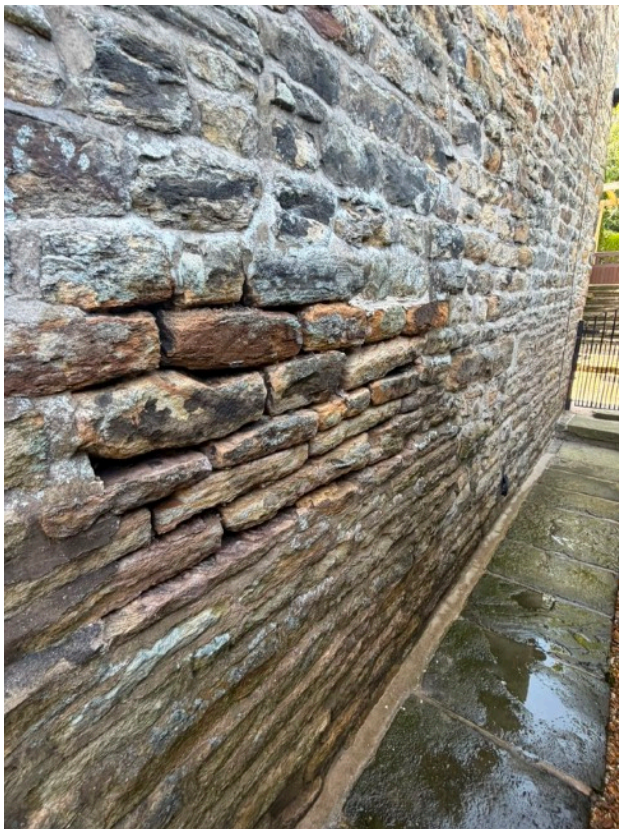
4.0 Elements of the new design

Hot lime mortar pointing to Thornlea Farm elevations

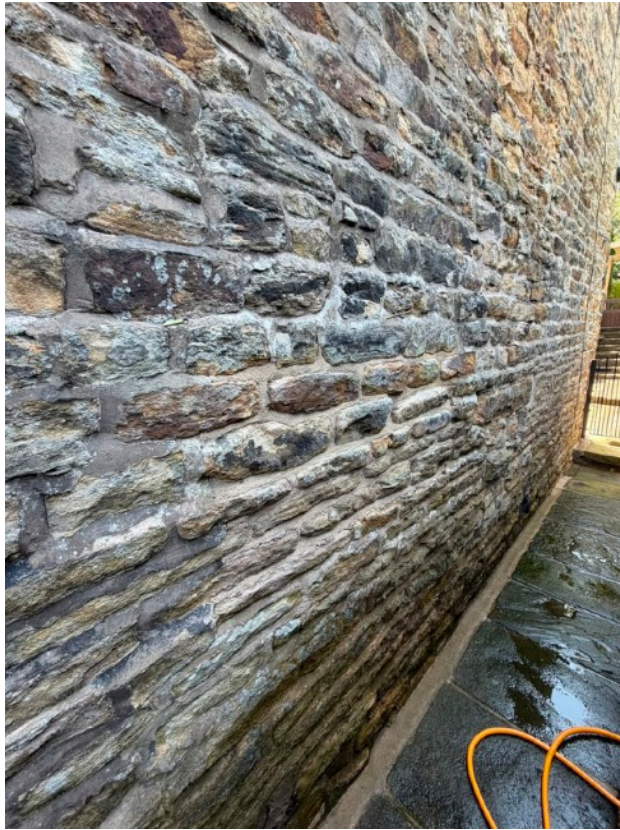
The external elevations are to be re-pointed with hot lime mortar by specialist stone masons Salthouse Stonemasonry. The hot lime mortar is manufactured in-house using traditional methods based on historic practices. The mortar is produced by mixing quicklime while hot with carefully selected aggregates, resulting in a breathable, flexible and sacrificial mortar suitable for historic masonry. The hot lime mortar will be applied in line with the method statement provided by Salthouse Stonemasonry and will replace the existing pointing which is a mixture of lime mortar and historic poor quality sand and cement repairs.



Existing gable wall pointing -
Historic poor quality sand and cement
repairs which are starting to cause
damage to the original stone as they
retain moisture and add stains



Existing mortar removed using hand
tools



Trial area repointed with hot lime mortar

5.0 Impact of the proposals

The proposal will have no adverse impact on the building and will seek to preserve and enhance the fabric of the building. The lime mortar is able to flex and move with the natural expansion and contraction of the stone which helps prevent cracking and deterioration of the mortar and the structure over time. The breathability of the lime mortar means it can release moisture preventing damage to the stone and the internal fabric of the building. The traditional technique of using lime mortar offers aesthetic benefits as well as its practical advantages, repointing the property will preserve Thornlea Farm and remove the historic poor sand and cement repair pointing. The pointing will be carried out by an experienced tradesperson, sympathetically to the host dwelling.