

Waikura
Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Wednesday 13 April 2022
Time: 4.30pm
Venue: Audio/Visual Link

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Subject: FW: Deputation To Community Board

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Cc: Robyn Kilty <robyn.kilty@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Deputation To Community Board

Dear Community Board Members

Thank you for this opportunity to speak with you today.

Main points:

1. Keeping Englefield Lodge is a key issue for the signage as so much of the history of the area refers to Englefield.
2. If we were to lose this piece of history, we ask - what would it be replaced with? What would the lovely designed "Welcome to Historic Englefield Area" on the corner of Avonside Drive and Fitzgerald Avenue say without Englefield Lodge standing proudly next door? For that is really the best place for the Welcome sign we are all agreed.
3. We are pleased to hear the recent news that our area is recognised as a character area and is going to be exempt from intensification. This will encourage residents to keep believing that the preservation of their heritage homes is appreciated and supported by the CCC.
4. We are a 'living' tourist attraction, therefore such a great idea to have information for locals and overseas visitors to see written up around the area.
5. We propose a working party be set up from the board to have a 'walkabout' or meeting, or drive around Englefield Historic Area, then work out some proposals where are the best places and what we would like to say at each historic marker.

Please find attached our statement with the support documents for our deputation today.

Robyn Kilty and myself will be attending by zoom.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

Irinka Britnell - Chair - Englefield Residents Association

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13th April 2022

Dear Community Board Members

We are writing today in urgency to remind the board about the opportunity to buy and save Englefield Lodge as per the promise made by the Prime Minister Mr Kirk and the Christchurch City Council in 1973. See document attached Avonside Girls in front of the Lodge.

We understand under the time constraints with the Auction on Thursday at 11am, that the council is limited to what it is able to achieve. However surely you could vote for someone to observe the auction, and you never know it may well be passed in and perhaps a deal could be done further down the track. Another action the council could take is to offer to assist the new buyer with restoration.

Restoring this house will bring far more community values, spiritual connection and deeper understanding of our past. Nothing beats 'hands on' being able to touch and experience our past. Tourists and locals have been walking through this neighbourhood for years, appreciating the unique community/city asset we have here.

This is even more so under urgency to save Englefield Lodge in light of the fact that the council is going to make more of an effort to save heritage areas and buildings. Englefield Lodge is the "Jewel in the Crown" of this very oldest established settlement in Christchurch.

The history of the area and greater Christchurch is so integral to this homestead with the first cricket games, the first regattas on the Avon River, the first established gardens that William Guise Brittan would open to the public before the Botanical Gardens and more. Losing this amazing piece of architecture and heritage would be like losing the anchor point to all of our local early history of the area. It will be like having the central hub of our heart ripped out. And it would be a travesty and negligence to lose it considering we have the opportunity to acquire and save it now.

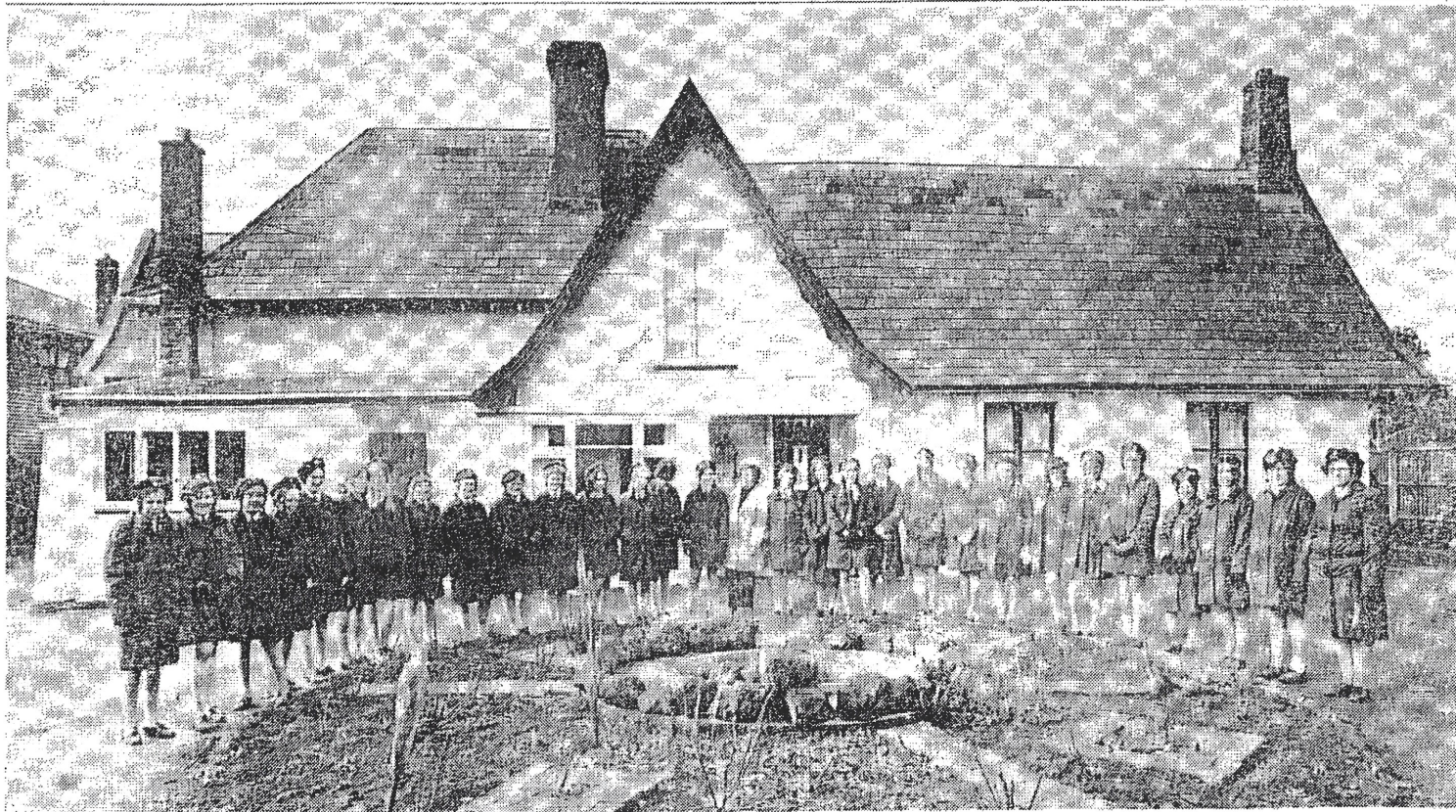
We request you be brave CCC to save this piece of history - you will be regarded as heroes. As you all know, we have lost so much heritage and this is literally the most important piece of history, being the first substantial house built in Christchurch. As you can see by the articles attached, Englefield has been on the brink of being lost on more than one occasion. It would be sad to trash all those previous efforts by losing it now.

The future vision by Geoffrey Rice attached shows the potential and that there are many people who, given the opportunity, would be willing to assist in the restoration project. It could be a place of business for functions and a place for community as well as a tourist attraction.

Please just keep your minds open and see what is possible to save this irreplaceable very important piece of our Taonga, our Heritage.

Irinka Britnell – Chair – Englefield Residents Association
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Mon 18/7/73



Fourth-formers from Avonside Girls' High School outside the Guise Brittan House which they saved from being demolished to make way for a motorway. The girls sent a petition to the Prime Minister (Mr Kirk) which resulted in a promise by the Christchurch City Council to preserve the historic property. Built in the 1870s, the house, near the corner of Avonside Drive and Fitzgerald Avenue, was the homestead of one of Canterbury's original settlers, William Guise Brittan.



Card sent to Wgm 25/10/92.

N.Z. HISTORIC PLACES TRUST BUILDINGS RECORD FORM

COMPUTER No.: 1867

HP FILE No.:



NAME of Building/Structure

Englefield

REGION Canterbury

LOCAL BODY Christchurch City Council

CITY/TOWN Christchurch.

STREET AND No. 230 Fitzgerald Ave.

DISTRICT SCHEME DETAILS Appendix J, CCC

IF BUILDING IS PART OF AN HISTORIC AREA,
ENTER NAME OF PRECINCT OR CONSERVATION AREA

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION:

Slightly rough with gable detail.
Style Steeply pitched roof - 1 1/2 storey house
with brick buttressing & projecting gables.

Construction Built of brick & stone with thick

walls filled with mud, cut
Materials tussock & manuka strips.

Architect/s B.W. Mountfort? Fanks?

Engineer/s

Builder/s

Date of Construction 1856.

Associated Buildings

Use/s Private home

Condition of Building

Being restored.

TAKEN BY: AE McEwen

1992

Negative held by: City regional officer Neg. Ref. No.

BUILDING TYPE: Residential.

OWNER Name Mrs Frances & Mr Rex Ryman
Address 230 Fitzgerald Ave.

OCCUPIER Name same as above.
Address

RECOMMENDED CLASSIFICATION C

Research by D. Cosgrove.

Inspected by BCC 22/2/74
noted 20/1/92

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

HISTORY

Englefield was built in 1856 for William Guise Brittan, a founder of the Canterbury Settlement & the first commissioner of the Crown Lands in Ch. Ch. It was his country residence in Linwood & he moved there from his first house which stood on the site of the Clivedon Hotel. Englefield had beautiful gardens which stretched down to the River Avon - it became the garden showplace of early Ch. Ch. ^{may have been} The house ~~was~~ designed by B.W. Mountfort. Mountfort trained in England & arrived in Canterbury in 1850. Englefield is an interesting example of Mountfort's early domestic architecture - comparable with Middleton Grange (1855) in which he also uses cob construction. Englefield's most unusual feature is the barrel-vaulted ceiling in the drawing-room, possibly the only one in a domestic house in N.Z. This is an indication of Mountfort's interest in the Gothic revival style which culminates in the Cant. Provincial Govt. Buildings. Englefield was built mainly of bricks brought out as ballast in the early sailing ships. Today the house sits in an area that has been zoned for an expressway - although the house will probably be saved. When the property was purchased by the present owners, Mr & Mrs Ryman, the house had fallen into disrepair. The Rymans have since restored & refurnished the house to the period of its construction. They hope that one day, when fully restored, the house will

CRITERIA FOR CLASSIFICATION

Social/historical

- 1.1.....
- 1.2.....✓
- 1.3.....
- 1.4.....

Traditional/Cultural

- 2.1.....
- 2.2.....

Archaeological

- 3.1.....

Technological

- 4.1.....

Aesthetic

- 5.1.....
- 5.2.....
- 5.3.....
- 5.4.....
- 5.5.....

Architectural

- 6.1.....
- 6.2.....✓
- 6.3.....✓

Rarity

- 7.1.....

REFERENCES (Write on separate sheets as necessary)

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Secondary Sources

New Zealand Historic Places Trust
Pouhere Taonga



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Sir Michael Hardie Boys GNZM, GCMG,
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17 April 2001

To the Residents of Englefield Historic Area

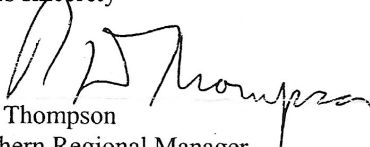
RE: REGISTRATION OF THE ENGLEFIELD HISTORIC AREA

Further to our initial letter of August 2000 about the proposal to register Englefield Historic Area, bounded by the Avon River, Fitzgerald Avenue, Elm Grove and Hanmer Street, you will be delighted to know that the final registration of Englefield Historic Area, was confirmed by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust Board at its meeting on 6th April 2001.

The Englefield Historic Area has been registered for its architectural, historical, and social value. I am sure you are well aware of and enjoy the special qualities of this area and are keen for the neighbourhood to retain this character. The Trust looks forward to working with you to achieve this.

Trust staff are available at any time to provide advice as to the consequences of the registration, and to assist with general conservation advice about alterations to any part of the historic area and its buildings. If you should have any enquiries regarding this letter, please contact Paul Thompson, Southern Regional Manager, ph (03) 377 3968.

Yours sincerely


Paul Thompson
Southern Regional Manager

"Saving Our Past For Our Future"

THE PRESS, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1980. 17

THE Death sentence handed over historic, 130-year-old Englefield

Englefield, a beautiful, rambling old mansion at 230 Fitzgerald Avenue, is thought to be the oldest, lived-in, family home in Christchurch.

But the death sentence looms over its historic, gabled roof. Englefield stands in the way of the proposed Avonside-Woodham expressway.

And, unless vociferous objections are raised before the end of this month, the old family home will be demolished to make way for a four-lane highway and its extensive grassy, landscaped verges.

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he moved there from his first house, which stood on the site of the Clarendon Hotel. With its beautiful gardens stretching down to the River Avon, Englefield became the garden showplace of early Christchurch.

It was designed to be built of brick and stone, with thick walls filled with mud, cut tussock, and manuka strips. The architect was B. W. Mountfort, whose more famous creations include the Canterbury Provincial Chambers, part of Christchurch Cathedral, the Trinity Congregational Church, Canterbury University College, part of Christ's College, Avonside Trinity Church, and the old Normal School.

Over the years, Englefield has seen many different families pass

through its portals until, eight years ago, it was rescued from ruin and vandals by Rex and Frances Ryman. They live there today with their daughter, Russyl.

The house had lain empty for nine months after the previous owner (a Mrs Popple) had died, and when the Ryman bought it there was not even a light fitting or a door handle remaining. Vandals had stripped the house bare, walls had been kicked in, and anything worth taking had been removed.

When Mrs Popple's effects were auctioned, Rex Ryman attended the sale and bought his wife a military chest — something she had wanted for a long time.

"Little did we know then that nine months

later we would buy the house itself and that the military chest would be back in the room where it belonged," Mrs Ryman says.

Before he retired, Mr Ryman was an antique dealer, owning a shop in town and another in Riccarton. Evidence of his passion for antiques can be seen in the furniture surrounding him now.

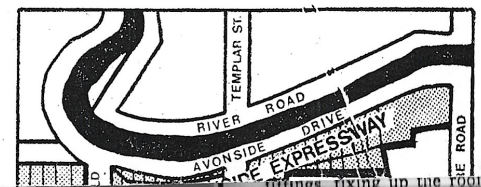
Frances Ryman, a student of history for many years, recently took up teaching at Burnside High School. Her fascination with the past has enabled her to discover much about the history of the house and the people who have lived there. Between them, the Rymans have restored the old house to some of its former glory.

"Everything that is here now, we have done," Mrs Ryman says. "My husband has done all the restoration — painting, wallpapering, putting in all the fittings, fixing up the roof,



cars approaching up the sweeping gravel drive. Its extensive tiled roof.

of an



Englefield 1856 model 1:50 scale July 2016 Prof. Geoff Rice



Englefield NW view



Englefield East view



Englefield South view



Englefield SW view

Clause 14 – Elected Members Information Exchange Beachville Esplanade – 13 April 2022





