

Heritage statement

The White Tower

16 Aldwick Road, PO21 2LP

The White Tower 16 Aldwick Road was built in 1890 by a local Bognor builder to the architectural design of John Hawes. John Hawes was 21 when he designed the tower and it was built for himself and his two brothers as a holiday home. It was originally built as a tower to view the sea above the hotels in front of it.

John Hawes became a priest and travelled to Australia where he built churches and cathedrals. He finished his life as a hermit in the Bahamas. A book entitled 'The Hermit of Cat Island' written about his life includes a reference to The White Tower. It has been owned by the Hawes family until 2009.

The house itself was built in the Art and Crafts style which was popular at the time of its construction. Inside the house is very original and has mostly all of its original features.

The new windows will allow ventilation, energy efficiency, and noise reduction. The appearance will be exactly as they now appear. They will also help preservation of the tower as it suffers from damp and being able to open the windows will aid ventilation.

It is our intention to restore the house to its original condition. The only additions will be to preserve it for the future.

<http://www.bognor-local-history.co.uk/article38.html>