

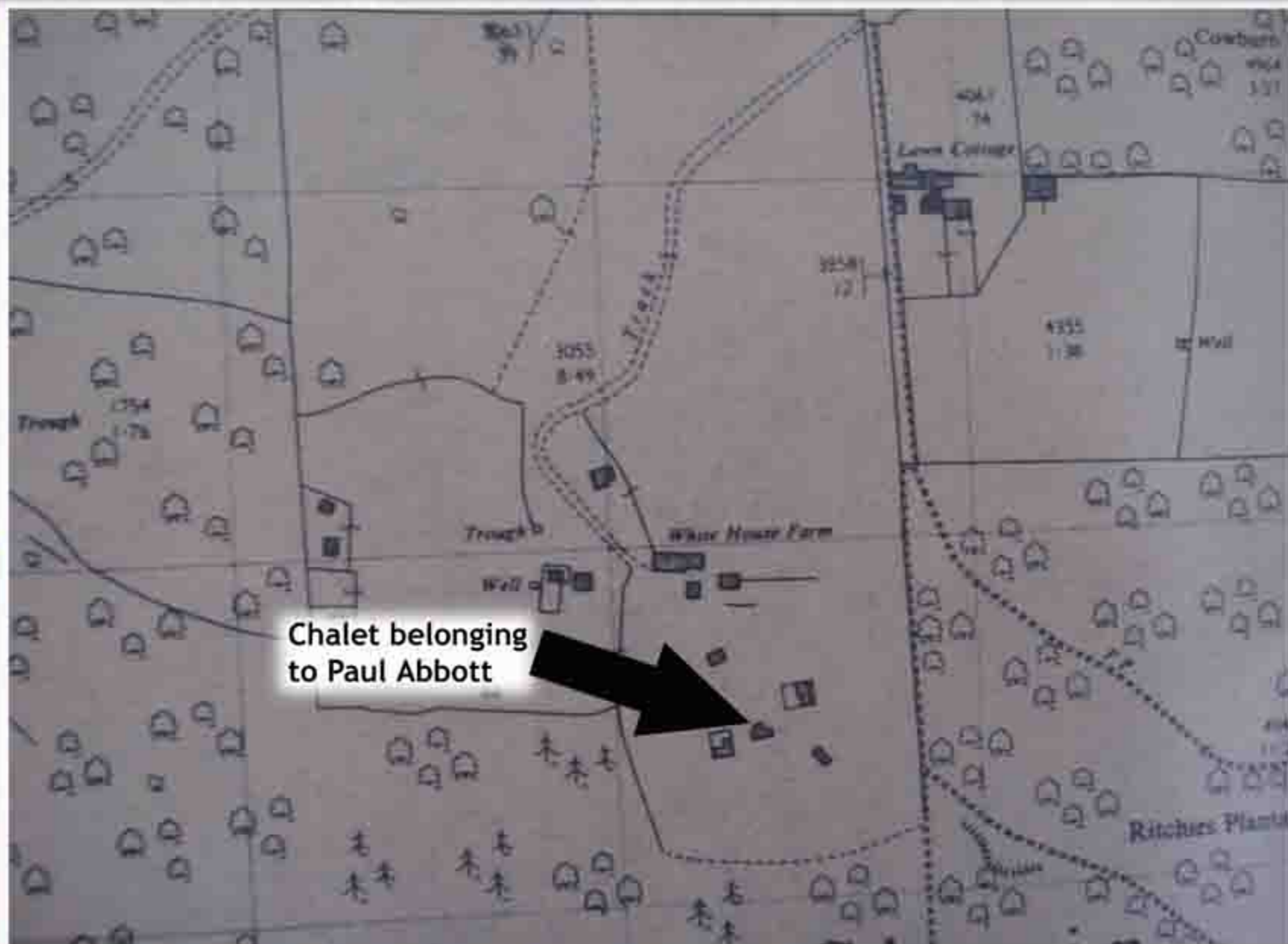
### My experiences of the chalets on Otley Chevin.

My name is Paul Abbott and my family owned a small green chalet on Otley Chevin near to the White house in the late sixties and early seventies. We didn't call it a chalet – we called it the green hut! Because that was what it was. It was packed with camp beds and board games.

I used to visit the green hut through the summer holidays when I was no more than about nine or ten years of age. I would travel on my bicycle from Chapel Allerton in Leeds to Otley and would moan subsequently to my mother that I could never make the final push up the chevin-side without having to get off and push my bike. I would often go to the green hut for a week at a time...on my own!! Not the sort of thing that would be looked on to kindly this day and age - but for me they were adventures of a lifetime. I would have a few quid in my pocket that my mother had given me for bread, milk and eggs. Every couple of days I would head down to Otley to replenish my larder, but for the rest of the time I would play in the woods on the chevin-side. I knew every nook and cranny, every fallen tree and large rock. The White House was fairly close to the green hut and I think was derelict at that time. It was a place that I used to steer clear of. I remember that the chalets were officially weekend only facilities – so being there on my own during the week was breaking the rules and required stealth and cunning in my comings and goings – facts that increased the sense of adventure.

I would cook on a camping stove and collect water from a spring that came out of a pipe twenty or thirty yards below our hut on the chevin side. Sometimes I would walk up to the top of the chevin and spend hours just looking down on Otley trying to identify the places I knew. Other times I would sit in the green hut sheltering from the rain and read comics and books. On a night time I would put on a paraffin lamp and feel snug and cosy all alone on the chevin side listening to the night time sounds in the woods.

Then one day my mother told me that the green huts were being pulled down and that I could no longer go on my adventures. I don't even remember returning to collect the board games and books and comics. Suddenly it was all over.



Chalet belonging  
to Paul Abbott

## Hands-off Chevin trees says Otley Council

Objections were raised at Tuesday's meeting of Otley Council's Development Committee to proposals for the felling of 4½ acres of woodland trees on the slopes of the Chevin overlooking the town.

The clerk, Mr. H. Halstead, said the application to fell the trees for "silviculture" had been made by the Ray and Fitzroy Estates. The trees earmarked were at the rear of the White House and were the subject of a Tree Preservation Order made in 1944.

Mr. Halstead said a letter had been received from the Civic Society claiming that the felling of the trees would be "an unjustifiable desecration" of this plantation, and stating that the trees in question were mainly mature conifers and hardwoods.

Asked by Coun. K. Wood what the applicants meant by "silviculture," the clerk replied that they probably wanted to cash-in on the sale of the timber.

He said the Council's forester had inspected the plantation and had recommended that the application should be rejected.

It was agreed to follow the forester's recommendation and to inform the Ray and Fitzroy Estates that an amended application for the careful thinning of the trees might be accepted, subject to consultation.

In 1972, the owners of the property (*the Trustees of Ray and Fitzroy*) decided to put the buildings and land up for sale following the refusal by Otley Urban District Council to allow the felling of trees in the White House plantation.

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14th July 1972.

Dear Sir,

Trustees of Ray & Fitzroy.  
Application to Fell Softwood Trees,  
White House Plantation, Otley Chevin.

May we refer to your letter of the 18th May and our subsequent discussion on site. Our clients have now decided not to proceed further in the matter at the present time and we have been instructed, in fact, to offer the whole property including the plantation for sale.

We are not therefore prepared to submit another Application but must claim compensation in respect of your Council's refusal and consequent abortive expenditure in measuring the timber and making the application and our own time spent on the matter amounting to £40.00 in all.

We do not propose at the present time to make any claim in respect of the value of the timber, as we gather that there is a possibility that a limited felling licence would be obtainable for silvicultural thinning, but this question will be left for the purchasers of the property.

Yours faithfully,  
NEWSAM & GOTT.

The Clerk to  
Otley Urban District Council,  
The Council Offices,  
OTLEY.

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YES WITH BARN, OTLEY CHEVIN

An unusual opportunity to acquire a small country estate and cottage which although in a dilapidated condition enjoys unsurpassed views over Otley and Wharfedale, (being situated half way up the Otley Chevin) and for which the Local Authority are prepared to give a maximum Improvement Grant up to £1,500, - The White House being a well-known land-mark on the Chevin.

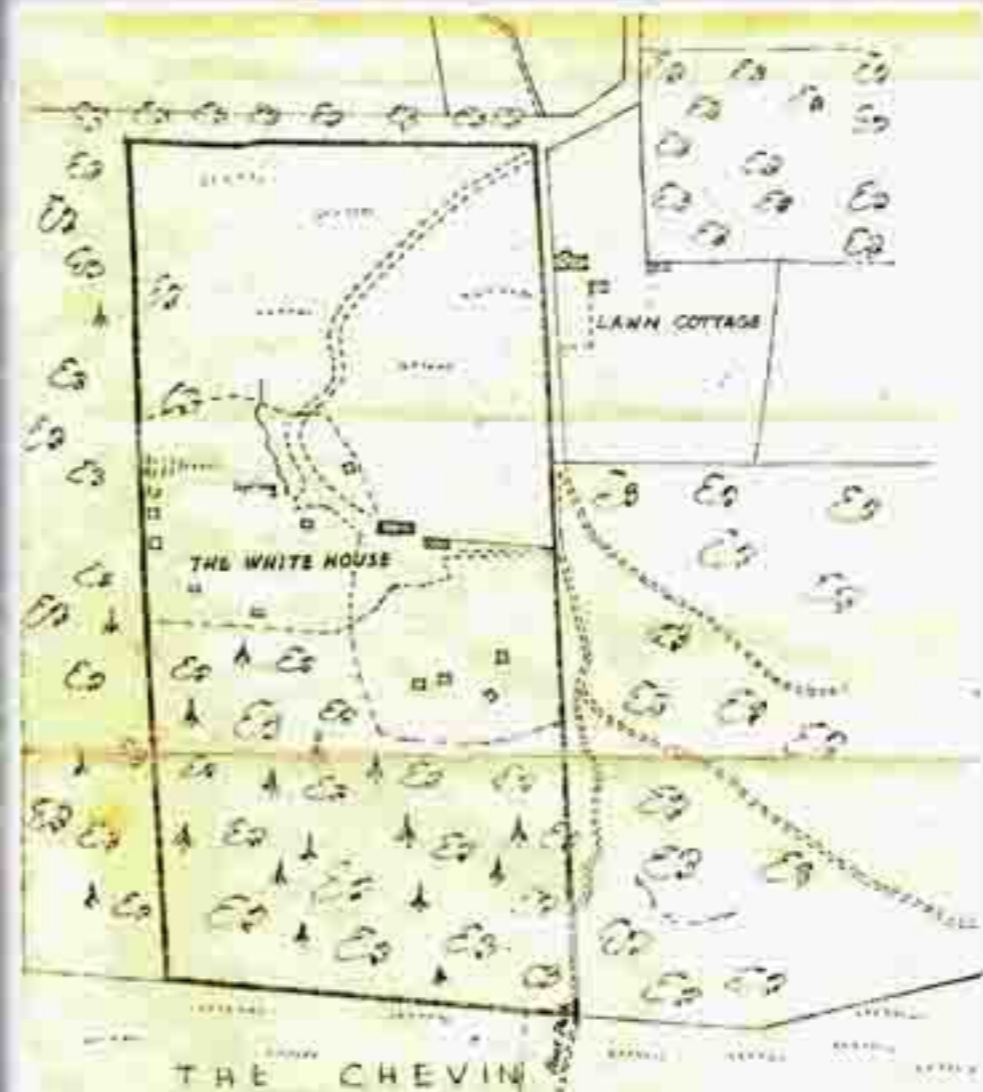
The property comprises 17.4 acres or thereabouts, in all, including 5 acres of burning plus the area occupied by 11 chalet sites and in addition a mature plantation of 5 acres extending almost to the top of Otley Chevin. Access is via Johnny Lane from Birdage Walk, Otley, and thence by private cart drive up to the house.

The White House itself has been standing empty for a number of years and requires extensive repairs and renovations before it may be lived-in but enjoys an ample supply of pure spring water close at hand and also is serviced for the supply of Electricity which can readily be reconnected when the house has been put in order. There is also an adjoining old farm building which is in imminent danger of collapse but will provide an ample supply of building stone for any extensions which the purchaser may wish to erect.

Although now standing empty, the White House has previously been occupied as a residence and also has at one time been a cafe, the various wooden chalets are all long-standing but it is not thought that Planning Permission will be available for any further similar chalets on this site. Planning Permission has been refused for a new dwelling on the lower end of the land.

The Plantation comprises a fine stand of mainly Sycamore with a proportion of Birch, Scots Pine and Larch, and is of considerable amenity value to the property. It is subject to a Tree Preservation Order and the Otley U.D.C. have refused a licence to fell the softwood trees in the Plantation. It may be anticipated, however, that a licence would be granted for a selected Silvicultural thinning. (No compensation has been drawn in respect of the order and refusal of felling licence).

The property is offered with Vacant Possession, subject to the 11 various chalet ground-tenancies and also the licence to graze the land up to the end of October 1972 granted to Mr. W. A. Airey, producing in all an income of £120 per annum but subject to Rents in respect of the chalet sites. Rateable Value of The White House itself is £22 and the chalet sites £21.



Scale: 1/2500

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In 1973 the White House buildings, together with some surrounding areas of land were purchased by the Sam Chippendale Foundation. Sam Chippendale was a former estate agent and a successful property developer, well known for establishing the Arndale Shopping Centres in the 1960's with his partner Arnold Hagenbach. He was originally from Otley and was keen that the people of Otley should benefit from his good fortune. He conveyed the plots into public ownership so that the Chevin would be safeguarded for future access and recreation.

It seems that by 1976 there were concerns about how parts of the Chevin seemed neglected and this probably led to the formation of a Job Creation Scheme in August 1976.

## FACE-LIFT FOR CHEVIN LAND WILL BE JOB CREATION WORK

A project, put forward by the Rotary Club of Otley under the government-sponsored Job Creation scheme, to give a face-lift to the paths and environment of the Chevin, has been officially approved.

Described as "Countryside Amenity Works" the scheme will provide work for eight unemployed teenagers for several months, until well into next summer, and also envisages providing jobs for two unemployed teachers in a supervisory capacity.

The scheme has been prepared by the Vocational Service Committee of the Rotary Club, of which the chairman is Rotarian Neville Bousfield, Headmaster of Prince Henry's Grammar School.

It has arisen, he said, because of the dreadful situation in which youngsters were leaving school with no one to go to.

The project was outlined to members of the Rotary Club by Mr. Bousfield and by other members of the committee who have been associated with its preparation.

After the economic position which had led to the Job Creation programme had been outlined by the Rev. Geoffrey Tubbson, Rotarian Harry Sharp spoke of the local implications.

Figures showed, he said, that there were 401 unemployed people in Otley. This represented 2.2 per cent of the population — better than Leeds, which had a figure of almost twice as many, but still a matter for concern.

The largest number of the

"The whole area of the Chevin top is tatty", said Mr. Gemmel, and he suggested items that would form part of the project—provision of seats for visitors making good footpaths, and creating an easier path from the town to the top of the hill, winding round by White House. A good deal of work needed to be done in the woodlands alongside the main path to the summit, which were in a bad state and needed clearing up, in conjunction with the forestry unit.

A condition of acceptance for Job Creation schemes was that they should not benefit private individuals, but must be of community value. This applied in this instance. The owners of the land concerned were the Chippendale Foundation, which is a charitable trust organised for the benefit of the community.

## PLANS FOR HOUSES AT JENNY'S COTTAGE AND WHITE HOUSE SITES

A planning application to erect a new detached house on the site of Jenny's Cottage at the top of Otley Chevin has been received by the Plans Processing Department of Leeds City Council for their consideration.

The same applicant is also seeking permission to erect three detached houses at the White House Farm, Johnny Lane, on the slopes of the Chevin overlooking Otley.

Both are sites which Otley Town Council has earmarked for possible projects in connection with the commemoration of the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

Jenny's Cottage, also known locally as Beacon House, was a landmark on the summit of the Chevin for generations, before falling into decay and having to be demolished.

Its site is on land in the ownership of the Sam Chippindale Foundation, and which is currently the subject of a 'landlift' under the government sponsored Job Creation scheme, part of the project being to complete the demolition of the cottage.

Plans to use stone from the cottage to build an obelisk or cairn under on the Chevin as part of Otley's contribution towards commemorating the Queen's Silver Jubilee are being considered in detail by the Town Council. It has also been suggested to mark the Jubilee year that the old White House would be converted into a fine study centre.

corded as having been received by the planning authorities are submitted by the Sam Chippindale Foundation, which bears the name of Otley-born businessman Mr. Sam Chippindale. They are in outline form only.

Sent via the Otley-based firm of Messrs. Dacre, Son and Hartley, auctioneers and valuers, the first application reads: "Outline application to erect detached dwelling to site of demolished house (site area 0.21 ha—0.52 acres) on site of Beacon House, Yorkgate, Guisborough, Airedale (OS 2044 SW). Part of this application lies within Otley."

The second application reads: "Outline application to erect three detached houses to vacant site (site area 2.1 ha—0.7 acres) White House Farm, Johnny Lane, Otley Chevin, Otley (OS 2144)."

In December 1976 an outline planning application was submitted by the Sam Chippindale Foundation to erect three detached houses to a vacant site at White House Farm, Johnny Lane. However, this was refused by Otley Town Council in February 1977.

## White House damaged by fire

The interior of the recently re-painted White House on the slopes of Otley Chevin—a local landmark for many years—was extensively damaged by fire on Saturday night.

The exterior of the building—the walls and roof—were thought to be unaffected by the outbreak.

Firemen used three appliances in order to get the blaze under control.

The White House was at one time a farmhouse, but over the years has become semi-derelict and unoccupied.

In recent months the exterior was repainted for the Jubilee and the building was used as a headquarters by a job creation scheme team in clearing up that part of The Chevin.

Mr. Arthur Gemmell, the member of Otley Rotary Club in charge of the operational side of the Chevin clear-up scheme, said that the two unemployed teachers and six young people in the team had made one of the rooms at the White House safe and had used it as a shelter during bad weather.

It was suggested by the Otley Jubilee Committee that the White House might be renovated and used as a field centre, but the land on which it stands is in the ownership of the Sam Chippindale Foundation which has now agreed terms with Leeds City Council for the purchase of the house and surrounding Chevin land for conversion into a country park.

22nd July 1977, Wharfedale & Airedale Observer

An easier path from Old Town Center to the top of the Oborin, and the provision of public seating and picnic tables on the hillside, are among the results of a life-changing outbreak that came to an end this week.

Kennel's first introduction to the job—Citation "Scholarshipman"—last year, came at an opportunity given by the professional service committee of the Library Club. That had resulted in the naming of Kennel as assistant librarian after his completion of young adults' training, to which work was the title "From Learning to Teaching." The report of youth advisory association was a fine story.

It was agreed that the group would take the form of an informal, experimental, meeting in the Chinese city. When a report was issued that the group would no longer be active, it was decided to recruit a number of unemployed teachers to be kept together for the two-and-a-half months that work was not possible.

## References

The main aim of sanitation was defined as "to be a part of the 'growth' and 'quality' of life," which it was proposed to promote through the provision of a new framework to give greater status than the low level of the minimum, provide water and sewage services, and improve food and housing conditions.

The club reports that all the money proposed in the Christy have been ignored except that part of the money has proved to be a waste and that the complete removal of all dead and diseased trees was far beyond the club's resources.

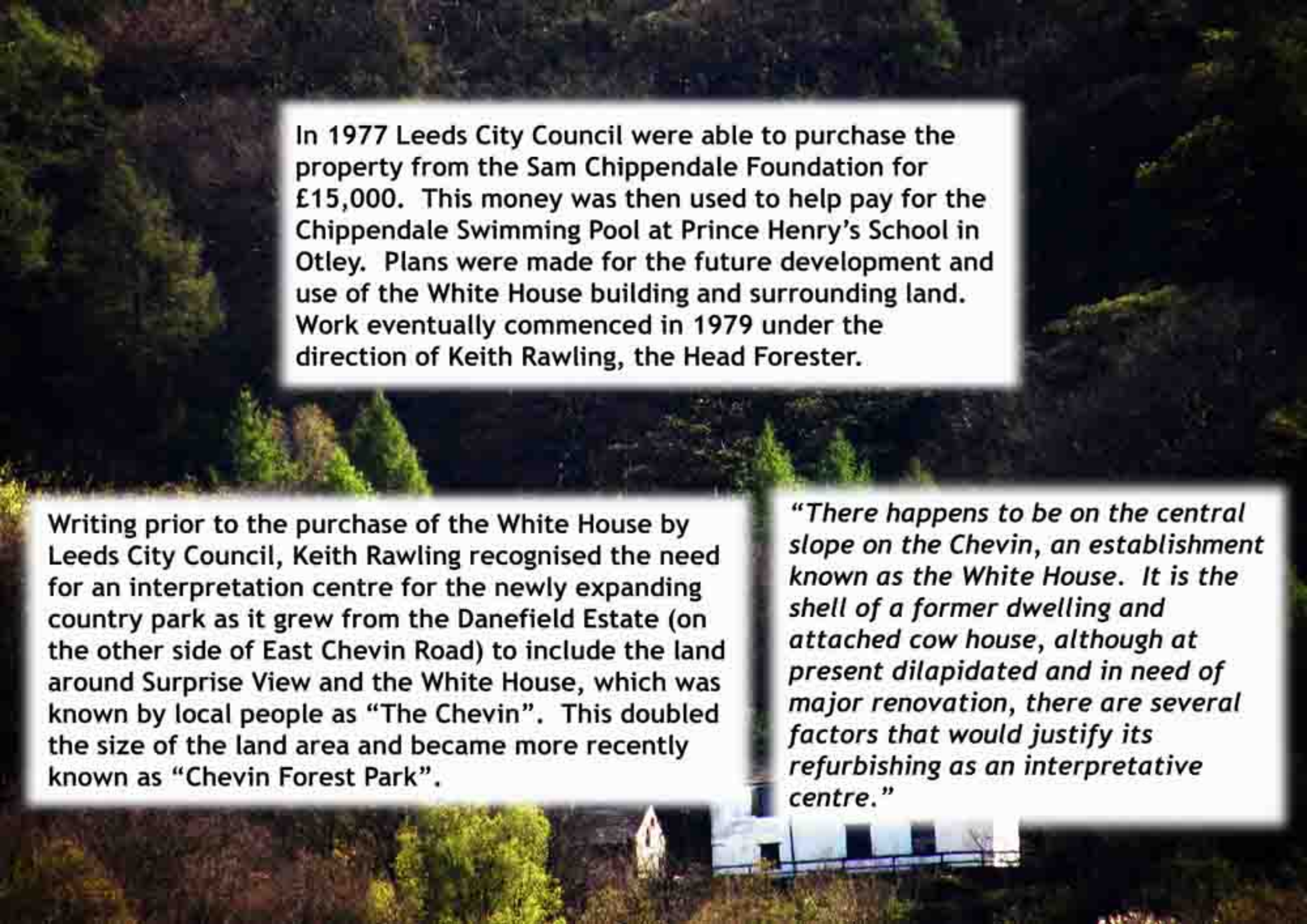
One difficulty was the discovery of relations that were not listed in a form in which two local activists' histories of relations prior to 1960-1961 were. This was solved by the team's interpretation of the report as a more important source as a combination of an improved "baggy" and handwritten and from there was removed as a data verification.

One of the new buildings which has been a boon to the city is the mail ship station where the steam ships of the city and south to the island.

The tropical rain in mid-July was welcome, but is the lower summer weather, says the Irish weather service. It is expected to be a summer of average weather, with a slight increase in rainfall in the second half of the year.

Throughout the summer members of the Rotary Club have been kept closely in touch with the work and its progress through a series of visits to the site and a presentation of films of their work.

The Chevin Job Creation Scheme came to an end in August 1977. During the year it existed, the trainees were using the White House for meals, shelter and storage of equipment. At this time the White House was semi-derelict and unoccupied.



In 1977 Leeds City Council were able to purchase the property from the Sam Chippendale Foundation for £15,000. This money was then used to help pay for the Chippendale Swimming Pool at Prince Henry's School in Otley. Plans were made for the future development and use of the White House building and surrounding land. Work eventually commenced in 1979 under the direction of Keith Rawling, the Head Forester.

Writing prior to the purchase of the White House by Leeds City Council, Keith Rawling recognised the need for an interpretation centre for the newly expanding country park as it grew from the Danefield Estate (on the other side of East Chevin Road) to include the land around Surprise View and the White House, which was known by local people as "The Chevin". This doubled the size of the land area and became more recently known as "Chevin Forest Park".

*"There happens to be on the central slope on the Chevin, an establishment known as the White House. It is the shell of a former dwelling and attached cow house, although at present dilapidated and in need of major renovation, there are several factors that would justify its refurbishing as an interpretative centre."*

In 1979, refurbishment work was underway.



The timber beams and lintels were made from oak trees felled in the woods above the White House and the floor boards from spruce trees sourced from a local timber merchant in Addingham (W Brear & Sons). Keith Rawling did much of the decorative work with an adze tool.





Following the extensive renovation and rebuilding, the White House was finally opened to the public as an Interpretative Centre for Chevin Forest Park in 1980, with not one, but two opening ceremonies. A Birch tree was planted to the west of the White House to mark the occasion.

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## WHITE HOUSE IS BACK IN BUSINESS

A well-known landmark on Otley Chevin, the White House, which was destroyed by fire, has been restored and will be officially reopened on Saturday.

The opening ceremony will form part of the programme of Otley's 500th birthday, with the 500th anniversary of Montreuil, which is 50 miles north-west of Paris.

The White House has been restored by members of the Leeds Public Works

Department in conjunction with the wardens of the Chevin Forest Park.

It will be used for local study purposes by schools, organisations and the public.

The stone house, built in 1711, has been restored by Mr. Denis Pate in front of the house.

As part of the weekend's festival, a number of French games will be played in Otley.





Inside the White House were a number of rooms open to the public that included a typical Dales farmhouse kitchen, displays about the Chevin's wildlife and history, and a shop, as well as office space on the first floor for the Countryside Rangers.



The former outbuildings of the farm were demolished and the stone from the original barn and hayloft was reused to build the single storey cafe. The Field Studies Centre (now the Education Building) was built using additional stone from a coach house next to Manby House.



Keith Rawling purchased a Silver Fir from Brears saw mill that was grown on the estate of Princess Diana's father. This single tree was made into all the tables and seats in the cafe. Timber for the outside seating area and some inside benches was sourced from Empire Ladders on Kirkstall Road, which used very good quality Douglas Fir.

One day a lady named Philippa Boast was passing and, seeing the work in progress, she asked if she could paint a mural on the wall in the cafe. Keith Rawling suggested a mural of trees, rocks and animals that could be seen on the Chevin. Philippa completed the mural for the opening of the cafe on the 29th of May, 1982.



The cafe was run successfully by Margaret Poole until 1995. At this time a new cafe on East Chevin Road (the Cheerful Chilli/Rambler's Tea Rooms) opened, which was in a better position for visitors coming by car and using the Shawfield car parks. The White House cafe did re-open for a short while in 1997, but it became the subject of a debate for an alternative use if a commercial cafe could not work.

After being used as office space for a local outdoor activity charity, the White House cafe once more became a tea room serving food in 2008, but this time being run by Leeds City Council's Adult Services as a social enterprise and doubling up as a visitor centre.



The Education Building was completed in 1984





It was designed for use by local schools and other organised groups such as the summer playschemes and the environmental family club, Chevin Wildlife WATCH Group





A programme of events, including guided walks, was established and many school parties, groups and individuals visited the site.







A PRESENTATION  
Ashley Jackson

## 'Pretty as a picture' award

A YORKSHIRE beauty spot immortalised by one of England's greatest landscape artists is to receive a top environmental award.

Chevin Forest Park, near Otley, which was the inspiration for William Turner's painting 'Hannibal over the Alps', has been

awarded the Forestry Authority's Centre of Excellence award.

The 415-acre park, which is owned and managed by Leeds City Council, is the first large local authority woodland of its type in the country to be granted the accolade.

Top marks were given for improving the landscape, providing access for people, benefiting wildlife and growing timber in environmentally-friendly ways.

Yorkshire artist Ashley Jackson, who has achieved international recognition for his portrayals of the county, will make the presentation on behalf of the Forestry

Authority to Councillor Jon Trickett.

The artist will also help local schoolchildren recreate one of Turner's landscape paintings of the Chevin.

The 16ft mural will be permanently displayed at the Chevin's education centre, Old White House.



Forestry Commission

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### WOODLAND MASTERPIECE GETS TOP AWARD

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Yorkshire artist and TV personality Ashley Jackson, who has achieved international fame for his portrayal of the county's broad acres, will make the presentation on behalf of the Forestry Authority. It will be accepted by Councillor Jon Trickett, Leader of Leeds City Council.

Mr Jackson will also help local school children create one of Turner's landscape paintings of the Chevin. The 16 foot mural will be permanently displayed at the Chevin's education centre to mark the award. The event takes place on Tuesday 28 June at 11am and you are invited to attend. (See attached map for location.)

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The Forestry Commission is the government department responsible for forestry in Britain.

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The Forestry Authority is the advisory, regulatory and grant-aiding arm of the Commission.

Forest Enterprise is the part of the Commission responsible for the management of the national forests.





Today the White House is used by Leeds City Council staff as a base from which to manage Chevin Forest Park.



In 2008 the Education Building was upgraded into a more accessible building by improving the wheelchair ramp, installing an overhead hoist in the toilet changing room, creating kitchen facilities and resurfacing part of the courtyard to the front of the White House to allow wheelchairs to more easily navigate the cobbled stones. At this time the track leading up from Johnny Lane was resurfaced to allow easier access for minibuses bringing groups of people with disabilities to enjoy this wonderful outdoor experience.





**Electoral Registers from 1885 – The White House**  
(Kept at West Yorkshire Archives, Wakefield)

Date	Names on Electoral Roll	Address
1885 – 1890	George Sexty	White House, Chaven Side
1900 – 1910	Enoch Wigglesworth	Chaven Side
1911 – 1915	George Shepherd	White House Farm
1916 – 1919	No entries during World War 1	
1920 – 1926	Frederick William & Sarah Eliza Clements	White House Farm
1927	John Kendall	White House Farm
1928 – 1929	Mary Edith Harland	White House Farm
1930 – 1932	Mary Edith Harland James Wilfred Harland	White House Farm
1933 – 1935	Mary Edith Harland	White House Farm
1936	Mary Edith Harland Charles Herbert & May Birkett Robert Walker	White House Farm
1937	Mary Edith Harland Edwin Mallorie Harland Charles Herbert & May Birkett Robert Walker	White House Farm
1938 – 1939	Mary Edith Harland Edwin Mallorie Harland James William & Evelyn Turner	White House Farm
1940 – 1945	No entries during World War 2	
1946 – 1948	Mary Edith Harland Edward Grimley	White House Farm
1949 – 1950	Mary Edith Harland	White House Farm
1951 – 1953	Mary Edith Harland Stanley Horace & Doris May Wyatt	White House Farm
1954	Mary Edith Harland Harry Fawcett	White House Farm
1955	Mary Edith Harland  George W. & Marjorie Miller	White House Farm  The Bungalow, White House Farm
1956	Not listed	
1957	Thomas, Kathleen & Jack Powell	White House
1958	Thomas, Kathleen & Jack Powell David Stone	White House
1959	Thomas, Kathleen & Jack Powell Gerard & Marjorie Meredith	White House Farm
1960	Thomas, Kathleen & Jack Powell David Stone	White House
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