



# Reawakening Port Sunlight

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Rare commercial letting opportunities in one of the most unique heritage sites in the North West.



**Port Sunlight**  
VILLAGE TRUST





Bring your business to the unique village and community of Port Sunlight, and help us reawaken some of its most special buildings.

Founded in 1888 to provide sanitary yet beautiful housing for Sunlight Soap factory workers, Port Sunlight is one of the finest and most complete examples of an industrial worker village in the world. With over 900 Grade II listed homes, 130 acres of parks and gardens, award-winning museum, world-class art gallery, and much more, today the Wirral village is a thriving community and visitor destination.

As custodians of the village, Port Sunlight Village Trust is proud to care for a collection of public buildings with huge potential. We're searching for commercial partners who can help us secure a sustainable future for these heritage buildings. Could your business be the next chapter in their story?



# Firstly, what makes Port Sunlight special?



Port Sunlight was founded in 1888 by the industrialist William Lever on the banks of the River Mersey in Wirral, just over the water from Liverpool. He wanted to provide the employees of his new Lever Brothers soap works and their families with decent and affordable housing and a wide range of facilities, services, policies, and incentives to ensure their wellbeing and 'betterment'.

Port Sunlight is not the first example of an industrial worker village, but it is one of the finest surviving examples in the world. It was an immediate precursor to and a model for the Garden City movement and influenced the design of planned worker settlements, garden villages and garden suburbs around the world from the turn of the twentieth century to the present day.



Most residential properties, public buildings and monuments are listed at Grade II. A number of the village's landscapes are also Grade II listed and included in Historic England's register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest, including The Dell and The Diamond. The entire village, set in 130 acres of parkland and gardens, is protected by conservation area status and covenants.

Today the village is home to just over 2,000 residents, a mixture of owner-occupiers and private tenants, and attracts hundreds of thousands of domestic and international visitors each year. It's also a popular filming location.

There are a variety of community organisations and businesses operating here, from the village school to two pubs, a hotel, conferencing and events space, a garden centre, and a theatre.







# Our commercial spaces

## Currently let

- ① Hulme Hall
- ② The Lyceum
- ③ Bridge Cottage
- ④ 23 King George's Drive
- ⑤ 95-96 Greendale Road
- ⑥ Gladstone Theatre
- ⑦ Lever Club
- ⑧ Port Sunlight Garden Centre
- ⑨ Horticultural Hut
- ⑩ Church Hall

## Current projects

- ⑪ The Stables  
*Units available from 2025*
- ⑫ The Fire Engine Station  
*Let agreed (August 2024)*
- ⑬ 93-94 Greendale Road  
*Let agreed (August 2024)*
- ⑭ 33 Boundary Road  
*Unit available*
- ⑮ Boys' Brigade Building  
*Unit available from 2025*



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Available from 2025



## The Stables

Built in 1894 and designed by William Owen, the Stables is sited to the southwest of Gladstone Theatre. It originally housed Lever Brothers' horses, playing an important role in soap manufacturing in Port Sunlight.

The Stables is a rare surviving structure from Port Sunlight's industrial past, most of which was demolished by the mid-1980s. The building was designed to be in keeping with the Arts and Crafts architecture found throughout the village. Today, the imposing building still retains some original features inside and outside.

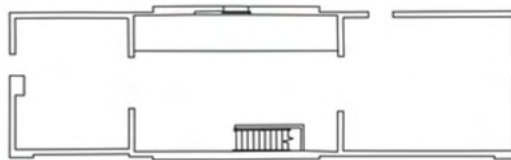


## Floorplan of the Stables

Ground floor



First floor



Total area: c. 3760 sq ft

## The opportunity

- **PSVT is currently undertaking a feasibility study to refurbish the Stables and will bring it to market in 2025**
- The Stables is currently unlisted, however it may potentially be listed in the future
- Multiple units suitable for a range of commercial uses
- Electricity and water
- Cobbled exterior yard to the front provides parking and potential as an occasional event space
- Close proximity to Port Sunlight station (Merseyrail), good road links and cycle routes
- Neighbours include the Gladstone Theatre, Lever Club, Tudor Rose Tea Rooms and Bridge Cottage

## Get in touch

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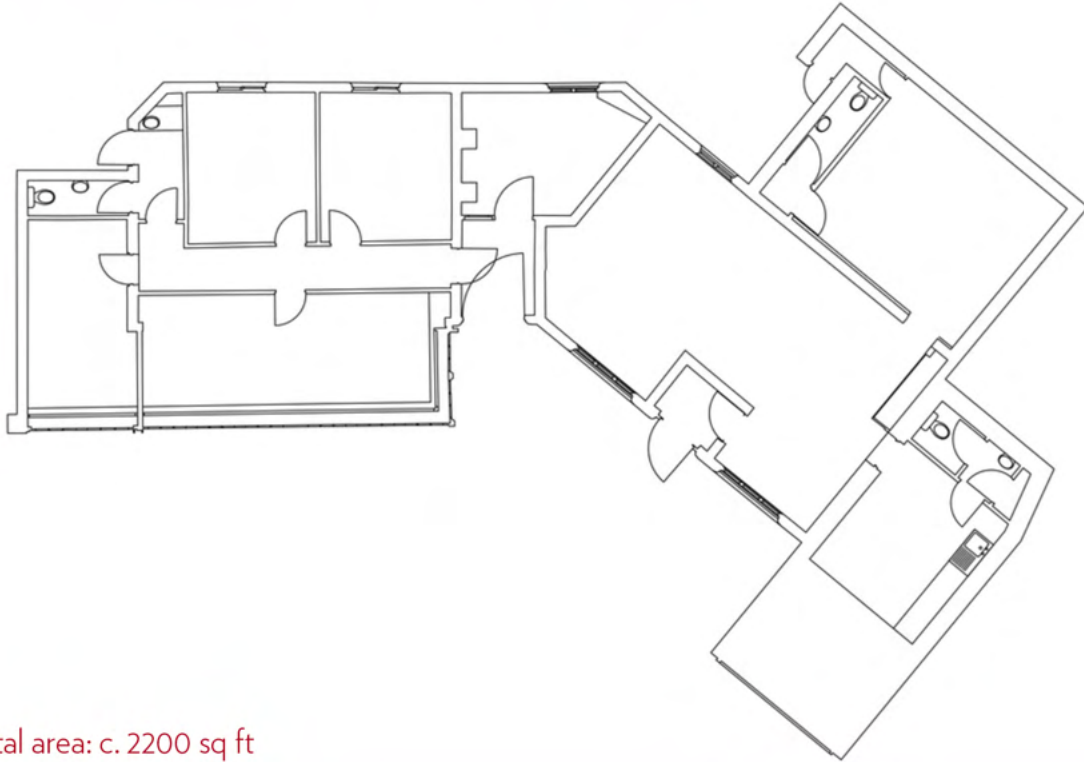


# The Fire Engine Station

Built 1902 and designed by William & Segar Owen, the Fire Engine Station is situated in a lane that runs between Park Road and Wood Street. The building was originally used as stables, but became a fire station in 1906. The horse drawn appliances were replaced by motorised vehicles in 1914. There was also a fire station within the factory, built in 1885. They were both operational until 1957 when Cheshire Fire Brigade built a new station off New Chester Road to serve the area instead. Since then, the Fire Engine Station has been used as offices previously though has stood empty for several years.



## Floorplan of the Fire Engine Station



Total area: c. 2200 sq ft

### The opportunity

- The Stables is a Grade II listed building
- Suitable for a range of commercial uses
- Electricity and water
- Exterior yard to the front provides parking
- Close proximity to Port Sunlight station (Merseyrail), good road links and cycle routes
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## 93-94 Greendale Road

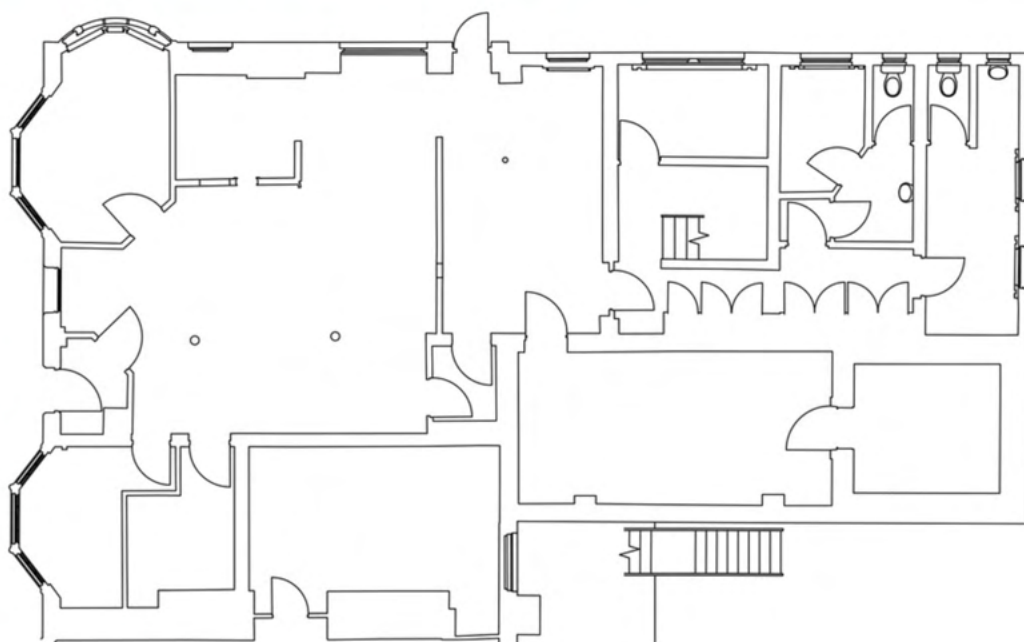
Although it opened initially as a Girls` Hostel, this was not popular with the female employees and it became the Free Library in 1903. It was designed by architects Maxwell & Tuke, most notable for designing Blackpool Tower.

It also included a small museum, which contained items that had been given or lent by William Lever. The library had separate reading rooms for men and women and its members paid an annual subscription of 2d. Later, half of the building was taken over by NatWest until it closed in 2022. Next door is an accountants and above is Port Sunlight Village Trust offices.





## Floorplan of 93-94 Greendale Road



Total area: c. 1700 sq ft

### The opportunity

- Ground floor unit with a range of spaces and potential uses e.g. storage, kitchen
- Electricity and water
- Close proximity to Port Sunlight station (Merseyrail), good road links and cycle routes
- Neighbours include the Gladstone Theatre, Lever Club, Tudor Rose Tea Rooms and Bridge Cottage



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## 33 Boundary Road

This distinctive property sits in the corner of the village on the boundary of Port Sunlight Conservation Area and New Ferry. Designed by Grayson & Ould, it has been home to various businesses in the past since it was built in 1905, most notably as a general store.

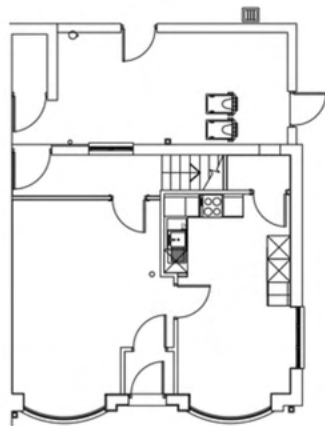
Today, it provides a perfect opportunity for a business to open up shop in one of the most unique heritage sites and communities in the North West.



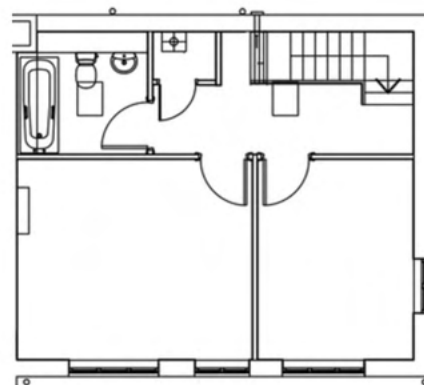


## Floorplan of 33 Boundary Road

Ground floor



First floor



Total area: 2100 sq ft

### The opportunity

- We are seeking proposals from independent creative or food-led businesses
- Unit available with ground floor and first floor spaces
- Situated around the corner from bustling New Ferry high street
- Electricity and water
- Small rear yard
- Close proximity to Bebington station (Merseyrail) and road links

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## Boys' Brigade Building

Located adjacent to Port Sunlight's iconic Lyceum as part of the original village school, the Boys' Brigade Building has been an important place for the community, most significantly as a home for the Boys' Brigade and the Lyceum Brass Band. It now provides an opportunity for a range of commercial uses.



Boys Brigade's First Parade on Bridge Street  
6 May 1900



## Floorplan of the Boys' Brigade Building



Total area: c. 2630 sq ft

### The opportunity

- Single unit available
- Located next to the Lyceum and overlooks the beautiful Dell park, with some of the village's most exciting venues and spaces on its doorstep
- Electricity and water
- Parking spaces
- Close proximity to Port Sunlight station (Merseyrail) and road links

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# Our other commercial spaces



## Hulme Hall

Once the dining hall for Lever Brothers' female employees is now a functions and weddings space with a café.



## 95-96 Greendale Road

Part of what was once the village's Free Library. Currently occupied by O'Neill Accountants.



## The Lyceum

Originally the village school, currently occupied by the Lyceum Social Club, Paddock Johnson Architects and SoapWorks learning centre



## Gladstone Theatre

A thriving theatre with a long heritage of entertaining audiences, operated by Gladstone Theatre Trust.



## Church Hall

A well-used community space, currently occupied by Christ Church URC



## Lever Club

A popular functions venue with a bowling green.



## The Gallery at Bridge Cottage

One of the most distinctive Arts and Crafts-style houses in the village. Open for temporary exhibitions.



## Port Sunlight Garden Centre

A large, established family-run garden centre with regular visitors from across Wirral.



## 23 King George's Drive

This imposing building was the Girls' Club, but was transformed into Port Sunlight Museum in 2006.



## Horticultural Hut

Once part of one of the village's original allotments.