

CROFT ST PETER

Case Study

SUMMARY OF WORKS

- Extension to the north side of the church
- New glazed accessible entrance doors
- New accessible toilet
- New kitchen
- New level pathways to the north door of the extension



North wall before works



New extension



Glazed door to extension from nave

St Peter's Church at Croft on Tees dates back to the 12th century and has a rich history and heritage. Perhaps the most famous person in its history was Lewis Carroll whose father was Rector at Croft for 25 years. Carroll was educated at nearby Richmond School, and many of the characters in his stories were inspired by the Croft environment and the monuments inside the church – for example, an effigy on the 13th century Sedilia became the Cheshire Cat.

St Peter's attracts many visitors from all over the world, and has hosted parties of over 100 people who come to receive presentations on its history and Lewis Carroll links. The lack of facilities was a source of embarrassment both for visitors and for members of the congregation – especially families with young children.

The church now has first class kitchen and toilet facilities, and space enough for small meetings in the extension. This has enabled the church to play a greater part in the community, and it can now better support worship and offer a wide range of functions for fundraising and enjoyment.

St Peter's has also installed an Interactive Media System that offers visitors over two hours of material on the history of the church and its heritage. It is hoped that this facility, fully funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, will attract even more visitors, and encourage donations that will help to sustain the church for the future.

Grade I Listed

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