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Church of St. John Evangelist

II

Church, 1884 by Ross of Accrington, with tower added 1911. Rock-faced sandstone with slate roof. Comprises a west tower with west chapel, a nave, a lower chancel which has a 3-sided apsidal east end, a north lean-to organ chamber and vestry, a gabled projection on the south, and a south porch. The nave, of 5 bays to the north and 4 to the south, has paired chamfered lancets. The porch is timber-framed above a stone base. Against the west wall, offset to the south, is the tower, which has angle buttresses which terminate with gablets against a stone spire. The bell openings are of 2 trefoiled lights with a trefoil under a pointed head. The west window is similar. To the north of the tower, against the west wall of the nave, is a single-storey lean-to chapel which has 3 windows each of one trefoiled light. Inside, the nave has scissor-braced trusses. At the west end 2 moulded pointed arches with octagonal column and semi-octagonal responds open into the chapel. A smaller arch to the south opens into the lower stage of the tower. The chancel arch is pointed and chamfered in 2 orders.

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Houlker's Farmhouse

II

House, mid C18. Squared sandstone with stone slate roof. 2 storeys, with one ground-floor window on each side of door and 5 on the 1st floor. Windows have plain reveals and projecting moulded sills. On the ground floor the sills and lintels are longer than the present openings. The door has a lugged architrave with stepped keystone. Chimneys to right of door and on left-hand gable, the latter with projecting stack.

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Martholme Viaduct (that part in the
Civil Parish of Read)

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II

Viaduct carrying Great Harwood loop line of Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway over River Calder, 1870-77. Engineer Sturges Meek. Sandstone rubble. Ten 40ft span 65ft high rounded arches on slightly curved line. Impost band and solid parapet. History: originally planned as wooden viaduct, but design in stone substituted before building; contractors (Thomas Stone & Son) executed work only on condition that coal measures beneath were purchased. Line closed 1957. Part of this viaduct is in Great Harwood C.P., Hyndburn District (q.v.)

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Read Hall

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II*

Large house, 1818-25 by George Webster of Kendal on site of earlier mansion. Sandstone ashlar with hipped slate roofs. 2 storeys with attic. South front symmetrical, of 9 bays with cornice and blocking course, and clasping pilasters with sinkings. The 3 central bays project as a bow and have a dome, and a Tuscan colonnade in front of the ground floor supporting a balcony with iron railings. The present windows are mid C20 steel casements with glazing bars. The window sills are said to have been lowered. The west front is of 3 bays, the central bay projecting slightly and having a tetrastyle Ionic portico. On the east side the main block is of 3 bays. Set back to its right is a rear wing of 3 bays which could contain remains of a C18 house. Inside, the principal ground-floor rooms have plasterwork with Grecian detailing in strong relief. The long entrance hall is divided by 4 Ionic columns arranged in a square. Domed stair hall has geometric stair with iron balusters, rising in one flight and returning in 2 curved ones.

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Icehouse north-east of Read Hall

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II

Icehouse, C19, brick. Circular plan, tapering towards bottom, with domed top. Covered by earth mound with sandstone rubble retaining walls on south side and square entrance hole on north side.

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Lodge to Read Hall

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II

Lodge to Read Hall (q.v.), probably 1820s by George Webster of Kendal. Sandstone ashlar with hipped slate roof. A symmetrical composition of one storey, with one bay on each side of centrepiece. Windows have round heads, within round-headed recess. In front of a central gable is a tetrastyle Greek Doric portico, the columns having grooved neckings. The gable is flanked by pilasters with sinkings. Under the apex of the gable is a worn shield with the Fort family crest. The door has plain ashlar reveals and is flanked by narrow windows.

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2 pairs of gate piers with gates at entrance to drive to Read Hall

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Gate piers and gates on drive to Read Hall (q.v.), C19. Sandstone and iron. All 4 piers of same height, with 2 flanking the driveway and supporting the main gates and 2 outer piers supporting pedestrian gates. Each pier has channel-jointed rustication, the blocks being vermiculated or having other forms of elaborate incised decoration, and has a flat cap above a cornice.
