

# HISTORIC ASSET RECORD (HAR)

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## DATA SHEET

<b>TITLE / ADDRESS</b> Former Fylde Poor Law Institution, Derby Road (now NHS Wesham offices)			<b>Asset number</b> HA
<u>National Grid Reference</u>	<u>County</u> Lancashire	<u>District</u> Fylde	<b>Ward</b> HZ Wesham
Grade: Local			
<b>Summary of Significance</b> Former Fylde workhouse for housing the paupers of the Fylde parishes, opened in 1907			
<b>Historic Asset Description</b> <p>Former Fylde workhouse for housing the paupers of the Fylde parishes, opened in 1907. The Fylde Poor Law Union was formed on the 27 January 1837, overseen by an elected Board of 26 Guardians representing 24 constituent parishes. They initially took over the Kirkham workhouse on Back Lane (now Marsden Street - built c.1726, demolished c. 1960). New premises were built on Moor Street in 1843 (now the site of Kirkham Health Centre).</p> <p>A new workhouse was built in Wesham in 1903-7 designed on a pavilion plan by architects Charles S. Haywood and Fred Harrison of Accrington and Lytham. (Layout shown on 1911 OS map). All of the pavilions were linked to the administrative block by a covered corridor. Able bodied males and females were housed separately in two pavilions, and there was a separate pavilion for mothers and infants. There was a vagrants' block close to the entrance (now demolished). There was also a two-bedroomed cottage for married couples, and an infirmary block at the rear (now demolished). The opening was recorded in <i>The Builder</i> magazine.</p> <p>The site later became Wesham Park Hospital for the elderly. Much of the grounds have now been redeveloped for housing but the range of dormitory blocks and administrative buildings on the south of the site have been retained and remain in use as NHS offices.</p> <p>A range of two and three storey buildings, constructed from Accrington brick with stone dressings with a single storey linking corridor. Built by Sam Wilson of St. Annes. The former workhouse has group value with the remaining children's Cottage Home on Moor Street (Kirkham Health Centre) and the Superintendent's House (part of Pear Tree School) on Station Road.</p>			
			
Former administrative block for the workhouse			

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former female/mother and infant/infirmery blocks

Source: <http://www.workhouses.org.uk/Fylde/>

**Criteria:** Age [ ] Architectural merit [ ] Historic interest [ x ] Group value [ x ] Setting [ ]  
Rarity [ x ] Designed landscape [ ] Archaeological interest [ ] Landmark quality [ ]

**Comment:** e.g. materials, features of particular note

The poor house was the only known facility in the Fylde suggesting that Kirkham and Wesham had high status in social provision at the time.

This site has strong group value with the Superintendent's house and the Home cottage properties in Kirkham

**Any further comment** e.g. recommend for national listing?

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Date of expert panel decision 21/9/2018