

Monument Title Blyth Priory

Other Refs N6827, T6017

Old SMR No 4816

Mon NMR 0

Mon NAR SK 68 NW 9

EH Sam No 78

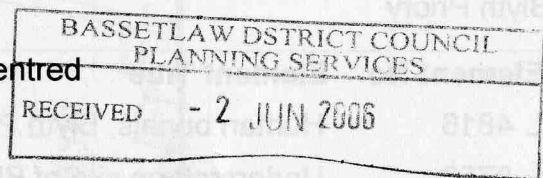
Monument Types	Confidence %
Priory	100
BENEDICTINE MONASTERY	100

Use Period: From	Med	Use Period: To	Med	Centuries
Use Date: From/To	1088	--	1536	In use 1088-1536

Form Type Ruined Building

NGR 462400 387300 **Qualifier** Feature Centred

District Bassetlaw **Parish** Blyth



Blyth House of Benedictine (Black) Monks. An alien priory dependent on Holy Trinity, Rouen, founded 1088 and dissolved c 1409. Refounded as an independent priory c 1409 and dissolved 1536. Net income at 1535 over 113 pounds. In 1379 the priory housed, besides the retired prior and monks, 2 chaplains, a vicar, 3 clerks, a steward, a serjeant-at-arms, 9 corrodians, and a number of servants. (1)

The only monastic building still existing is the church, which was built soon after the foundation in 1088. (2)

No trace of the claustral buildings was seen but evidence of the S cloister walk in the form of pentice corbels and recesses on the N side of the church. Further evidence said to have existed in the cellars of Blyth Hall no longer visible. The monks cemetery was at the E end of the church in the area SK 62458728. The Rev P Pennant, the incumbent, has been told that when a lily pond was made there some 50 years ago skeletons laid in lines were found apparently buried face downwards. (9)

Traces of what may be the undercroft were found in 1972, on demolition of Blyth Hall. (11) (12)

Planning permission given --/10/1975, site scheduled --/11/1975 - building already underway. Building on plot 14 (see sketch, SMR card) at Christmas 1975 encountered rubble, some of which at least was brick, in foundation digging. Trenches were backfilled with limestone chippings and raft foundation laid - involving no earthmoving. (13)

Plot 15 (462420 387340), back garden - partial remains of vaulted undercroft of N range of buildings around cloister. Now forms overhang and back wall to an ornamental pond. Shaped stones scattered in rubble of back garden of plot 14. (14)

See M 8756 for Blyth Hall, M 17239 for church.

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Associated SAM

EH County Number

Blyth Priory

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Element No	Element Title
L 4816	Human burials, Blyth Priory
L 8756	Undercroft on site of Blyth Priory/Hall
L 9450	Building material on site of Blyth Priory/Hall

Event No	Event Title
E 2199	Field Observation at site of Blyth Hall
E 2200	Field Observation at site of Blyth Hall by Render
E 5010	Non-archaeological excavation on site of Blyth Priory
E 8861	Non-archaeological excavation on site of Blyth Hall

This Monument:

Contains M17239

Data Held	Details
Ground Photograph	2 colour print, negs B47/4, B48/4; 3 colour slide, CS 64-6, SM
Data Held	Sketch, SMR card

Land Use and Site Status Information

Geology Pebble beds

Site Visits ER, FMW, 1973 (11); Hart CR, FMW, 16/07/1984 (12); 24/05/1976 (14)

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