

# Moorlands House



Moorlands House was built between 1869 and 1871 by Edward Hoyle born 1833 fifth son of Joshua Hoyle head of the firm Joshua Hoyle & Sons. Educated at Wesley College Sheffield on his return home his one great hobby was pigeons, which he cast aside when his two elder brothers James and John left the district for Yorkshire each launching out on their own account, his elder brother Isaac moving to Manchester as head of the sales warehouse. Edward married Frances Craven of High Thorn near York in 1861.

In 1867 he was appointed a County Magistrate. About 1880 he became the leader of the Conservatives in the area remaining so up until a couple of years before his death. For thirty years he was practically the head of the firm of Joshua Hoyle and sons of Bacup and Brooksbottom, and Manchester. For some years Edward was president of the Trinitarian Bible Society and the Bacup Orchestral Society, he was also a member of the Burial Board and Local Board.

After his death on 14th November 1897 aged 64 years he left a widow two sons and five daughters. Joshua added his maternal grandfather's surname to his name in May 1892 and became Joshua Craven Hoyle, he became Mayor of Bacup in 1911 to 1913.

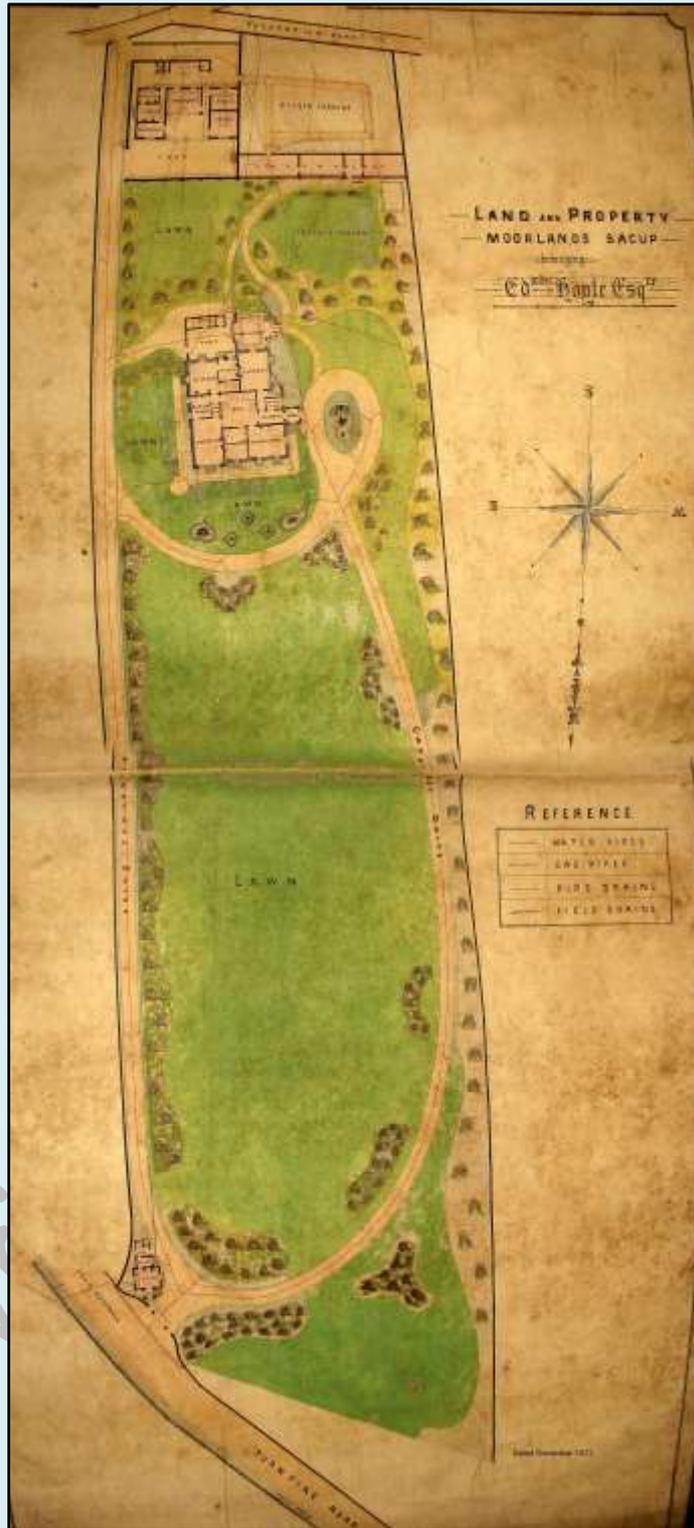
In 1908 the house and grounds were put up for sale but withdrawn. Following the death of Frances Hoyle on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1912, the trustees of the late Edward Hoyle made an offer on the 30<sup>th</sup>

April to give the Moorlands Estate to the then Bacup Borough Council for use as a park, with the provision that a piece of land be kept in case the Education Committee decided to erect a school. By the end of 1915 the house had been demolished.



Drawing Room of Moorlands House.

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