

**Heritage Statement: Thatched roof replacement at 80 Barnham Road, Barnham, West Sussex
November 6th 2017**

80 Barnham Road (AKA The Thimbles) is owned by United Response and is a detached cottage, built during the 18th century, with a partially thatched roof. It is occupied by people with learning disabilities

It is a grade II listed building and is located on Barnham Road (B2233) in the centre of the village of Barnham, a village to the north east of Bognor. It forms part of a larger development which includes 84 Barnham Road, a detached property set in substantial grounds located behind the Thimbles and accessible by a drive located on the left hand side of the site, and a more recently built utility building located next to the drive. The Thimbles is located directly on the main road and is situated near a range of other buildings, many of them commercial in nature, and although most of them are more recently built, the Thimbles does not look particularly out of place due to the nature and style of many of these buildings. The Thimbles is viewable from public transport, both the nearby train line and buses which run along Barnham Road. The shape and location of the Thimbles can be found in the attached block plan

The primary distinctive architectural feature of the Thimbles is the partially thatched roof, the design of which is detailed in the attached roof plan. We would like to replace the thatched part of the roof with a new thatched roof of a similar design, one in keeping with the listed status of the Thimbles. We are replacing the roof simply because the current thatched roof has reached the end of its useful life and is no longer weatherproof nor is it economical to continue to undertake patch repairs to the roof. The condition of the roof is adversely affecting the quality of life of the occupants.

As a result, the works we wish to undertake will not lead to the loss or change of any of the original features nor do we feel that replacing the roof will have a significant impact upon the building or its appearance.

Please find attached photograph's of the building and current roof.