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Waterbarn Chapel is a former Baptist chapel built in 1847 Rossendale. In 2022, it was burnt down by arsonists, leaving it derelict, structurally unsafe, and a hive for criminal activity.

Along with our collaborators, we aim to reimagine the Chapel as affordable, temporary housing for those in need. Our goal is to maintain the chapel's historic integrity, change its use to benefit a new user group, better the local environment for residents, improve land values, and reduce crime in the area.



Skills Acquired:

- Adaptive Reuse
- Heritage Preservation
- Community-Centered Design
- Conceptual Designing

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