From the archive: At the posh end of the scale!

Many of the buildings recorded by the YVBSG are relatively small and modest. However, from time to time we take on something more challenging! Here are just a few of the grander, and arguably less vernacular, buildings for which we have reports in the archive.

Lorraine Moor



Fairfax Hall, Menston (YVBSG 1283).
Originally a fairly small structure built early in the 17th century to serve a very specific purpose, possibly a banqueting house, as part of the more extensive Menston Hall.



Well Hall, Well (YVBSG 1083).
A three-storey stone building of T-shaped plan. Includes an older range with vaulted undercroft of splendid workmanship and tracery windows which show that this was a house of exceptionally high quality with upper floor hall, dating from c1250 and built for the Neville family.



Ingleby Manor, Ingleby Greenhow (YVBSG 1860). A large double-courtyard house, probably of the mid 16th century. A mammoth recording task, undertaken over about eight years! See David Cook's article in Yorkshire Buildings No 46.



Lawkland Hall, Lawkland (YVBSG 1032). Built by the Yorke family at an unknown date. A stair turret and wing were probably rebuilt in c1572, with the hall range reconstructed in 1679.



Kilnsey Old Hall, Conistone with Kilnsey (YVBSG 0823). Fountains Abbey had a grange at Kilnsey and the Hall was rebuilt in 1648 using stone from the monastic site. Buildings also include a gatehouse and barn which was perhaps the former chapel.



Austwick Hall (YVBSG 1740). Largely 16th century comprising hall and crosswing, with linear service end rebuilt in the 17th century. Probably built on the site of an earlier manor house.



Left: Knedlington Old Hall, Knedlington, Howden (YVBSG 1725). One of the finest small gentry houses of the East Riding, perhaps dating from the middle of the 17th century. Built of brick with Magnesian Limestone dressings, it has two elaborately shaped 'Dutch' gables. Square in plan, with ranges of farm buildings at rear.



Markington Hall, Markington (YVBSG 0377). A stone hall and cross-wing house with features dating from the 16th century. One wing has a roof of raised cruck trusses.



Hammerton Hall, Slaidburn (YVBSG 1728). An E-shaped gentry house of the late 16th and early 17th century, with probable earlier tower house or hunting lodge subsumed into the building.



Fulford Hall, Fulford, York (YVBSG 0830). The brick manor house of Water Fulford dating from the 16th century with later additions and alterations, perhaps replacing a medieval house on the same site. Some roof timbers are re-used from timber wall-framing.