

Devon County Sites and Monuments Register

Parish Ringmore (Near Kingsbridge)	National Grid Reference SX 6510 4590	Number (leave blank)	
Subject Journey's End Inn (Formerly New Inn)	Measurements (Sketch with scale overleaf if possible) See attached plan		
Description , history, field notes and other information. (Please fill in a separate sheet for each separate item) It is claimed locally that there has been an inn on this site since the thirteenth century. (Dating from the building of the church.) However, it seems more likely that the inn was established in the sixteenth century - as one of Queen Elizabeth's New Inns. It was mentioned in a church document of 1683 (copy attached). The building is Listed Grade 2. The oldest part appears to be that occupied by the dining room and office - possibly extending to the break in the building line, west of the entrance lobby. The external walls of this part are constructed of stone and cob, rendered and painted. The roof is now slated, but was formerly thatched. The front (south facing) wall of this part measures 35 ft externally. It has two ground floor windows, with window seats. However, the more easterly window seat is merely a wooden box - indicating that this window was at one time a door. The eastern wall measures 14ft2 externally and incorporates a large stone chimney stack. The stone fireplace has a wooden lintel, which is two inches thick at the base and slopes back to four inches thick at the top. This has wooden plugs and may have been made from a ship's timber. On the outside of the eastern wall, is a mark showing the position of the roof of the brew-house, which formerly stood on the site of the present garage. The north wall of the dining room was, until the building of the modern kitchen, the rear wall of the inn. An alcove and a servery to the kitchen indicate the position of former windows. The wall separating the dining room and office from the entrance lobby is much thinner than the external walls and is constructed of stone. The entrance lobby has a slate floor. The dining room was formerly known as "The Long Room" and "Ringmore Town Council" met in this room in 1763. Above the dining room are two first floor bedrooms. The room at the eastern end has a blocked-up fireplace and now incorporates a bathroom, which has a recess in the north wall - indicating the position of a former rear window. This room has a Please continue overleaf if necessary		Reference for each piece of information	Date of each entry 1986
Owner/ Tenant Name and address Mr and Mrs Hollins Journey's End Inn Ringmore		Recorder Name and address Mrs Bennett Hill Cottage Ringmore	

casement window in the south wall, above the former door on the ground floor. The other bedroom has a sash window in the south wall, above the ground floor window. This bedroom has recently been enlarged, as shown on the plan, and now leads to a bathroom, above the entrance lobby. This bathroom has a new sash window (absent from old photograph attached) above the front door.

To the west of the front door are two ground-floor windows and a door. This door and the most westerly (casement) window undoubtedly belonged, at one time, to a separate "one up and one down" cottage, with a lower roof-line and floor level than those of the inn. This cottage had a large stone chimney in the north wall, with a large stone fireplace in the downstairs room, which formerly had a stone arch. There is a 2ft deep alcove at the eastern side of the fireplace. At the western end of the downstairs room (now known as the lounge) are two doors. One leads to a small lobby at the foot of an old boxed-in staircase and one to a cupboard under the stairs. The staircase is steep, with a 10½" rise. To the north of the staircase is the former rear door of the cottage (now leading to the Ladies Toilet of the inn). There is a coffin trap in the ceiling of the downstairs room. The staircase formerly led directly to the south-west corner of the room above (now the owner's bedroom). This room has two casement windows in the south wall and a small window in the north wall, which was probably larger before the construction of the present lounge bar behind it. In the north wall there is a small blocked-up fireplace, with a curved stone lintel and an alcove alongside.

The roof timbers show that, before the construction of the adjoining property known as "hillside", the western end of the cottage had a hipped roof. There appears to have been a similar hipped roof at the western end of the inn before the construction of the cottage, so there must have been successive changes in the roofline as the building was enlarged in a westerly direction. Until 1926, "Hillside" had the same owner as the inn.

Between the entrance lobby and the old cottage is a room (now known as the Games Room) which may also have been built as a separate cottage - though it has long formed part of the inn. The ground-floor window, in the south wall of this room, has iron bars outside it and differs from all the other windows of the inn in that it has three sections, with the centre section hinged at the bottom to drop outwards. To the east of this window is an alcove, which may, at one time, have been an external door. There is a large blocked-up stone fireplace in the east wall, leading to a brick chimney stack. A door alongside the fireplace leads to the entrance lobby. There are two doors in the west wall - one leading down two steps to the old cottage (Lounge) and one leading to the recently constructed Lounge Bar. Alongside the north wall, is a boxed-in staircase with a door at its foot. There is a blocked-up window on this staircase, which must have been filled in when the ridge roof of the Dispence was constructed. The staircase leads to a Landing, with a window on the west side and a casement window on the south side. From the Landing, a corridor runs along the original back wall of the inn.

Behind the Games Room is an old Bar, with thick cob walls. This is a single storey building, with a very old slate roof. It was, at one time, thatched and the gables were built up with stone when the thatch was replaced by slates. The room has a doorway in the south wall, with a shallow step up to the Dispence. There is a door in the east wall and windows in the north and west.

The Lounge Bar and the Dispence are modern and so is the kitchen which is situated behind the Dining Room. This was formerly a single-storey lean-to. It now has two bedrooms and a bathroom above it, with a ridge roof, separated from that of the original building by a gulley. The new bedrooms, above the kitchen, have doors leading to the corridor in the original building.

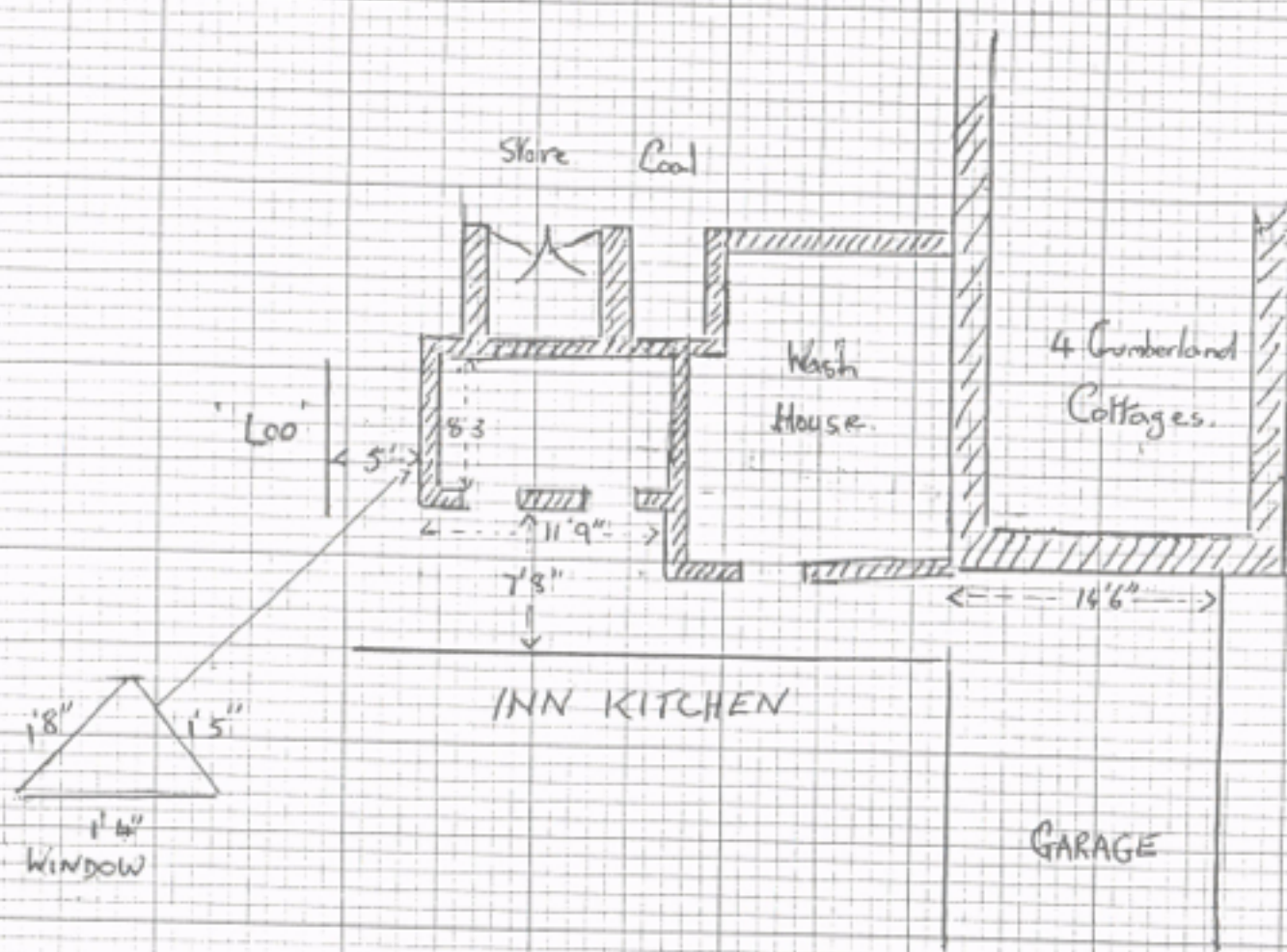
Across the yard from the kitchen is an old stone shed (See attached plan) which has a very unusual triangular window on the west side - framed by three stones, measuring respectively 1ft8; 1ft5 and 1ft4 in length. The four feet high wall leading from No 4, Cumberland Cottages to the old shed has recently been built up in stone, to form a wash-house and a store.

The building is Listed Grade 2.

Note

In 1989, a new Conservatory/Dining Room and Toilets were built behind the Lounge Bar.

Buildings at Rear of Journey's End Inn



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