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The Workhouse & Infirmary

The Workhouse is one of the best preserved workhouses in England. Built in 1824, it was designed to house around 160 people of all ages, and abilities, in a strictly segregated and controlled environment. It was deliberately unappealing, intended as a place of last resort. However, it was also where the poorest in society could receive food, shelter and medical care in exchange for work.

The Infirmary opened in 1871 to care for people deemed too ill to be housed in The Workhouse, and support the wider community. Here you can glimpse the evolution of social care and the beginning of an emerging healthcare system.

Workhouse Lane

You are here

Entrance

Key:

- 1 Visitor Reception Building
- 2 Recreation Field
- 3 Kitchen Garden
- 4 Workhouse
- 5 Information Hub
- 6 Stables and Mortuary Building
- 7 Infirmary
- 8 Café

- Car Park
- Designated Parking
- Information
- Toilets
- Accessible Toilets
- Trampers Hire
- Baby Changing
- Benches
- Lifts
- Hearing Loop
- Café
- Picnic Areas
- Second-hand Bookshop
- Dog Friendly Area
(dogs on lead please in all areas)