

Heritage Statement

On behalf of



University of Chichester, College Lane, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 6PE

In respect of:

Proposed window replacement and decoration on Charlotte House, Upper Bognor Road
PO21 1HR.

Date:

March 2015

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Bognor as a community was first recorded in an Anglo Saxon charter as Bucgan Ora. At the end of the eighteenth century, Bognor then a small coastal village captured the imagination of Sir Richard Hotham, who tried to develop the area as a seaside resort that would attract royal visitors. The town did not obtain the Regis status until 1929. To-day Bognor Regis although an area designated for regeneration, is still a destination for holiday makers.

The University of Chichester's Bognor Regis campus is situated within a Conservation Area less than a mile north of the Esplanade. A geological survey of the campus describes 'highly variable geology' associated with the 'down cutting of the Aldingbourne Rife' (River). Among the deposits recorded are Alluvium, riverine raised beach, Reading beds, brick earth deposits, chalk and sand. The campus lies west of the Aldingbourne Rife.

Sir Richard Hotham began constructing dwellings on Hothampton Crescent, now known as Upper Bognor Road, in circa 1790. These houses, later named The Dome, St Michael's House and Mordington House were designed to accommodate distinguished visitors to Hothampton as Hotham wanted to re-name Bognor, unfortunately he was unable to finish his plans, he died in debt, in 1799 and the houses were sold by auction in 1800.

Some of the land and houses were eventually leased and owned by Arthur Saunders Gore the Third Earl of Arran (1761-1837). His wife, Mary nee Tyrell, (1767-1832) was a Governess to Princess Charlotte (1796-1817). Source <http://thepeerage.com/p2098.htm> 4 February 2015

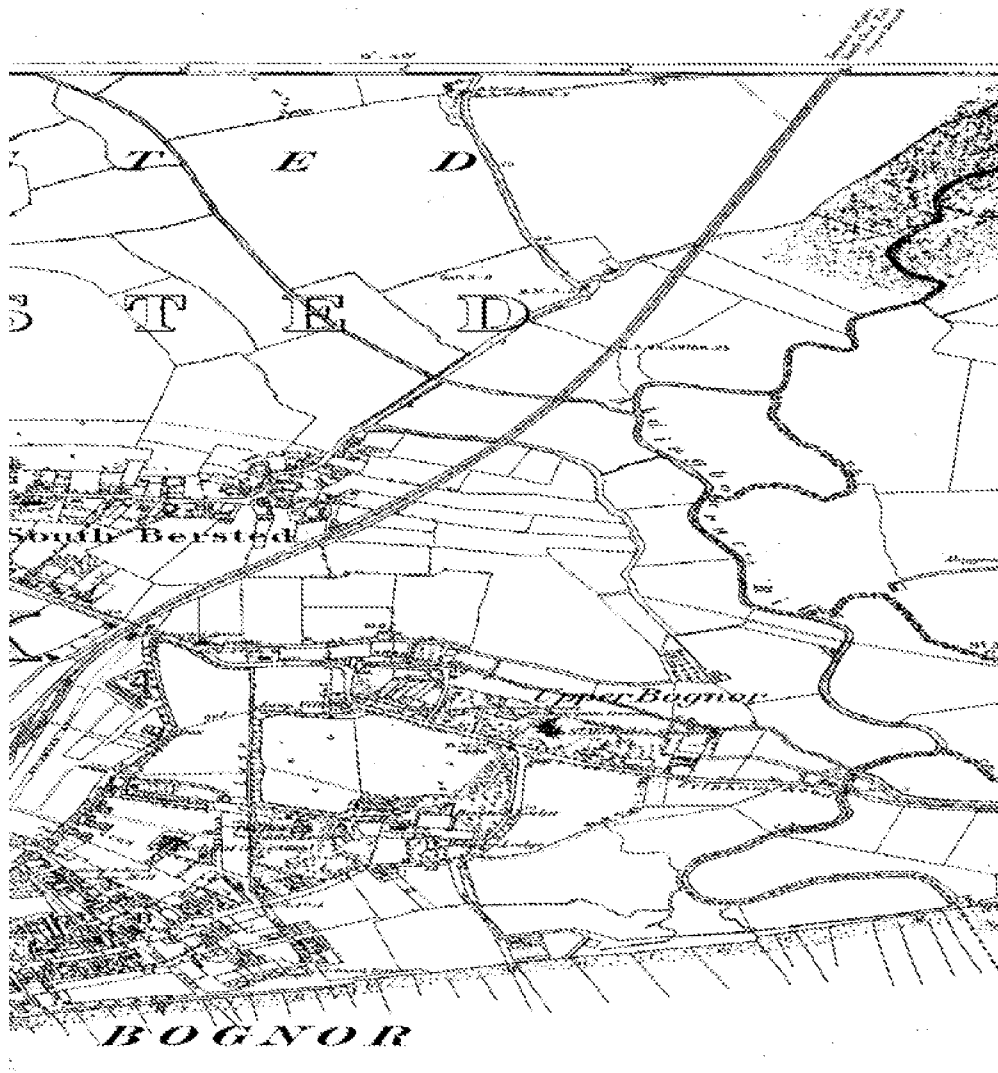
All the houses were surrounded by fields, meads, meadows, pasture and an orchard, to-day the fields owned by the university are used for sports and recreation purposes but much of the land adjoining the northern boundary was developed in the 1930's for housing.

65 Upper Bognor Road has long been known as Charlotte House, a reference to Princess Charlotte, the child of King George IV and Charlotte of Brunswick. Princess Charlotte holidayed at Bognor while staying with her former Governess Lady Mary the Countess of Arran.



Princess Charlotte (1796-1817)

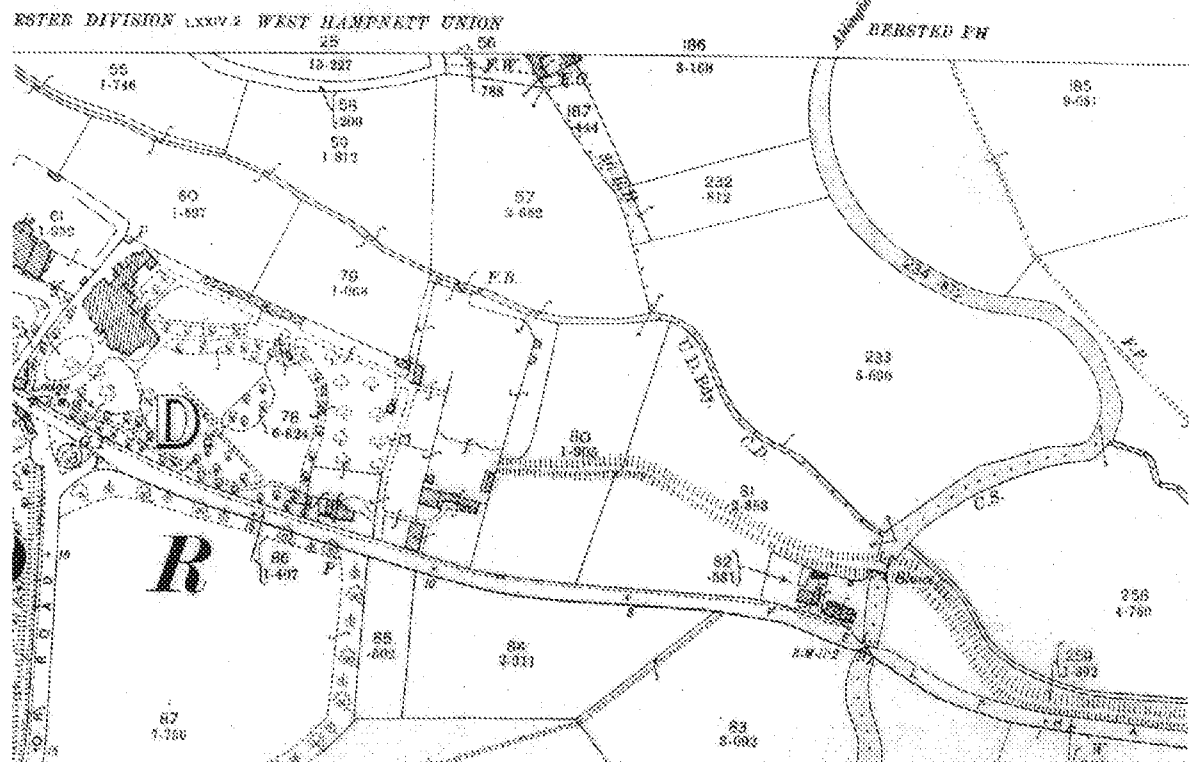
65 Upper Bognor Road was however, built during the latter part of the Nineteenth Century. The building does not appear on the First Edition of the Ordnance Survey Map dated 1879 but can be seen on the Second Edition Ordnance Survey Map dated 1898.



Extract from the 1879 First Edition Ordnance Survey Map

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SECOND EDITION 1898



Extract from the 1898 Second Edition Ordnance Survey Map

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