

DOE REF 18/14 HOTHAM PARK HOUSE

This house was originally called Chapel House and was built in 1793 by Sir Richard Hotham, the founder of Bognor, as his own residence. The Chapel from which it took its name was used as a Chapel of Ease until St Johns Chapel was built in 1882, and was pulled down later in the century. The house was then called Bersted Lodge and subsequently Hotham Lodge.

2 storeys and semi-basement, 10 windows. Stuccoed. Cornice and parapet. 2 large bays of 3 windows each on both floors with one window on the outer side of them and 2 between. The bays are linked on the ground floor by an arcaded verandah raised above the ground level with an iron railing between the columns and approached at each end by a curved flight of steps with handrail, (that of the south flight broken off). Above the verandah is an iron balcony with hood supported on trellis columns. Moulded frieze and dentilled cornice between the verandah and the balcony. On the north side of the north bay is a similar arcaded verandah approached by a curved flight of steps from the north front and iron balcony over without hood. On the south side of the south bay is a terrace with iron railing (formerly having a ground floor room built out with frieze, cornice and balcony without hood over, and one large window with semi-circular head). The south front has a curved bay containing 3 windows. At the north-west corner of the house is a tower built in 4 sections, each set back within the lower. Clock face on the north and south sides of the top section and cupola containing a bell over supported on 8 columns with weather vane surmounting it. Interior has moulded cornices to the ceilings and architraves to the doors, mantelpieces on columns or with Grecian decoration.

DOE REFS: 2/94 and 18/94 Wall of Hotham House on north, east and west sides

Wall of sandstone rubble, brick and flint, probably contemporary with Hotham House.