

Devon County Sites and Monuments Register

Parish Ringmore Near Kingsbridge	National Grid Reference SX 6528 4585	Number (leave blank)	
Subject Rock 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) Rock Cottage forms the corner of the L-shaped group of buildings, which includes Wychwood and Rose Cottage. It adjoins Wychwood on the north and Rose Cottage on the east and, like them, it is Listed Grade 2. As its name implies, Rock Cottage stands on a platform of exposed, natural rock. It is built of stone and cob, rendered and painted white, and it has a thatched roof. Between the south wall of Wychwood and the main part of Rock Cottage, is an enclosed passage, with a door and window above this at the western end and a door at the eastern end. The thatched roof over this passage, which is at a lower level than that of Wychwood, is continuous with that of Rock Cottage itself. The passage is open to the thatch, although there are traces of a former loft at the level of the window. The floor is of earth. A curious feature is a blocked-up fireplace in the north wall, behind the end chimney of Wychwood. It has been suggested that this passage was a Smoke House, for the smoking of pilchards, ham etc. In front of the old Smoke House, is a slate-roofed projection, which once housed a pump - providing a water supply for this part of the village. Beyond the pump, the front of Rock Cottage (facing west) has, on the ground floor, a casement window and a sash window. Between these is a slate-roofed porch, built into an angle where the southern end of the front wall of the cottage juts forward. This porch has heavy wooden beams and a small corner seat inside it. (See attached photograph.) There are two sash windows on the first floor of the front and a large stone chimney stack forms the corner of the building. There are other chimney stacks between the Smoke Room and the main part of Rock Cottage and between Rock Cottage and Rose Cottage. The wing of the cottage which faces south has a door with a slate-roofed porch, a casement window and a blocked-up window on the ground floor. It has two windows on the first floor. Please continue overleaf if necessary		Reference for each piece of information	Date of each entry 1987
Owner/ Tenant Name and address Mrs I. Lucas 13, Wheathill Road Anerley London S.E.20		Recorder Name and address Mrs A.C. Bennett Hill Cottage Ringmore	

The cottage is Listed Grade 2.

Note

The owner refused permission for the interior of the cottage to be seen. However, in 1991, the interior was modernised and the attached plans were provided. The Smoke House, described on the plan as "Existing Store" was converted into a kitchen and openings were made at ground floor and first floor levels between the main building and the old Smoke House. The doors were replaced by modern doors and the blocked-up window was unblocked.



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