

HERITAGE STATEMENT

Ancton Manor, Ancton Lane, Middleton-on-Sea PO22 6NJ

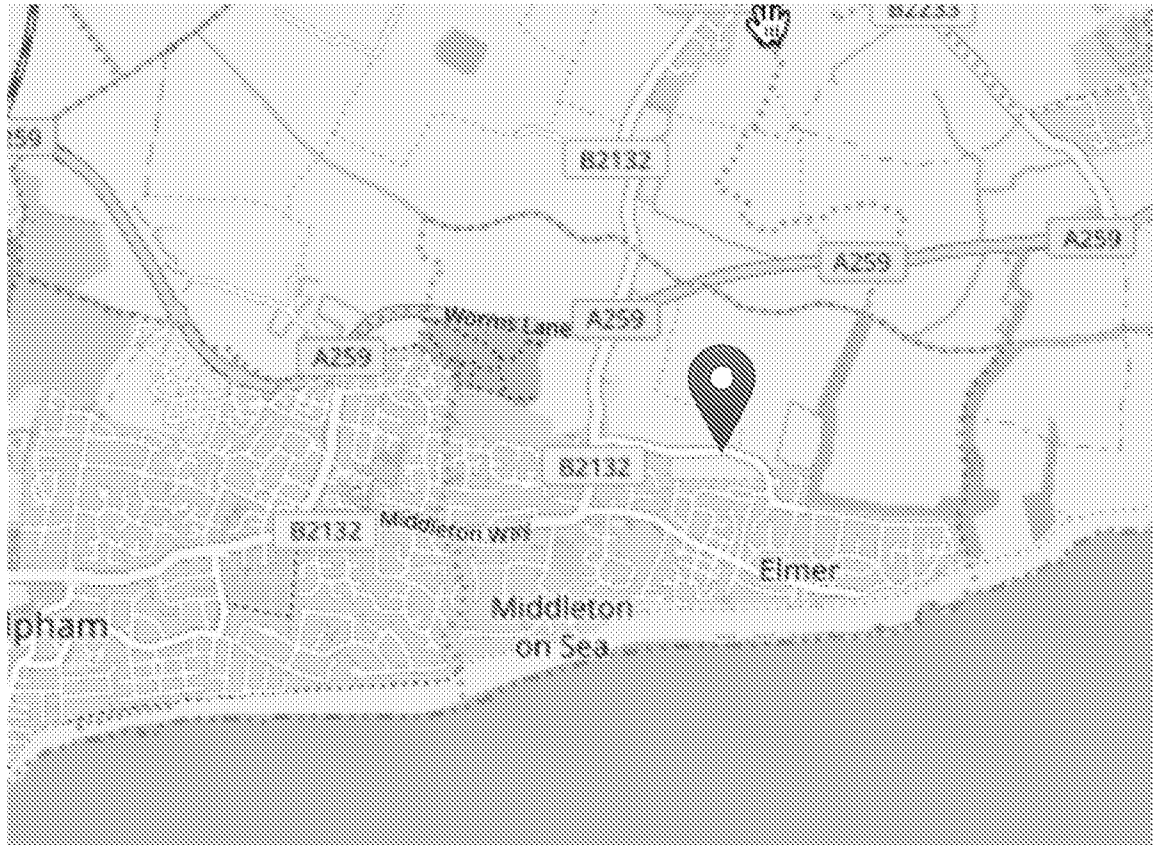
Introduction:

Ancton Manor is a Grade II Listed period property set in flint walled gardens of approximately 0.7 of an acre. The origins of the property date back to 1677, while later additions were added in 1751 when the house was two cottages and latterly converted into a single residence in the 1950's.



Location:

Ancton Manor is located on Ancton Lane, the east of the main road to Middleton.

**Description:**

The front appears to date from the C18, but it is built in two sections and the west half has the date 1677 and the east half the date 1751 on it. There are two storeys.

The front is faced with knapped flints with dressings and quoins of red brick and grey headers and stuccoed stringcourse. Modillion eaves cornice and half-hipped tiled roof. The windows are sliding sash with glazing bars intact. The west half has a doorway with Doric pilasters and pediment, semi-circular fanlight and door of six fielded panels. The west half has a stone with the date 1677 and the initials S. J. M. T. and the east a stone with the date 1751 and the initials J. S. the east side. Adjoining it to the west is the former coach house, now a separate dwelling.

History:

The ancient parish, called Middleton, had 370 acres (150 ha) in 1881 but had been reduced in area in previous centuries by sea erosion. The configuration of the western and northern boundaries suggests that the parish was once part of Felpham and the name Middleton may refer to the manor's central position between Felpham and either Elmer or Cudlow in Climping.

Part of the eastern boundary was formed c. 1310 by a ditch and part by Elmer pool, while the north-eastern boundary follows the Ryebank rife. The parish was enlarged in 1933 by the addition of Ancton from Felpham parish and in 1971 had 892 acres (361 ha); its name was extended in 1934 to prevent confusion with other Middletons.

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