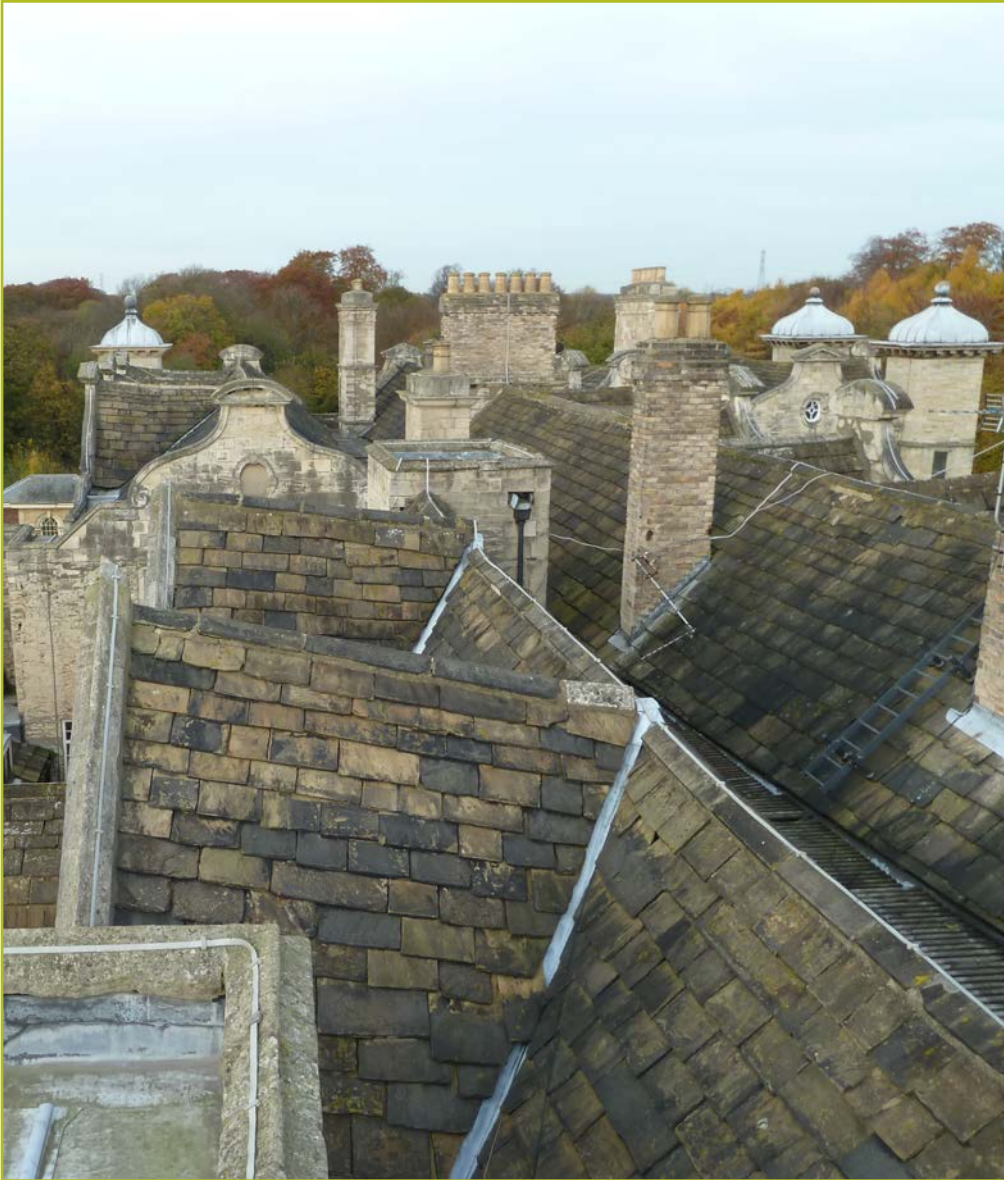




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Grade-I-listed Ledston Hall in the village of Ledston, just north of Castleford, dates back more than 700 years but has stood mainly empty for the past 65 years. Only 2.5 per cent of listed buildings are listed Grade I, placing it amongst the finest historic buildings in the country.

The building is held in a charitable trust by the Wheler Foundation, which was set up following the death of its last incumbent, Granville Wheler, in 2005. The Ledston Estate, including 34 residential properties and seven tenanted farms, is solely managed by Carter Jonas on behalf of The Wheler Foundation.

Plans were approved by Leeds City Council in 2020 to convert the hall into four houses, all of which would be set over three floors, and five apartments set over either one or two floors.

Set in 1,235 hectares of land, the huge house is U-shaped and made of magnesian limestone. The earliest known use of the hall site was as a monastic grange, with the oldest existing fabric dating back to 1235, which includes the remains of the chapel and the kitchen in the north-west corner of the hall.

As the country house has such a rich history, the lecture hall, dining room and gallery space will still be available for public access, as will the educational use of the property, which was last used as a school in 1954.

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The £9m redevelopment of a historic grade I listed country house near Leeds will be advised on its long-term future by national property consultancy Carter Jonas. There are also plans to erect an energy centre on the site.

Carter Jonas is working with Purcell Architects while advising The Wheler Foundation in the development of a strategic plan and scheme for the refurbishment of the hall and parkland.

The project will generate ongoing revenue for the trust and solidify the future viability of the property, which is currently on the English Heritage 'Buildings at Risk' register.

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The ladders and step units delivered by PTSG can be designed and fabricated in aluminium or galvanised mild steel to meet individual project requirements. All units are designed to meet the BS EN 14122:2004 standard.

Latchways engineered lifeline systems provide a comprehensive solution for all horizontal, inclined and vertical safety-at-height industrial applications. The system's versatility and ease of use makes it ideal for protecting workers as they go about daily activities such as maintenance, cleaning, access and inspection.

PTSG takes great pride in being involved in projects of this kind, which help to protect and preserve the heritage of England. Ledston Hall is part of the Heritage at Risk (HAR) Programme, updated annually by Historic England. PTSG has worked on a wide number of other historic buildings, including a number looked after by Historic Scotland and the National Trust.

