

Gorton House

The story so far

Date	Initiative	Outcome
1980's	Gorton House closed due to dry rot in woodwork and internal floor collapse. Threat of demolition. Local group set up to save house	Building survey showing need for extensive repair - £1.5M House registered as Grade 2 Listed Building by Janet Wallwork Group lapsed with <i>no outcome</i> .
2013	Gorton House Steering Group set up by Friends of Debdale Park. Application to Social Investment Fund for capacity building. CanDo Community Development support Proposed Community Asset Transfer	Friends registered as CIO as delivery vehicle Grant of £10K enabled Friends to provide Business Plan and House Survey. Business Plan acceptable to MCC should funds become available
2014	Register of Interest with HLF Building Survey Report - March Further application to SIF for £80K	Several meetings with HLF HLF demands impossible for Friends to meet. <i>No outcome</i> Grant application Unsuccessful
2015	Friends terminated Steering Group. Local Action Group proposed Secretary contacts other possible funders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landmark Trust • Leon Max 	No further community initiative. <i>No outcome</i>
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Trust NW 	Various meetings Proposed setting up Building Preservation Trust.
2017	Meeting of HTNW with MCC Gorton House Action Group Proposed by Friends to explore further possibilities such as private contractor. Written contact with National Trust	<i>No Outcome</i> Proposal abandoned <i>No outcome</i>
2019	Written contact with Persimmon Housing Written contact with Peel Holdings	<i>No outcome</i> <i>No outcome</i>
2020	Meeting with ARCON/Bolton at Home Housing Trust. - Discussion of possibility of support Meeting of new Action Group (April)	<i>Pending</i> <i>Postponed</i>