


BUILDINGS OF TOWNSCAPE MERIT

CHARACTER AREA 3



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53 Christchurch Road	 <p data-bbox="398 906 1093 933">Image from Google Maps September 2024</p>	 <p data-bbox="1115 1018 1774 1045">Image from end of 2025 (Image Evelyn Williams)</p>	Lodge building which adjoined the main entrance to “Sutherlands”, which site was redeveloped in the 1970s as Lancaster Close. Part of the original pierced and decorative wall remain

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53a Christchurch Road	 <p data-bbox="398 866 786 890">Image from Google Maps October 2020</p>		View of property largely obscured from the public realm. Appears to be of Italianate Villa style, stucco finished. 53A and Linden Mews were formed from “Sutherlands” outbuildings, and although altered and extended, these retain their original spatial pattern

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55 Christchurch Road	 <p data-bbox="398 882 748 906">January 2025 (Image Claire Truman)</p>	 <p data-bbox="1115 821 1435 845">April 2025 (Image Claire Truman)</p>	<p data-bbox="1789 300 2051 1077">Prominent 2-storey white rendered building of classic proportions framing a key view, with No.57, into The Mount. Original railings enclose the frontage. Original timber sash windows replaced with uPVC since previous CA appraisal in 2009 to the detriment of its historic character and contribution to the historic significance of the conservation area.</p>

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The Mount, 2, The Mount	 <p data-bbox="398 963 748 986">January 2025 (Image Claire Truman)</p>		<p data-bbox="1787 300 2047 1155">Substantial detached property, which appears to have been constructed as a reflected pair with No. 4 – if so the entrance door pediment has been lost and the bay window has been extended to 2-storeys. Original gate, railings and low boundary wall have all been replaced. Sash windows to the three bay windows have all been replaced. Entrance door retained.</p>

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The Mount, 4, The Mount	 <p data-bbox="398 943 1095 1024">Image from Google Maps September 2024</p>		Substantial detached property, which appears to have been constructed as a reflected pair with No.2. Retains original gate, railings and low boundary wall, sash windows, entrance door and pediment and brick cornicing

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Progress Theatre	 <p data-bbox="398 659 748 683">January 2025 (Image Claire Truman)</p>	 <p data-bbox="1111 711 1487 735">November 2025 (Image Claire Truman)</p>	<p data-bbox="1787 300 2047 1311">The theatre’s architectural composition and appearance demonstrates how it has evolved since its origins as a corrugated iron-clad meeting hall from 1881, and has been incrementally extended to its latest iteration: the 1960’s modernist envelope. The corrugated iron-clad structure is rare for Reading. It has strongly contributed to Reading’s cultural and social development with notable nationally important figures visiting in the past.</p>