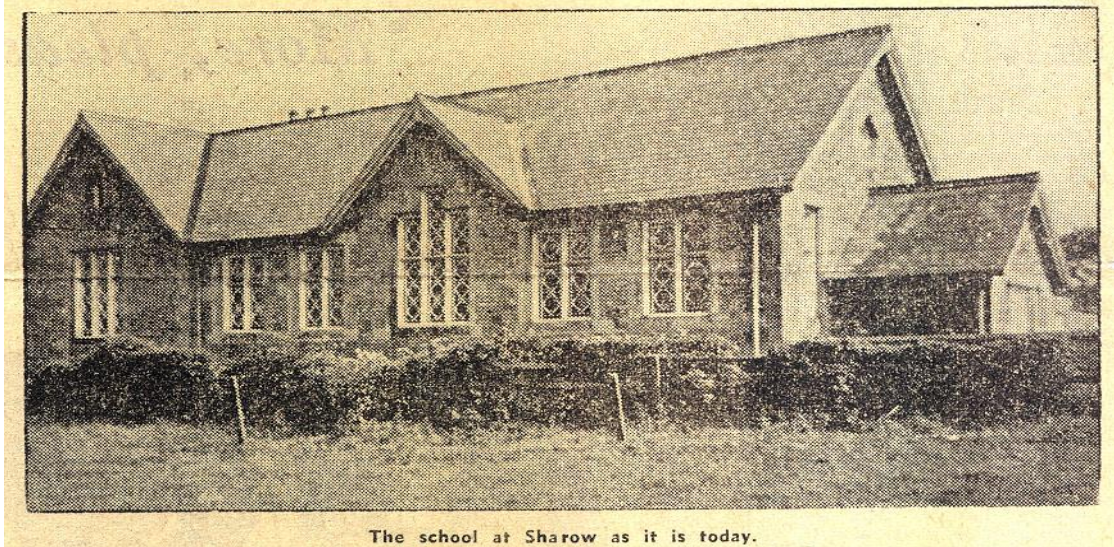


Sharow School.

“Provides good education for primary age pupils in accordance with a Christian ethos and Anglican character with roots going back to about 1825.”



The school at Sharow as it is today.

Darlington & Stockton Times – Ripon & Richmond Chronicle. 1957.
(Supplied by Bess Chapman)

In 1825, Elizabeth Sophia Lawrence of Studley Royal gave the Parsonage, a farmhouse called Throstle’s Nest, to the parish. She also donated the master’s house and small schoolroom now known as ‘School House’, (this is the first record of a ‘school’ in Sharow). One record suggests there were seven fee-paying scholars.

An anonymous note from about this time states:

“The school was very small and the scholars few”.

In 1854, Edwin Walter Robert Williams was appointed Master of the Parish School and retained the position for 45 years. St John’s Side Chapel South Window, 1899-1901 is accompanied by a brass wall plaque inscribed and with the images of Eli with Samuel and Paul with Timothy, being appropriate to the memory of someone who committed his life to teaching the young.

“To the glory of God In memory of Edwin Walter Robert Williams For 45 years Master of the Sharow School who died May 9th 1899 aged 74 years. This window is dedicated by parishioners, scholars and friends.”

There is an unconfirmed reference to school construction taking place in 1857 and in 1863 School House was enlarged and improved. On the south wall of the Tower Room is a plaque reading:

“Sharow Church of England School AD 1857. George Knowles Esq^r: formerly of Lucan House Sharow, and afterwards of Scarborough bequeathed £400 for the yearly augmentation of the salary of the Master or Mistress of this School, which was placed with the Charity Commissioners for Investment in the Funds.

The trustees of this gift are the Bishop of Ripon, the incumbent of Sharow and the Churchwardens of Sharow, for the time being”.

George Knowles, architect of St John’s, was generous towards the church both during his life and in his will. On the nave south wall is a stone monument bearing the inscription:

“In memory of George Knowles Esq. Formerly of Lucan House Sharow and afterwards of Wood End, Scarborough where he died 23rd June 1866 aged 80 years. An able and successful civil engineer he cheerfully dedicated to God a portion of his own gifts. He designed and superintended the building of this church and bequeathed the interest of £500 to the parochial school attached to. Also of Ann Knowles Widow and relict of the above who died at Wood End 22 January 1867 aged 72 years She bequeathed the interest of £200 towards the (upkeep) of this church and churchyard.”



Sharow School planting daffodil bulbs on the lay-bye – Hutton Bank Top - 1938

(Supplied by Angela Grundy).

Sharow C of E Voluntary Controlled Primary School is located just west of the church on Berrygate Lane. In the mid 1990s improvements were made to the school with the building of an additional classroom and office facilities. For over one hundred years the school house was the residence of the parish priest but in 2003 reverted to the school when the priest moved into a modern property in the village.

The School House was quickly brought into use by the school with an after school club. In 2005 alterations and refurbishments were carried out to make School House more suitable for school use and improve parking for school and church. This also resulted in the removal of the temporary classroom, which had been on the site for over 25 years.



Joan Hornby with Miss Brown (Background). Round the table clockwise: Jean Pickersgill, Stephen Pybus, Michael Relton, Colin Tiffany, John Robshaw. About 1965. *(Supplied by Alice Thrush).*

Head Teachers of Sharow School

1854 – 1899 Mr E Williams
 1899 – 1913 Mr E Parkin
 1913 – 1930 Mr G White
 1930 – 1939 Mrs Balnaves
 1939 – 1945 Mrs Simpson
 1945 – 1950 Mrs Winter
 1951 – 1969 Mrs Helen Brown
 1969 – 1985 Mr David Lancaster
 1985 – 1987 Mrs Abraham-Thomas
 1987 – 1992 Mr David Roberts

1992 – 2004 Miss Margaret Smith
2005 Mr J Foxwell