

25: WANDSWORTH COMMON

(f) ST. ANNE'S

(For an account of the history of the area see **Wandsworth Common: Introduction.**)

Buildings & Townscape

The St. Ann's Crescent area is dominated by St. Anne's Church, a grade II* listed building and local landmark. The area is physically separated from Wandsworth Common and has little direct historical association with it.

The Church was built in 1820-24 as the parish church, to designs by Robert Smirke in a Greek Revival style. In 1891 William White truncated the western gallery, and in 1896 E.W.Mountford added an apsidal Chancel, Lady chapel and vestries. The church is built of stock brick with Portland stone dressings. The magnificent west front consists of massive tetrastyle Ionic pedimented portico and lobby bearing a domed circular tower of two stages. The circular apse at the east end fronts onto St. Ann's Crescent. The cast iron gate piers were reinstated in 1993 to the entrance to the grounds on St. Ann's Hill. Adjoining the church is the former vicarage and church hall.

St. Ann's Crescent contains some early Victorian houses. No.18 represents a pair of three storey brick properties in a Regency Style with hipped slate roof. Decorative wrought iron balconies add visual interest. They are listed grade II.

Rosehill, Geraldine and the south side of Eglantine Roads are mainly characterised by terraced buildings. They represent a varied but interesting late C19th townscape of mainly yellow stock and gault brick houses.

This character statement is intended to give an overview of the development and current character of the conservation area; it is not intended to be prescriptive, nor to be a summary of planning constraints or an inventory of individual buildings or other features whether listed or otherwise.