



Percival Blow – List of Works

(Revised November 2022)

In 2018/19, members of the Society researched the life and work of Percival Blow, an architect who worked mostly in his home town of St Albans but also Harpenden, Luton and beyond. The Society's book, *St Albans Architect Percival Blow: from Arts and Crafts to Gothic Revival and Art Deco*, published in 2019, was the result of this research.

Produced in the book is a list of works collated from various sources such as plans, planning records and oral tradition. Due to the nature of surviving archival collections, this list will likely never be complete. What follows is based on the list published in the book but expanded in two ways: firstly, it shows the sources we drew upon for each commission; secondly, whereas the book typically itemizes new developments only, the following list also includes building alterations.

If you are aware of likely Blow commissions not identified below, please email the Society via library@stalbanhistory.org.

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Notes for using the list

- Any dates in the 'Year' column should be treated as an estimate only.
- The abbreviations in the 'Status of plans' column are: A = Approved; B = Built; P = Proposed.

St Albans						
Title	Year	Status of plans	Type	Location	Source	Comments
Two houses/Three shops, 67-71 Catherine Street and a pair of semi-detached houses, Catherine Street	1897	B	Commercial	Catherine Street	Herts Archives & Local Studies (HALS) SBR/1793	Client G. W. Blow. Plans approved April 1897.
Four villas, Upper Worley Road	1897		Residential	Upper Worley Road	<i>The Builder</i> 14/8/1897 pg 142 col. 1	Local builder, Savage, successfully bid for the project.
Detached house, 5 Stanhope Road	1897	B	Residential	Stanhope Road	Shepherd Plan No. 13, SAHAAS Collection. HALS Acc 4899 (Folder 5)	Client J. Ernest Randall. Plans and elevations dated 22 December 1897. Builder J.T. Bushell.
One house, 27 Etna Road	1898	B	Residential	Etna Road	HALS Acc 4899 (Folder 2)	Client Mrs Maclarty. Builder J.T. Bushell. February 1898.
Two villas, 1 & 3 Etna Road	c.1898	B	Residential	Etna Road	HALS Acc 4899 (Folder 2)	Client Cllr James Flint. built by J.T. Bushell.
House, Beaconsfield Road	1898	?	Residential	Beaconsfield Road	<i>Herts Ad</i> 12/2/1898 pg 5	Client Mr W Payne.
Four cottages, 57-63 Culver Road	c.1898	B	Residential	Culver Road	HALS Acc 4899 (Folder 2)	Client Miss E Marshall.
Two cottages, 65 & 67 Culver Road	1898	B	Residential	Culver Road	HALS Acc 4899 (Folder 2)	Client Mrs E Clarke.
Seven villas, 2-8, 10, 16, 18 Gombards	c.1898	B	Residential	Gombards	St Albans Conservation Area Character Statement: 7L: Gombards and the Spencer Park Estate, St Albans City & District Council (SADC)	Client G.W. Blow. Other refs: Hand drawn sales plan (HALS DE/Hx/E760); advert for 7 plots on Gombards estate (<i>Herts Ad</i> 10 July 1897 p.1). No. 4 was probably built for H.W. Edwards (<i>Herts Ad</i> 30 August 1902). P.C. Blow lived at No. 6 for a while.
Detached house, St Paul's Lodge, Stanhope Road, St Albans	1899	B	Residential	Stanhope Road	Shepherd Plan No. 141, SAHAAS Collection.	Plan for house in Stanhope Road, St Albans, for Mrs E.L.K. Stroud, 15 April 1899. In 1908 plans were approved to add a bay window.
Alterations to public house, Sandridge Road	1899	B	Commercial	Sandridge Road	<i>Herts Ad</i> 8/7/1899 pg 5	Jolly Sailor. Client Benskin's. Date stone in front of the main building of 1899 records when the alterations were made.
Stable block for drapers, The Cloisters (off High Street)	1899	B	Commercial	The Cloisters (off High Street)	<i>Herts Ad</i> 8/7/1899 pg 5	Client Fisk & Son. Stable block at rear of premises south of High Street. Demolished.
Detached house, Grosvenor Road	1899	B	Residential	Grosvenor Road	<i>Herts Ad</i> 8/7/1899 pg 5. HALS Acc 4899	Caerwent. Client Cllr Edwin Lee. Builder J.T. Bushell.
Detached house, London Road	1899	B	Residential	London Road	<i>Herts Ad</i> 8/7/1899 pg 5	Rosemont. Client possibly Walter Lawrence Glover.
Four semi-detached houses, 48-54 Clarence Road	1900-04	B	Residential	Clarence Road	St Albans Conservation Area Character Statement: 7i: Clarence Park, SADC	Client Thomas George Hale. Probable that Blow also designed 56-62 Clarence Road for Hale. Family-held notes indicate that 'many more' semis in in this section of Clarence Road were designed for Hale but only 4 are attributed to him in SADC document referred to.
Detached house, 64 Clarence Road	1900	B	Residential	Clarence Road	Copy of sketch (Chris Blow)	Linacre. Client Thomas George Hale.
Detached house, Cumberland Road, St Albans	1902	B	Residential	Cumberland Road	Shepherd Plan No. 49, SAHAAS Collection	Three-storey detached house in Cumberland Road, off St Peter's Street (now Carlisle Avenue). Second plan in set has property name The Hollies, client R. Gibbs, and relates to alterations dated 27 March 1906.

Straw hat factory, Beaconsfield Road	1903	B	Commercial	Beaconsfield Road	<i>Building News and Engineering Journal</i> , 1903, vol. 85, p. 227	Client Messrs Cooper, Box.
Detached house, St Peter's Street	1904	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Various	Aston/Parkbury House. Client Mrs Claudia Louisa Taylor. Planning approval 12 April 1904. Now a medical practice.
Detached house, 17 Ridgmont Road	1904		Residential	Ridgmont Road	Various	Rooksbury. Client P.C. Blow.
Two semi-detached houses, 9 & 11 Hall Place Gardens	1905	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Various	St Olaves and Althorp. Client Herbert Leake, ironmonger, with a shop in Market Place. Plans approved 28 February 1905.
Detached house, Townsend Place	1905	B	Residential	Townsend Place (now part of Townsend Avenue)	Various	Cransley. Client Herbert Leake. Plans probably approved February 1905, at same time as 9 & 11 Hall Place Gardens. His address was given as Cransley (<i>Herts Ad</i> 20 October 1906). Demolished.
Detached house, 3 Hall Place Gardens	1905	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Various	St Bridget's. Client Henry Steers. Plans approved 11 April 1905.
Detached house, 5 Hall Place Gardens	1905	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Various	Ingleside. Client Henry Steers. Plans approved 11 April 1905. Sold to Thomas Marks in 1910, son of the last Marks to own the Peahen PH.
Detached house, 10 Hall Place Gardens	1905	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Various	Neerang, later called Hemingford. Client P.C. Blow. Plans approved 25 April 1905. Sold to Alice Mary Smith on 12 December 1905.
Detached house, Townsend Place	1905	B	Residential	Townsend Place	Various	Cotswold. Client Henry Steers. Plans approved 11 April 1905. Demolished.
Detached house, 24 Hall Place Gardens	1905/06	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Various	The Elms. Client Mrs M.A. Langridge. Plans approved 12 September 1905.
Detached house, 23 Hall Place Gardens	1906	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Various	Gable End. Client Henry Steers. Plans approved 5 December 1905.
Detached house, 19 Hall Place Gardens	1906	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Various	Darfield, later called Pentrie. Client Henry Steers. Plans approved 5 December 1905.
Detached house, 21 Hall Place Gardens	1906	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Various	Rathlin. Client Henry Steers. Plans approved 3 January 1906. Mirror image of no. 23.
Detached house, 15 Hall Place Gardens	1906	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Various	Mavisbank. Client Thomas William Chilvers. Plans approved 22 May 1906.
Detached house, 8 Hall Place Gardens	1906	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Various	Somerville. Client P.C. Blow. Plans approved 13 March 1906.
Detached house, 20 Hall Place Gardens	1907	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Various	Ringwood. Client Ezra Dunham. Plans approved 9 October 1906. Cross-referencing SADC 'Old Book' and HALS SBR/869 'Urban Authority and General Purposes Committee Minute Book', 1906-09 indicates Blow as architect. It was acquired by St Albans High School for Girls in 1947.
Additions to house, Grosvenor Road	1906	A	Residential	Grosvenor Road	HALS SBR/869	Client A.F. Phillips
House and stabling, St Bernard's Road	1906	B	Residential	St Bernard's Road, previously called Stoney Road	HALS SBR/869	Heath Lodge. Client G. Elmes. Then and now a veterinary practice.

Detached house, 1 Hall Place Gardens	1907/08	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Various	Kempton. Client Henry Steers. Plans approved 10 September 1907. HALS SBR/869, 'Urban Authority and General Purposes Committee Minute Book', 1906-09 identify this as a Blow design. Now divided into flats.
Detached house, 13 Hall Place Gardens	1908	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Various	Theydons (The Halt on 1911 census). Client Charles Dumpleton. Plans approved 5 November 1907. HALS SBR/869, 'Urban Authority and General Purposes Committee Minute Book', 1906-09 indicate Blow as architect.
Additions to almshouses, Spicer Street	1907	B	Residential	Spicer Street	HALS SBR/869	Client Raynshawe's Trustees. Further alterations were made in 1933, possibly to drainage (HALS Acc 5646).
Two cottages, Old London Road	1907	B	Residential	Old London Road	HALS SBR/869	Client Revd Caven.
Detached house, Old London Road	1907	B	Residential	Old London Road	HALS SBR/869	Client Revd Caven.
Additions to detached house, Abbey Mill Lane	1907	B	Residential	Abbey Mill Lane	HALS SBR/869	Abbey Gate House. Client Charles Woollam.
Detached house, St Peter's Street	1907/08	B	Residential	Townsend Ave		Stanley Lodge. Client Henry Steers. Plans approved 22 October 1907. HALS SBR/869, 'Urban Authority and General Purposes Committee Minute Book', 1906-09 identify this as a Blow design.
School Assembly Hall Building, Romeland	1907	B	Institutional	Romeland	Various	Client St Albans School. Stone laid 22 April 1907 (per July edition <i>The Albanian</i> pp. 258-260): Assembly Hall; 8 classrooms; opening 13 March 1908 per <i>Architects Journal</i> April 1908 pp. 320-1; <i>Building News</i> 26/4/1907 p. 581 confirms Ekins of Hertford as the builders.
Widening of Watsons Walk and alterations to Watsons Row	1908	B	Street improvements	Watsons Walk	HALS SBR/869	Client Dr H J W Martin.
Fives Court, Romeland	1908	B	Institutional	Romeland	HALS SBR/869	Client St Albans School.
Additions and alterations to house, Catherine Street	1908	B	Residential	Catherine Street	HALS SBR/869	'Bleak House'. Client H Wollaston.
Five cottages, Old London Road	1908	B	Residential	Old London Road	HALS SBR/869	Client Revd Caven.
Detached house, Manor Road	1908	B	Residential	Manor Road	SAHAAS A1/6/c	Client Dr May. Plans approved 8 December 1908.
Pair of semi-detached houses, 26 & 28 Brampton Road, and detached house 52 Blandford Road	1909	B	Residential	Brampton Road and Blandford Road	St Albans Museum plan X395	Client Vail & Shore. Plans approved 2 June 1909.
Detached house, 7 Hall Place Gardens	1909	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Various	Danum. Client Charles Dumpleton. Plans approved 8 December 1908..
Detached house, 17 Hall Place Gardens	1910	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Various	Minsterley. Client Charles Dumpleton. Plans approved 26 October 1909.
Motor house, Hatfield Road	1909	A	Residential	Hatfield Road	HALS SBR/869	Client Horace Slade.
House and two shops, Catherine Street	1909	A	Residential	Catherine Street	HALS SBR/869	Client William Smith.
Seven wash-houses, Alexandra Road	1909	A	Residential	Alexandra Road	HALS SBR/870	Client Mrs Ball.
Detached house, Gorhambury estate	1909/10	B	Residential	Gorhambury	HALS D/EV E590	Praewood House. Client Lady Hesketh Prichard. Builder Ezra Dunham.
Additions to laundry, Belmont Hill	1909	A	Commercial	Belmont Hill	HALS SBR/870	Client Sanitary Laundry St Albans Ltd.
Additions to factory, Grosvenor Road	1909	A	Commercial	Grosvenor Road	HALS SBR/870	Client Brushes Ltd.
Alterations to hotel, Holywell Hill	1909	A	Commercial	Holywell Hill	HALS SBR/870	White Hart. Client Benjamin Bennett.
Greenhouse, Avenue Road	1910	A	Residential	Avenue Road	HALS SBR/862	Sherwood. Client W.C. Beetles.

Detached house, St Peter's Street	1910	B	Residential	St Peter's Street	Various	Michael, later called Alban House. Client Arthur William Card.
Alterations to printworks, Spencer Street.	1910	A	Commercial	Spencer Street	St Albans Museum plan 2524	Client Gibbs and Bamforth. Alterations to printworks approved April 1910.
Two houses, Gombards	1910	A	Residential	Gombards	HALS SBR/862	Clients C.G. Davis & H.S Gibbs.
Shop, Verulam Road	1910	A	Commercial	Verulam Road	HALS SBR/862	Client C. Pearce.
House, Upton Avenue	1910	A	Residential	Upton Avenue	HALS SBR/862	Client the Misses Ryder.
Retail premises, 19-21 High Street	1911	A	Commercial	High Street	St Albans Museum plan 1414a	Client J Fisk & Son.
Additions to shop, 13 Holywell Hill	1911	A	Commercial	Holywell Hill	HALS SBR/862	Client G. Mence Smith.
Parish building, 2 Romeland	1911	B	Institutional	Romeland	HALS SBR/862	Client Abbey Parish.
Alterations and additions to shop, 4 St Peter's Street	1911	B	Commercial	St Peter's Street	Shepherd Plan No. 41, SAHAAS Collection. HALS SBR/862	Client William Young, auctioneer. Plans were approved in January 1911 to radically alter the frontage of the building, with gabled roof to tie into the design of 1 Victoria Street (designed by Blow), immediately adjacent to it. Internal alterations were also made.
Alterations to cinema, London Road	1911	U	Commercial	London Road	St Albans Museum plans X1731	Client Alpha Picture Palace.
Office premises, Holywell Hill	1911		Commercial	Holywell Hill	other	Client Ryder & Son Ltd. <i>Herts Ad</i> 29 July 1911.
Detached house incorporating boarding school, Abbey Mill Lane	1912	B	Institutional	Abbey Mill Lane	<i>A Short History of St Albans School</i> by F.I. Kilvington p. 79	Client St Albans School. Contractors J Honour & Sons of Tring.
Alterations to public house, Portland Street	1913	B	Commercial	Portland Street	Correspondence with City Surveyor and plans in SADC collection	Portland Arms. Client Messrs Adey & White.
Church Hall, Blandford Road	1913-14	B	Institutional	Blandford Road	<i>Building News</i> 13 March 1914 p. 382	St Paul's Church. Builders Miskin's.
Alterations to school buildings, Townsend Avenue	1915	B	Institutional	Townsend Ave	SADC plan 2585 (CB)	Client St Albans High School for Girls. Extension at rear of main building.
Retail premises, 1-7 Victoria Street	1911	B	Commercial	Victoria Street	SAHAAS A1/4/d	Client W.S. Green, draper. Three-storey corner building included four shops with lodgings above for Green's employees when first opened. It later became home to the National Provincial Bank, then a branch of the Leeds Permanent Building Society and currently the Skipton Building Society.
Two cottages, Gorhambury estate	1919/20	B	Residential	Gorhambury	HALS D/EV E511	Client Gorhambury estate. Builders Miskin's.
Retail premises, 8 St Peter's Street	1920	B	Commercial	St Peter's Street	HALS SBR/872; St Albans Museum plan #4070	Client T. Oakley & Co. Ltd, food and wine merchants. Plans approved 30 March 1920. The building was extended in 1932, plans approved 12 July 1932.
Retail premises, 29 St Peter's Street	1922	B	Commercial	29 St Peter's Street	SAHAAS <i>Herts Advertiser</i> photo collection	Client J. Sainsbury.
Bank premises, 1 High Street	1922	B	Commercial	High Street	SAHAAS <i>Herts Advertiser</i> photo collection	Client Barclays Bank. New three-storey building linked to existing bank building.
School sports pavilion, Belmont Hill	1922	B	Institutional	Belmont Hill	<i>The Albanian</i>	Client St Albans School. <i>The Albanian</i> Vol 11, No 10, p279. Demolished.

War memorial, Romeland	1925	B	Institutional	Romeland	SAHAAS <i>Herts Ad</i> photo 25101924A	Client Old Albanians Club. <i>Herts Ad</i> 25 October 1924 sketch of memorial. <i>The Albanian</i> , April 1925, confirms it was dedicated in February that year.
Memorial hall, Branch Road	1925	B	Institutional	Branch Road	SAHAAS <i>Herts Ad</i> photo 31101925A	Client St Michael's Parish. Date of unveiling May 1925 per dedication stone)
Retail premises, 115 Victoria Street.	1926	A	Commercial	Victoria Street	St Albans Museum plan #2443	Client A. L. Hines, house furnishers. Plans approved 15 June 1926.
Additions to school buildings, Townsend Avenue	1926	B	Institutional	Townsend Ave	SADC plan 2585 (CB)	Client St Albans High School for Girls. Further extension of alterations made by Bow in 1915.
Alterations to house, Watling Street	1926	A	Residential	St Stephens	St Albans Museum plan 2419	Client Dr Barker. Plans approved 15 May 1926.
Alterations to school buildings, Spicer Street	1926	A	Institutional	Spicer Street	St Albans Museum plan #2465	Client St Albans Abbey National Schools. Plans approved 13 July 1926.
Block of garages, Russell Avenue	1926	A	Commercial	Russell Ave	St Albans Museum plan #2491	Client A.J. Reynolds. Plans approved 15 September.
Detached house, Waverley Road	1926	A	Residential	Waverley Road	St Albans Museum plan M0501 #2418	Client A. Woodley. Plans approved 18 May 1926.
Alterations to Kingsbury Lodge, Branch Road	1926	A	Residential	Branch Road	St Albans Museum plan M0500 #2493	Kingsbury Lodge. Client Mrs Coulter. Plans for lift and conversion of billiard room approved 15 September 1926.
Alterations to retail premises, Market Place	1926	A	Commercial	Market Place	St Albans Museum plan M0502 #2503	Client Gibbs & Bamforth. Plans for the conversion of groundfloor to five separate shop units approved 15 September 1926.
Alterations to printworks, Spencer Street	1927	A	Commercial	Spencer Street	St Albans Museum plan #5561	Client Gibbs & Bamforth. Plans for new suite of offices and frontage approved 6 December 1927. Demolished.
Public house, Hatfield Road	1927	P	Commercial	Hatfield / Sutton roads, corner of	Specification HALS Acc 4899	Rat's Castle. Client Benskin's. Builders J.T. Bushell.
Vicarage, St Michael's Street	1927	B	Institutional	St Michael's Street	Drawings in St Michael's Archives	Client Vicar and Churchwardens, St Michael St Albans.
School classroom block, Romeland	1929	B	Institutional	Romeland	<i>A Short History of St Albans School</i> b. v F.I. Kilvington p92	Client St Albans School. New Junior School building. Builders Foster of Hitchin; keystone laid 1928.
Retail premises, 6-8 High Street	1929	B	Commercial	High Street	SADC plan 3188	Client Andrews Outfitters Ltd. Three-storey shop premises. Plans approved March 1929
Garage, Acrise (originally Aerial, Hall Place Gardens	1929	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens	Shepherd Plan No. 124, SAHAAS Collection	Client Mr. L.L. Gwynne Jones. Plans approved 22 October 1929. The house and garage were demolished in 1969. The house design is currently attributed to architect A.O. Breeds.
Alterations and addition to hotel, Holywell Hill	1930	A	Commercial	Holywell Hill	St Albans Museum plan M0497 #3470	The Peahen. Client C. Miskin & Son. Plans approved March and October 1930. Work included conversion of groundfloor from 6 to 10 shop units.
Brewery bottle washing room, Chequer Street	1930	A	Commercial	Chequer Street	St Albans Museum plan #3525	Client Messrs Adey & White. Plans approved 6 May 1930.
Detached house, 29 Gurney Court Road, for Ernest Ward	1930	B	Residential	Gurney Court Road	St Albans Museum plan M0495 #3539	Client Ernest Ward. Plans dated 7 May 1930.

Retail premises, 18-22 Holywell Hill	1930	B	Commercial	Holywell Hill	St Albans Museum: microfiche	Client F.C. Strofton. Plans received 6 January 1930.
Artist's studio, Orchard House Lane, Holywell Hill	c1930	B	Commercial	Holywell Hill		Client Christopher Webb, stained glass artist. Webb purchased the former stables to Orchard House to use as a studio and subsequently commissioned Blow to design a flat-roofed, brick extension with a large, north-facing window with parquet flooring. Both buildings still stand and are incorporated into a private house.
Retail premises, 13 St Peter's Street	1931?	B	Commercial	St Peter's Street	Herts Ad photo 12021931C	Formerly Maddox fishmongers
Exhibition Hall, Holywell Hill	1931	?	Commercial	Holywell Hill	St Albans Museum: microfiche	Client Ryder & Son Ltd. The Modern Movement style exhibition hall was opened in May 1931. Undated plans exist. Extensions to rear were added (St Albans Museum M0511 #3629).
School swimming pool, Belmont Hill	1933		Institutional	Belmont Hill	<i>The Albanian</i>	<i>The Albanian</i> , Vol 15 No 6, September 1933, pp. 271-2; opened 17 June 1933; builders M. & F.O. Foster of Hitchin.
Detached house, 23 Marlborough Gate	1933		Residential	Marlborough Gate	SADC plan 4101	Rooksbury. Client P.C. Blow. Plans approved 4 November 1932.
Detached house, 25 Marlborough Gate	1933		Residential	Marlborough Gate	SADC plan 4339	Client P.C. Blow. Plans approved 23 May 1933.
Detached house, 7 Pondwicks Close	c. 1933		Residential	Pondwicks Close		Client possibly C. Miskin & Son as Blow worked on behalf of Miskin's to obtain planning approval for the development of Pondwicks Close in 1932 (HALS, SBR/3781, Town Planning Committee Minute Book, 1930-5).
School, Vanda Crescent	1934	B	Institutional	Vanda Crescent	"New Catholic school opened", <i>Herts Advertiser</i> , 7 September 1934, p. 14.	SS Alban & Stephen School. Client Trustees of the Diocese of Westminster.
School science block, Romeland	1936	B	Institutional	Romeland	<i>The Albanian</i>	Client St Albans School. <i>The Albanian</i> 1936, Vol 16 No 5, article 'Progress' pp. 191-2; Miskin's the builders (Kilvington p. 96); to be formally opened 24 November 1936
Extension to printworks, Spencer Street	1937	A	Commercial	Spencer Street	St Albans Museum - original	Client Gibbs & Bamforth. Planning application approved 2 March 1937.
Almshouses, 1 and 3 Dickens Close	1938		Institutional	Dickens Close	William Powell Trust	Client William Powell Trust.
House, Holywell Hill	n.d.	B	Residential	Holywell Hill	Plan from School's collection	Client St Albans School. Drawing indicates it was for the school housekeeper. Demolished.
Additions to chapel building	n.d.	B	Institutional	Sopwell Lane	Website reference	Lean-to added early c. 1920s when occupied by Dagnall Street Baptist Church.
Harpenden						
Details of commission	Year	Status of plans	Type	Location	Source 1	
Detached house, 9 Rothamsted Avenue	1899	B	Residential	Rothamsted Avenue	St Albans Museum - copies	Client G. Phillips. Plans approved by Harpenden Urban District Council (HUDC) 28 August 1899. The design for 9 Rothamsted Avenue was exhibited at the Royal Academy Architecture exhibition in 1900.

Detached house, 11 Rothamsted Avenue	1899	B	Residential	Rothamsted Avenue	St Albans Museum - copies	Client George Watson. Plans approved by HUDC 12 June 1899. Brian Adams' unpublished manuscript, Percival Blow - St Albans Neglected Architect, is the source for information about all 'The Avenues' properties listed here.
Detached house, 17 Kirkwick Avenue	1902	B	Residential	Kirkwick Avenue	St Albans Museum - copies	Client J.G. Pavey, plans approved 14 July 1902.
Detached house, 13 Kirkwick Avenue	c. 1903.	B	Residential	Kirkwick Avenue	St Albans Museum - copies	Client J.G. Pavey.
Detached house, 20 Kirkwick Avenue	c. 1903	B	Residential	Kirkwick Avenue	St Albans Museum - copies	Client Henry Steers.
Detached house, 18 Kirkwick Avenue	1907	B	Residential	Kirkwick Avenue	St Albans Museum - copies	Client C. Tomlin. Plans approved by HUDC 14 May 1907.
Detached house, 1 Longcroft Avenue	1902	B	Residential	Longcroft Avenue	St Albans Museum - copies	Client Mr Black. Plans approved by HUDC 10 July 1902.
Detached house, 3 Longcroft Avenue	1903	B	Residential	Longcroft Avenue	St Albans Museum - copies	Client Mr Black. Plans approved by HUDC 8 December 1902.
Detached house, 5 Longcroft Avenue	1902	B	Residential	Longcroft Avenue	St Albans Museum - copies	Client Mr Black. Plans approved by HUDC 14 July 1902.
Detached house, 12 Longcroft Avenue	c. 1903	B	Residential	Longcroft Avenue	St Albans Museum - copies	Client Arthur Ibbott.
Detached house, 14 Longcroft Avenue						
Pair of semi-detached houses, 18 & 20 Longcroft Avenue	c. 1903	B	Residential	Longcroft Avenue	St Albans Museum - copies	Client Arthur Ibbott.
Two pairs of semi-detached houses, 5-11 Maple Road	c. 1903	B	Residential	Maple Road	St Albans Museum - copies	
St Andrew's Lodge, 7 Southdown Road	1910	B	Residential	Arden Grove	St Albans Museum - copies	Client Bernard Laporte. Built 1910 and extended 1913. See also <i>Historic Building Recording: St Andrew's Lodge, 7 Southdown Road, Harpenden, Hertfordshire</i> , on behalf of Dr N. Kukreja, by Bob Zeepvat BA FSA MCIfA, Icknield Archaeology Ltd, Berkhamsted, April 2015, ref: 1734/HSR/2.
Office, shop and residential premises, 34 Station Road	1912	P	Commercial	Station Road	St Albans Museum - copies	Plans approved 7 August 1912.
Detached house (?), Wheathampstead Road, Harpenden	1913	P	Residential?	Wheathampstead Road	St Albans Museum - copies	
Alterations to tied cottages and public house, High Street	1914	A	Residential & Commercial	High Street	St Albans Museum - copies	The Cross Keys PH and cottages. Client Messrs Adey & White. Plans approved November 1914.
Motor garage, Douglas Road	1922	P	Residential	Douglas Road	St Albans Museum - copies	The Longmynd. Client R.B. Seebohm. Plans approved February 1922.
Bank building, High Street	1923	P	Commercial	High Street	St Albans Museum copies. Conservation Area Character Statement for Harpenden, SADC, p5.	Client Barclays Bank Ltd. Plans approved February 1923.
Garage and additions to house, Salisbury Avenue	1927	P	Residential	Salisbury Avenue	St Albans Museum - copies	St Martens Lodge.
House, Ox Lane	1931	P	Residential	Ox Lane	St Albans Museum - copies	Littlebury. Plans approved December 1931.
Alterations (?) to public house, Station Road	1932	P	Commercial	Station Road	St Albans Museum - copies	Railway Inn.
Others						
Alterations to public house, Redbourn Road	1901		Commercial	Redbourn Road	<i>Herts Ad</i> 6 April 1901 pp. 4 & 5	The Punchbowl. Client Benskin's.
Alterations to public house, Kings Langley	1901	A	Commercial	Kings Langley	<i>Herts Ad</i> 24 August 1901 p. 7	The Eagle. Client Benskin's. List entry Number: 1100444

Warehouse and factory premises, 75-77 Guildford Street, Luton	c1906	B	Commercial	Luton	X843/2/23 and X843/1/633, Beds Archives	Client F. J. Elliott, straw hat manufacturers. Four plans only, no notes or specs, undated. Demolished.
Statement re fence dispute at Ampthill	1908		Residential	Ampthill	HN10/349/JR16. Beds Archives	Blow acted for the plaintiff (changed to defendant in pencil).
Office premise, Oxford Street, London	1913?	P	Commercial	London	LMA COL/SVD/PL/01/261	Client Burroughs & Co. Ltd. Plans as at present - basement, ground, first to third floor plans, elevation to Gees Court, and section; plans as proposed - basement, ground, first to third floor plans, elevation to Oxford Street and revised elevation to Oxford Street.
Offices and printworks, Alma Street, Luton	1913	B	Commercial	Luton	Luton News, 14 November 1912	The new offices and printworks, on the corner of Alma Street and Manchester Street, Luton, were opened in early 1913. The newspaper article referenced includes a sketch of the building with Percival Blow's signature. Source: Dunstable & District Local History Society.
Ammunition factory, Chaul End, Luton	1915	B	Industrial	Luton	GKL4/2/4 Beds Archives	Client George Kent Ltd. National Filling Factor. Bound Specification of Works dated January 1915. Photos: factory shot GKL 4/2/5. Other refs: book George Kent Centenary 1828 to 1938, and a website World War One Great War stories states that the factory was on a 28 acre site, employed 5,000 and was visited by George V on 13 November 1917.
National Filling Factory No. 3, Perivale	1915	B	Industrial	Perivale, London	First World War National Factories: An Archaeological Architectural and Historical review, Historic England, 2015	
National Filling Factory No. 10	1915	B	Industrial	Coventry	ditto	
Alterations to shop and restaurant, 54 George Street, Luton	1915-1916	?	Commercial	George Street, Luton	X843/2/29 Beds Archives	Client Messrs Dudeney and Johnston Ltd. Appears to be two projects: First, making internal changes and the second, changing the shop front. No plans, only spec dated Sept 1915,
Retail premises, 14-16 Cheapside, Luton	1920	B	Commercial	Cheapside, Luton	X 843/2/31, X843/1/73 Beds Archives	Client Messrs Blundell Bros. Ltd. Plan, front elevation and section drawing, ink and watercolour on linen. Date 1923. Statement dated 11 Sept 1923 re reduction from estimate by omitting the first floor at back. Looks like job cost £7,593 with deduction of omissions.
Corner House, Newtown, Hatfield	1920	B	Commercial	Hatfield	SAHAAS list + Hatfield Local History Society	Client Tingey & Sons. Shop opened on 20 September 1920 selling new and second-hand furniture. Corner site, pitched roof and gables plus a dome over the corner entrance. In 1931 another corner shop was designed for Tingey & Sons on the opposite corner, plus an adjoining parade of shops.

Housing scheme, Dunstable Road, Luton	Pre-1922		Municipal	Dunstable Road, Luton	CDE293/36-37 Beds Archives	Front and side view of house design. No date on plans, two, but Blow's addresses on plans are given as 7 London Rd and 31 King St.
Alterations to factory, 39 Bute Street, Luton	Pre-1922	B	Industrial	Bute Street, Luton	Z558/6/10/14 & Z558/6/10/15 Beds Archives	Client Messrs Currant & Creak. No spec, just plans. Straw hat manufacturers. Huge factory. Appears that an extra storey was added to the front elevation and two additional floors to the rear of the building.
School gymnasium and swimming pool, High Street, Dunstable	Post-1921	B	Institutional	High Street, Dunstable	BorDP/1359 Beds Archives	Client Ashton Grammar School. Two separate small plans for the pool and gymnasium. No date. Pool filled in some time ago, school now turned into flats and gymnasium has been retained and converted to apartments 2018.
Retail premises, 47 George Street, Luton	1923/04	B	Commercial	George Street, Luton	X843/1/74 Beds Archives	Client J. Sainsbury Ltd. Plans approved November 1924. Four storey building. Drawings in Bedford Archives and sketch by Blow of the building in the Sainsbury Archive in the Museum of London Docklands.
Retail premises, 50 Goodmayes Road, Goodmayes (north east London)	1924	B	Commercial	Goodmayes, London	Museum of London Docklands	Client J. Sainsbury Ltd.
Retail premises, 57-61 High Street, Brentwood	1924	B	Commercial	High Street, Brentwood	Museum of London Docklands	Client J. Sainsbury Ltd.
Retail premises, Sydney Street, Cambridge	1925		Commercial	Sydney Street, Cambridge	Museum of London Docklands	Client J. Sainsbury Ltd. Material in Sainsbury Archive at the museum includes photo SA/BRA/1/1/C7/1. Includes a sketch by Blow of the finished building.
Retail premises, Pinner Road, Harrow	1925	B	Commercial	Pinner Road, Harrow	Museum of London Docklands	Client J. Sainsbury Ltd.
Retail premises, 41 Magdalen Street, Norwich	1925	B	Commercial	Magdalen Street, Norwich	Museum of London Docklands	Client J. Sainsbury Ltd.
Alterations to retail premises, 222 St Albans Road, Watford	post-1925	B	Commercial	Watford	Museum of London Docklands	Client J. Sainsbury Ltd.
Retail warehouse and cold store, Gravel Lane, London	1926		Commercial	Gravel Lane, London	Museum of London Docklands	Client J. Sainsbury Ltd. Sainsbury Archive has account book for the erection of new warehouse and cold store, Gravel Lane, Blackfriars SE1 dated March 1926.
Retail premises, 142-144 Kenton Road, Kenton	1928	B	Commercial	Kenton Road, Kenton	Museum of London Docklands	Client J. Sainsbury Ltd.
Alterations to public house, Dunstable	1928		Commercial	Dunstable	BORD/911 Beds Archives	Queen's Head. Client Adey & White. Plan plus 'Particulars of plans' deposited with the urban sanitary authority, Borough of Dunstable. Looks like Blow changed the front elevation by creating a new window to the private bar. The other work could possibly be a smoke room and new WCs and a urinal outside in the back yard.
Proposed garage, 'Acrise', Hall Place Gardens, St Albans	1929	B	Residential	Hall Place Gardens, St Albans	Shepherd Plan No. 124, SAHAAS Collection	Client Mr L.L. Gwynne Jones
Council offices, Hatfield	1930	B	Institutional	St Albans Road, Hatfield	Hatfield Local History Society newsletter 2012	Client Hatfield Rural District Council offices. Now converted into flats.

Retail premises, Hatfield	1931	B	Commercial	Hatfield	Hatfield Local History Society	Client Tingey & Sons. Shop sold glass and chinaware and was on the opposite corner to the other Tingey shop (above). An adjoining parade of shops was also designed, it is believed, by Blow at the same time.
Alterations to elementary school, Dunstable.	1934		Institutional	Dunstable	BorDP/1022 Beds Archives	Ashton Elementary School. Plan only dated December 1934. As there is no before plan it is difficult to work out exactly what was new. Demolished c.2016.
Alterations to public house, Waltham Abbey	1938	P	Commercial	Waltham Abbey	Essex Record Office D/Uwm Pb2/754	New Inn. Client Benskin's. Essex Record Office confirmed date of 1938 for bundle of papers in their collection: D/UWm Pb2/754 - Building plan of proposed alterations to the New Inn, Waltham Abbey; see photos of pub on web
Items from list extracted from <i>Who's Who in Architecture</i> (1914); from copy in St Albans Central Library by Sue Mann, August 2018						
Factory alterations, Luton	c1910/11		Industrial	Luton	Who's Who	Client Skefco.
Alterations to public house, Woolmer Green;	1928-9		Commercial	Woolmer Green		The Chequers. Client Benskin's. Chris Blow suggests family tradition is that PCB designed the interiors; HALS Acc 4945 <i>Monthly Pictorial</i> (1931) includes photos of the pub and suggests it was rebuilt 1928-9.