

Two images taken in 1998 of the South elevation of Grade 1 listed 8 Johnstone Street- the eastern terrace designed in 1788 by Thomas Baldwin. Number 1 was built in 1794, numbers 9-15 completed between 1794-1801 and numbers 2-8 completed in 1805. NB Plans to continue the terrace into a crescent were never completed, Number 8 was not constructed to be an end of terrace. The six- story freehold owned house includes a double level of vaults which extend to halfway across Johnstone Street with an exterior wall and entry door onto the Recreation Ground. Door clearly labelled as in use.

The Incident: A 17 tonne container containing concrete girders was shaken and dropped from the back of the lorry at the Rec, adjacent to 8 Johnstone Street during building operations to the West Stand by Bath Rugby Plc's contractor. It severely damaged the stability of the structure of the building particularly the staircase, windows, and vaults. The photos show the extensive scaffolding required to be erected following this incident.

BATH RUGBY PLC REFUSED TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY. THE CONTRACTOR PUT THEMSELVES INTO VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION. THE FREEHOLDERS HAD TO PAY IN EXCESS OF £55K TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE THEMSELVES.

In the 2010's whilst contractors were digging foundations to support the enlarged North and East Stands, 8 Johnstone Street continuously shook violently, windows vibrated, and china fell out of crockery cabinets. Events reported to Bath Rugby.

PROOF OF THE POTENTIAL FALGILITY OF THE STRUCTURE OF ADJOINING JOHNSTONE STREET & THE LIKELY EFFECT OF ESCAVATION/WORK ON THE REC.

