

Sandys Mausoleum

A buttressed gothic mausoleum built of sandstone with a pitched roof. The side walls retain their medieval lancet windows, but the east and west walls were rebuilt when the structure was converted to a mausoleum in the early 19th century. The crenellated parapet, arched entrance and all the other embellishments date from the later period.

Churchyard of St Andrew
Ombersley
Worcestershire
WR9 0EW
England

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Architects

Probably Thomas Rickman

Year Built

1830

Style

Gothic Revival

Listing

Grade II* (England and Wales)

Condition

Good (November 2023). The exterior was restored in 1997 when the roof was re-slatted and much stonework replaced. The interior was restored in 1998.

History

When Thomas Rickman built the new church was built at Ombersley for the Sandys family, who were lords of the manor, between 1825 and 1829, he probably also converted the chancel of the old one for use as their mausoleum. The family had been established in the area since at least the 17th century and old church contains some fine monuments that pre-date its conversion to a mausoleum. These include a cartouche in memory of Samuel Sandys (d.1685) carved by William Bird, and a monument to Edwin Lord Sandys (d.1797) with a bust by Nollekens. The mausoleum still belongs to the family, the last interment being that of the 6th Lord Sandys, the father of the present peer.

Sources

BoE: Worcestershire (1968), 229-30.

Photos







Location

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