

PIKE FOLD, LIGHTOWLERS LANE, LITTLEBOROUGH, OL15 0LN

HERITAGE STATEMENT

Former winter bee-house at - Pike Barns

Grade II Listed – 23rd April 1986

Grade II listed building dating from the early 18th century (adjacent barn dated 1730), consists of hammer-dressed stone with graduated stone slate roof. One room which is approached by a flight of stone steps and is raised above an undercroft. Door with chamfered surround with small hatch to right and a casement window (a later insertion). Quoins. Chamfered surround to undercroft door in left return. Kneelers. The rear has 2 doors with chamfered surrounds and two 2-light windows with chamfered mullions (one mullion missing) on the upper floor. The internal wall of the upper storey contains two tiers of bee boles (square recesses where skeps were protected from the vagaries of the winter climate). The bee house is one of only a handful that have been recognised in the whole of Great Britain.