

Devon County Sites and Monuments Register

Parish Ringmore Near Kingsbridge	National Grid Reference SX 6525 4585	Number (leave blank)	
Subject Cross Manor (Formerly Ringmore Cottage)	Measurements (Sketch with scale overleaf if possible)		
Description , history, field notes and other information. (Please fill in a separate sheet for each separate item) This is a two-storey house, which was formerly a farmhouse. It is built of stone and cob, rendered and painted cream, with a thatched roof. The house and garden are surrounded by an 8' stone wall, which is crenellated in front of the house. The house faces south and, on that side, has four casement windows, with leaded lights, and two doors, of which one was formerly a window, on the ground floor. There are four casement windows, with leaded lights on the first floor. A modern stone porch, leading to an entrance hall, has a small window facing east. There are four stone chimney stacks at the front and one at the rear of the house. At the rear, the east end of the building adjoins Ivy Cottage. There is an enclosed courtyard behind the house. The attached plans were drawn in 1975 and there have been extensive changes to the interior since that time. On the ground floor, the walls between the "Dining Room" and "Reception" and the passage between these rooms have been removed, to form a Drawing Room. The "Sun-Lounge", constructed in 1975 to the west of this room, has now been removed and the door which led into it has been replaced by double french doors. There is a large casement window, with leaded lights, in the south wall of the Drawing Room and modern fireplaces in the east and north walls. The fireplace on the east is in a very large chimney-breast, which has two flues and appears to have been constructed for an opening on its other side i.e. towards the "Lounge". There are four modern built-in cupboards in the alcoves of the Drawing Room. The ceiling has exposed beams. Those in the former "Reception" are new but those in the former "Dining Room" are older and appear to have been plastered over at one time. The former "Lounge" is now the Sitting Room of a part of the house which is let separately. This room has three windows, with leaded lights, in the south wall - all of different sizes. A door in the north Please continue overleaf if necessary		Reference for each piece of information	Date of each entry 1987
Owner/ Tenant Name and address Mr and Mrs Trumble Cross Manor Ringmore		Recorder Name and address Mrs A.C. Bennett Hill Cottage Ringmore	

wall has been replaced by double french doors. There is a blocked-up fireplace in the west wall and a door alongside this leads to the Drawing Room. In the west wall, there is a modern fireplace and a door leading to the "Bar", now the Dining Room.

On the south side of the Dining Room, the window has been replaced by a stable door - retaining the old leaded lights in the upper part. In the east wall, there is a modern fireplace with an alcove on each side. The room has a stone floor and its ceiling is formed by the floorboards of the room above supported by exposed beams. In the north wall, a new archway, with a beam above, leads to a Kitchen. This has an earth floor and was formerly a "Store". It has a blocked-up door in its east wall, with a small square window above. A stable door in the west wall leads to the rear courtyard. Alongside this door, an old stone staircase, with an old pine banister, leads, up eight steps, to the first floor. The old "Cloakroom" and "Store", to the north of the "Lounge" have been converted to a Shower Room and Toilet approached by a door, where there was formerly an alcove, in the "Lounge".

At the west end of the house, the wall between the "Utility" and the "Kitchen" has been removed and the Kitchen has been completely modernised. The former "Utility" has a large fireplace on the north side, with a wood-burning stove. There is a large window in the west wall and above this is (see plan) a square window. Alongside this window, and extending along the west and south walls, there is a bulge in the ceiling. The remainder of the ceiling, which is higher, is fitted with large hooks. In the east wall, there is another small high window and there is a stable door leading to the "Laundry".

Inside the north wall of the "Laundry" is a well, which was formerly fitted with a pump. Above this is a window which has been enlarged. In the east wall is a new stable door to the rear courtyard. Alongside the south wall, five stairs lead to a Landing, which runs along the bulge in the ceiling of the former "Utility".

The "Hall" and "Study" appear to have been built on to the south of the earlier building. The "Study" is up two steps from the "Hall". The wall alongside these steps terminates in an enclosed pillar, which runs through both floors of the house. The "Study" has a casement window in its west wall. From the "Hall" there is a door to the garden in front of the house.

A new staircase leads from the Hall to the first floor. This has a small window in its east wall. Halfway up the staircase, a door in the west wall leads to a Loft alongside Bedroom 1.

The door of Bedroom 1 has been moved to the staircase end of the east wall. In the west wall, a fireplace with beautiful old tiles has been revealed and, alongside this, there is a new door to the Bathroom. The bay window in the west wall has been replaced by french doors and a balcony.

From the "Bathroom", a door leads to the Landing, above the former "Utility". A door in the south wall of this Landing now leads directly into "Bedroom 2", which has been enlarged by the removal of the passages outside its north and west walls. One of the two pillars, which run through this part of the house, has been built into the south-west corner of this room. The wall between this room and Bedroom 3 is 4'2" thick and probably formed the western end of the original house. The window in the south wall of Bedroom 2 has leaded lights and the ceiling has exposed beams.

The west wall of Bedroom 3 has a door to Bedroom 2 and a fireplace, with a cupboard let into the wall alongside it. In the south wall, is a casement window, with leaded lights. The east wall has been moved to enlarge Bedroom 4 and to provide for a Bathroom, between Bedrooms 3 and 4.

Bedrooms 4 and 5 each have casement windows, with leaded lights, on the south side. Each has a beamed ceiling, with access to the lofts above. The end wall of the loft above the eastern part of Bedroom 5 is of stone, with a large chimney stack. Between Bedrooms 4 and 5 is a 2'8" thick cob wall, which appears to have been the original eastern end wall of the house. In the loft, the remains of a hipped roof can be seen running up to a position above the centre of Bedroom 4. At a later date, the ridge was extended over Bedroom 5.

It thus appears that the central part of the house (Shown as "Lounge" on the plan, with Bedrooms 3 and 4 above), which has a large stone chimney stack at each end, is the earliest part.

The two enclosed pillars in the "Dining Room" and "Reception" on the plan, may have been at one time the entrance pillars of a barn. In this case, the short staircase from the "Laundry" would have provided rear access to the upper storey of this barn.

There are several outbuildings at the rear of the house. The eastern end of the rear courtyard is formed by a thatched, stone shed, with a door giving access to the lane. The northern side of the courtyard has a modern sauna and an old stone privy. To the west of the courtyard, there is a stone and cob barn (25'2" X 15'2"), which formerly had a hay-loft above. It has an inner compartment (14'4" X 8'2"), with a window between this and the outer compartment. The roof is of slates. There is a second stone barn (19'0" X 12'6"), which has a cobbled floor. It has a high window at each end and a small window in the north wall. Adjoining this barn, on its western end, is a small shed (11' X 7'6") with a stone roof.

The house and its boundary walls and gate are Listed Grade 2.

Note

In 1990, changes were made to the Porch, Hall and Study.

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