

Photographs For A New Century

Third Edition

OTHER BUILDINGS & MONUMENTS



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The original photographs in this collection were taken as part of the Gloucestershire 2000 Photographic Archive project. The Society initially decided to photograph 100 'sites and monuments' which had some historic interest so that a record would exist of their nature and condition in the year 2000. The photographers were all volunteers and were given a free hand regarding the photographs that they took subject to the above general principle. The range of photographs taken varied from monuments which were already well recognised for their historic relevance, to items which were not especially significant in themselves but had a particular interest. All the monuments or sites photographed could potentially face at least modifications and at worst threats to their continuing existence over time.. The work was coordinated by Ron Beard and ultimately the volunteers produced more than 250 photographs, from which those you can see in this document were chosen.

The intention at the time was to revisit the selected sites at ten-year intervals and take new photographs. Accordingly, this was done in 2010 (second edition), and for this **third edition** in the period 2019 – 2024. The collection now provides a record of any changes that have occurred over the last twenty years and provides a valuable insight into how historic sites of interest in the Dean area are valued and cared for. Unfortunately, for the second and third editions some of those who took the original photographs are no longer with us, so new volunteers were recruited. All are acknowledged underneath their photographs.

The photographs are presented in themed collections, namely Mines & Quarries, Transport, Industry, Agriculture & Forestry, Religion and Other Buildings & Monuments. A complete index to the collection is also available.

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Angel Hotel, Coleford



Angel Hotel, Coleford - Was an inn by 1650. The town's principal coaching inn during 18th Century, also used for public meetings and assemblies. Still functioning as an inn in 2000.

Coleford Parish

Camera location - SO575107

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - Northwest

Date taken - June 2000



The Angel Hotel shows few changes apart from decoration.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - July 2010



In October 2021 only decorative changes were observed
Photographer – R. Beard
Date taken – 7th October 2021

Bailey Inn, Yorkley



Named after the Bailey Hill Colliery was a beer house in the 1890's. Bought by Anglo Bavarian Brewery in 1915 which became an Arnold Perrett inn then it was taken over by the Cheltenham Original Brewery and finally Whitbreads. Still open in 2010. Before his death in 1957, the poet F.W. Harvey who lived across the road from the Bailey used to frequent the inn.

West Dean Parish

Camera location - SO637071

Photographer - A Kear

View Direction - East

Date taken - July 2000



A change of decoration is the only visible change.

Photographer - A Kear

Date taken - August 2009



September 2022, some decorative changes noted
Photographer – R.Beard
Date taken 29th September 2022

Barn House, Newnham



Barn House is dated via deeds to 1765. The house is partially constructed from slag blocks. In addition to the exterior walls the house also has a cellar constructed from slag blocks.

Newnham Parish

Camera location - SO692120

View direction - North East

Photographer - K Walker

Date taken - February 2006



The owners have grown a hedge to hide the slag blocks.

Photographer – K. Walker

Date taken – 20th October 2022

Bell's Grammar School, Original Building



Bell's Grammar School, original building - Edward Bell's Grammar School was founded in Newland in 1577, started as a school in 1630, transferred to Coleford in 1876 and closed in 1968.

Newland Parish

Camera location - SO552095

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - North North East

Date taken - June 2000



The photograph shows how little has changed.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2010



Date plaque for the original school



Alternative view shows general situation adjacent to church grounds in 2021
Photographer – Nick Hodgson
Date taken 19th November 2021

Caragh House, Coleford



Caragh House is an 18th Century town house that was once the home of James Teague, tram road builder, mine owner and a shareholder in Whitecliff Furnace.

Coleford Parish

Camera location - SO575107

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - South

Date taken - June 2000



Still in good condition and a little brighter with the white paint. One feature of the house is the lion door knocker which is reputed to be the original.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - July 2010



Still much as before in 2021.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 13th June 2021

Cinderford's First Co-op



Cinderford's earliest Co-op – Now a dwelling, formerly an off-licence, probably Cinderford's first Co-op, built by local workers in 1874.

Cinderford Parish

Camera location - SO651126

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - East North East

Date taken - July 2000



Minor modifications and redecoration since 2000.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2010



Very little change in 2020.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 27th February 2020

Cinderford's First Police Station



This dwelling in Heywood Road was originally Cinderford's first Police Station.
Coleford Parish

Camera location - SO657142
Photographer - R Beard

View direction - East
Date taken - April 2000



Some minor changes, the building is now a Veterinary Surgery.
Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - July 2010



'Vet' signs added since 2010, otherwise no discernible changes.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 5th March 2020

Clearwell Castle Gate



Clearwell Castle originated as Clearwell Court in the sixteenth - seventeenth centuries. It was rebuilt in 1727-8 and the interior was substantially altered for Lady Dunraven 1868-9. It eventually deteriorated but was rescued by Frank Yeates in the 1950s-60s. It subsequently became a hotel. The photograph shows the gateway to the castle.

Newland Parish

Camera location - SO571079

View direction - South West

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2000



The entrance is as it was ten years earlier.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2010



No change in 2021

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 26th August 2021

Clearwell Well



The well at Clearwell. The plaque reads "This well was renovated by Newland Parish Council in 2005".

Newland Parish

Camera location - SO571081

View direction - North West

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2010

No change by 2021.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 26th August 2021



Cottages, Newland



These three cottages form a small terrace close to Tann House in Newland. They are named Pear Tree, Lily and Vine Tree. The centre cottage was, at one time, occupied by a coffin maker, hence the remains of an arch which is just discernible, used as a carriage entrance.

Newland Parish

Camera location - SO552093

View direction - North North West

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2000



Apart from some redecorating the cottages remain largely as they were.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2010



Decorative changes only by 2023.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 17th January 2023

Edward VII Letterbox, Clearwell



Edward VII letterbox and stamp machine base, Clearwell.
Newland Parish

Camera location - SO571082
Photographer - R Beard

View direction - East South East
Date taken - June 2000



Unfortunately, the wall with the letterbox has been demolished since the first photograph was taken. However, the post office to which it was attached has been tastefully restored as a private dwelling.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2010



Although the letter box no longer exists, the building retains its character.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 26th August 2021

Euroclydon



Euroclydon, Drybrook - Unusual building whose tower is at some risk, once the residence of Thomas Brain well known nineteenth century coal owner who operated Trafalgar Colliery.

Hope Mansell Parish

Camera location - SO643185

View direction - North West

Photographer - W Coones

Date taken - March 1999



The building (used as a care home) has been well maintained, only the foreground shows signs of change.

Photographer - M Sullivan

Date taken - April 2010



Decorative and maintenance changes have not interfered with the character of the building.

Photographer – M. Sullivan

Date taken – 1st March 2023

Forest House, Coleford



Forest House, Coleford - Formerly 'Tump House', the home of David Mushet from 1810-1846.
Coleford Parish

Camera location - SO575105
Photographer - R Beard

View direction - West
Date taken - June 2000



Little change is evident apart from the vegetation.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - July 2010



Superficial changes noted in 2021.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 7th October 2021

Help Me Through The World – Public House



'Help Me Through the World', Public House - Unusually named Victorian Public House mentioned in 1867 survey. Name changed to Masons Arms in 1877. Now owned by Freeminer Brewery.

Coleford Parish

Camera location - SO575108

View direction - North West

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2000

This photograph shows that there was little change to the building, but since it was taken the building has been renovated. Unfortunately, evidence of its former function was removed in the process.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - July 2010





The building appearance has been improved and one of its walls now has a substantial mural featuring local authors.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 13th June 2021

Hearts of Oak, Drybrook



A fairly typical nineteenth century pub built with local Pennant sandstone.
Drybrook Parish

Camera location - SO644174
Photographer - R Beard

View direction - North West
Date taken - August 2000



The original building shows few changes.

Photographer - M Sullivan

Date taken - July 2010



The building has been substantially redeveloped.

Photographer – M. Sullivan

Date taken – 11th February 2022

Huntington House, Coleford



A house with a chequered history. Originally a Calvinistic Methodist Chapel of the 'Countess of Huntingdon' Connection built in 1790. It later became a Church of England Infants School and was later used by the Wesleyans. Now a private dwelling

Coleford Parish

Camera location - SO573106

View direction - South East

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2000

Doors and windows have been replaced, but otherwise little change.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - July 2010





Shows some decorative improvements and maturing vegetation.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 13th June 2021

Lecturage, Newland



This house was built for the 'Lecturer' attached to the adjacent almshouses, and dates from the early 18th Century.

Newland Parish

Camera location - SO554095

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - East

Date taken - June 2000



The lecturage shows little change apart from decoration.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2010



Little change.

Photographer – N. Hodgson

Date taken – 19th November 2021

Littledean Gaol and Camp



Littledean Gaol and Camp - Circle of trees shows 'Old Castle of Dean' (Motte and Bailey, probably wooden 'castle' c11/12 century).

Littledean Parish

Camera location - SO673137
Photographer - A J Sulston

View direction - South East
Date taken - January 2000



Little change can be seen although the gaol has recently been used as a museum.

Photographer - J Orr

Date taken - July 2010



The building is now less visible due to an increase in vegetation it is still in use as a museum.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 26th May 2022

Lydney Police Station



Lydney Police Station - Built 1876. Also housed Magistrates Court until c1980 . Still in use as Police Station but under threat in 2000.

Lydney Parish

Camera location - SO632031
Photographer - W Coones

View direction - South East
Date taken - June 1998



The building has changed ownership but the external appearance has been preserved.

Photographer - M Bramwell

Date taken - May 2010



Little changed from the front view in 2022.



However, the rear view shows some structural issues, remedial work was completed by 2024

Photographer – K. Walker

Date taken – 25th February 2022

Mill End, Mitcheldean



Mill End, Mitcheldean - Examples of some of the very few half-timbered houses still remaining in the Forest of Dean.

Mitcheldean Parish

Camera location - SO662185
Photographer - A J Sulston

View direction - West
Date taken - June 2000



Ten years with no noticeable changes.

Photographer - M Sullivan

Date taken - April 2010



Much the same in 2023

Photographer – M. Sullivan

Date taken – 17th March 2023

Mitcheldean Town Hall



Town Hall, Mitcheldean - Original building dates from 1710.

Mitcheldean Parish

Camera location - SO664187

View direction – East

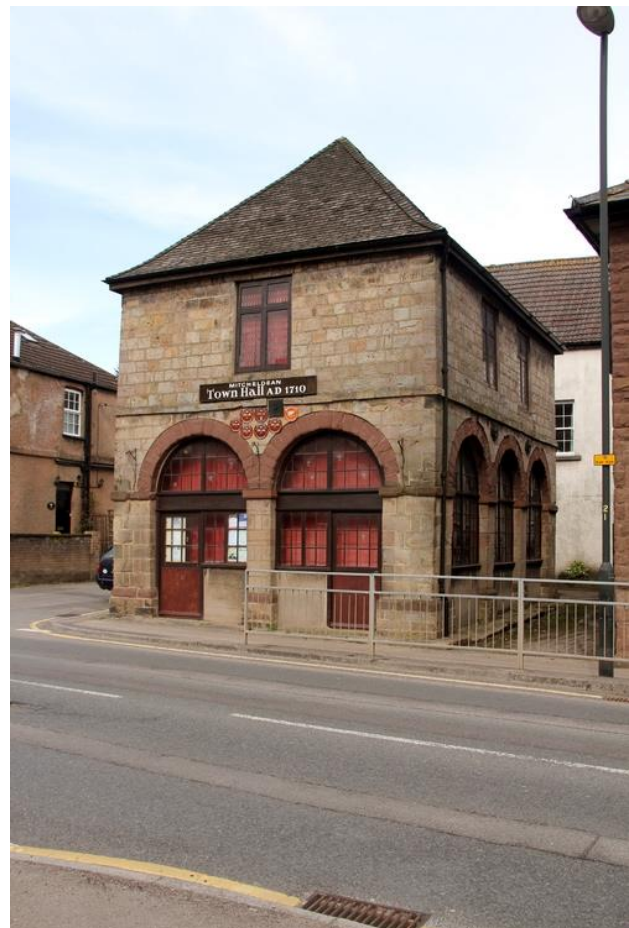
Photographer - A J Sulston

Date taken - June 2000

The building remains unchanged.

Photographer - M Sullivan

Date taken - April 2010





No change since 2010.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 13th June 2021

Nags Head, Yorkley



Nags Head public house, Yorkley - Had opened by 1788, situated on Oldcroft Road.
West Dean Parish

Camera location - SO642069

Photographer - A Kear

View direction - North West

Date taken - July 2000



The slight change in viewing angle is slightly misleading as there have been few changes other than a new colour scheme.

Photographer - A Kear

Date taken - August 2009



Still a public house and little change by 2022. The end property has had the render removed to reveal the original stonework.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 10th February 2022

National School Building, Whitecliffe



Former National School, Whitecliffe - Dates from 1820, now a dwelling (School House).
Coleford Parish

Camera location - SO565099
Photographer - R Beard

View direction - South
Date taken - June 2000



Some minor modifications to the house and surrounds but no change to the character.
Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2010



Much the same in 2021.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 2nd September 2021

New Inn, Bream



New Inn, Bream – Built as a private house in 1637 by George Gough. Used as an inn during 19th and early 20th centuries. Purchased for restoration in 1980, which has not been completed. An empty shell in 2000, future uncertain.

West Dean Parish

Camera location - SO602055

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - North East

Date taken - June 2000



A few external changes are evident.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - July 2010



Not much change since 2010, but still occupied.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 14th February 2022

Newnham Bottom Well



Newnham Bottom well is a good surviving example of the type of well that was used by local inhabitants as their main source of drinking water.

Drybrook Parish

Camera location - SO624165

View direction - ?

Photographer - W Coones

Date taken - 1999



Somewhat overgrown but largely unchanged.

Photographer - M Sullivan

Date taken - July 2010



Difficult to locate and overgrown with vegetation in 2022.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 19th May 2022

Old Castle of Dean



Littledean Gaol and Camp - Circle of trees shows 'Old Castle of Dean' (Motte and Bailey, probably wooden 'castle' c11/12 century).

Littledean Parish

Camera location - SO673137

Photographer - A J Sulston

View direction - South East

Date taken - January 2000



Little change can be seen although the gaol has recently been used as a museum.

Photographer - J Orr

Date taken - July 2010



The building is now less visible due to an increase in vegetation it is still in use as a museum.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 26th May 2022

Old Coach House, Clearwell



A former coach house in Clearwell. The wooden beam clearly shows the extent of the original 'coach' entry.

Newland Parish

Camera location - SO572081

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - North East

Date taken - June 2000



The building remains unaltered, but the original wall has been rebuilt and a wooden fence added.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2010



Window renewal and repainting has taken place since 2010.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 26th August 2021

Platwell House, Clearwell



Platwell House originated in the 16th to 17th Century, although the facade dates from the late 18th Century. It is notable for the ogee window above the entrance and the circular window above that.

Newland Parish

Camera location - SO573076

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - South West

Date taken - June 2000



Largely without alteration over the last ten years.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2010



A repainting of the building exterior has taken place since 2010, otherwise no remarkable changes.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 26th August 2021

Pigsty (Garden), Ruspidge



Former garden pigsty, Ruspidge - The pigsty is one of the few remaining in the Forest which still retains its original form. Many have been converted to garages or garden sheds. Harold Morris, the owner, is shown.

Ruspidge Parish

Camera location - SO652117

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - North North West

Date taken - July 2000



Unfortunately, Harold Morris died in 2009, the ground which he looked after, where the pigsty was situated, has fallen into disuse.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - October 2010



By 2021 the former pigsty is difficult to find and overwhelmed with vegetation.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 16th September 2021

Pill Box, Lydney



This casemate is of type FW3/27 (without central well). During World War II these bunkers were used for the defence of the United Kingdom against a possible enemy invasion. They were built in 1940 - 41.

Lydney Parish

Camera location - SO644103

Photographer - K Walker

View direction - North

Date taken - June 2011



Still intact. Because of vegetation encroachment, a different view taken in 2021.

Photographer – K. Walker

Date taken – 9th June 2021

Poolway House, Coleford



Poolway House is possibly the oldest house in Coleford dating from the Sixteenth Century. At one time it was owned by the Worgan family who were supporters of King Charles I, Colonel Morgan E Worgan being credited with saving the king's life at the battle of Edge Hill.

Coleford Parish

Camera location - SO576110
Photographer - R Beard

View direction - West
Date taken - June 2000



Vegetation growth has largely obscured the house from the original viewpoint, despite the removal of the ivy covering much of the front of the building.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken July 2010



In 2022 the building is being maintained in a reasonable condition.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 13th June 2021

Puzzle House, near Brierley



Puzzle House near the Strip and At It mine gets its name from a coal pit to the rear of the building. This pit was called Puzzle Pit, apparently due to faulting making it difficult to follow the coal seam.

Cinderford Parish

Camera location - SO623146

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - South South West

Date taken - September 2000



Very little difference apart from minor changes to the building and gardens.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - October 2010



A veranda has been added, and repainting has taken place since 2010.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 23rd September 2021

Rising Sun, Moseley Green



The Rising Sun, Moseley Green is known as the Freeminers' Pub. It was built in the 1870s and is in the centre of an area surrounded by former Free Mines. Due to its central position it is also favoured by hikers.

West Dean Parish

Camera location - SO635804

View direction - North East

Photographer - K Walker

Date taken - January 2009



Photo taken in 2022 from a different position owing to vegetation obscuring the original viewpoint.

Photographer – K. Walker

Date taken – 26th January 2022

Ruardean Houses



This pair of houses date from the Eighteenth Century and still display the fire insurance plaques from that time - dated 1769 and 1770.

Ruardean Parish

Camera location - SO617175

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - North West

Date taken - June 2000



Minor structural changes with the addition of a new doorway and a replacement door have not detracted from the period appearance.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - July 2010



Windows replaced in the left hand house since 2010, but no other discernible changes.

Photographer – M. Sullivan

Date taken – 11th April 2022

St Briavel's Castle



St Briavel's Castle - First mentioned in 1131 as possession of Milo, Earl of Hereford. 12th C keep, gatehouse built 1292 by Edward I. Administrative centre of Forest until 17th C Derelict mid 19th C, restored 1898, private house until 1939. Presently used as a youth hostel.

St Briavels Parish

Camera location - SO558046
Photographer - C Martyn

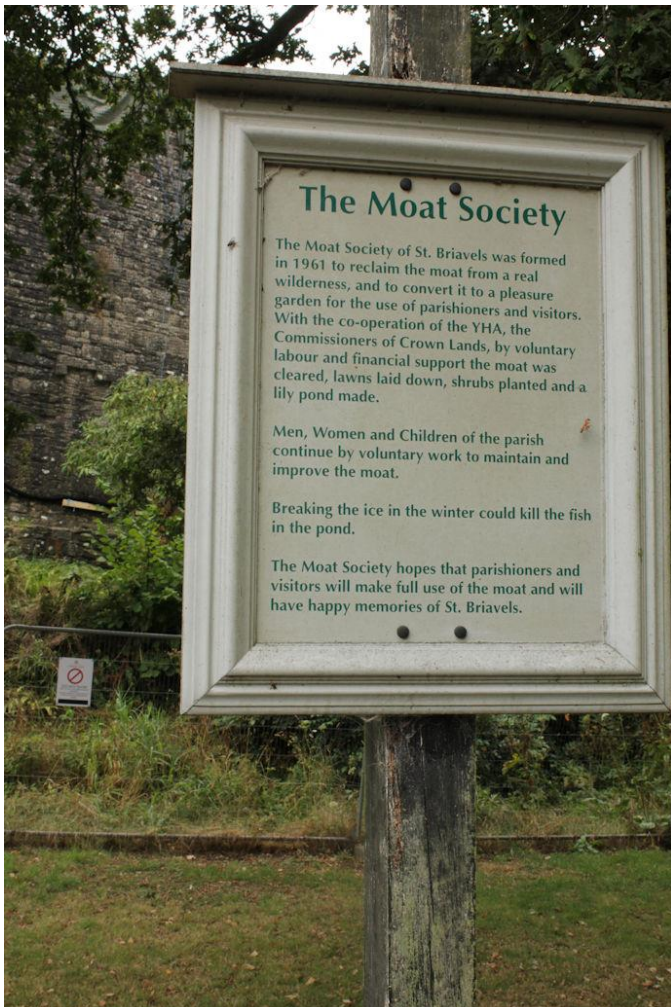
View direction - South
Date taken - August 2000



Little change apart from some staining of the lower walls and reduction in foreground foliage.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - November 2011



The castle is still apparently in good condition in 2022. The moat around the castle is maintained by the 'Moat Society of St Briavels, as per the sign (left).

Photographer – R.Beard
Date taken – 22nd August 2022

Sarah Siddon's House



Sarah Siddon's house, Lydbrook - Reputed home of the former actress, the building dates from the sixteenth century and was extended in 1718. A Listed building at risk.

Lydbrook Parish

Camera location - SO597163

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - South

Date taken - August 2000



Sarah Siddon's House has undergone improvements and has been removed from the buildings at risk register.

Photographer - M Sullivan

Date taken - July 2010



No discernible changes since 2010.

Photographer – M. Sullivan

Date taken – 11th February 2022

Sixteenth Century Barn, Mitcheldean



This Sixteenth Century timber framed barn is attached to the churchyard of St Michael's Church.

Mitcheldean Parish

Camera location - SO662185

View direction – East

Photographer - A J Sulston

Date taken - June 2000



This photograph shows that there has been little change over the past decade.
Photographer - M Sullivan

Date taken - July 2010



Vegetation growth in the churchyard has obscured the view of the barn somewhat, but it still appears structurally sound in 2023.

Photographer – M. Sullivan

Date taken – 17th March 2023

Telephone Kiosk – The Scowles near Coleford



Telephone kiosk, The Scowles, near Coleford.

Coleford Parish

Camera location - SO563107

View direction - North East

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2000



The telephone kiosk which was at the Scowles has been removed.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - January 2011

Victorian Letterbox, Coleford



VR Letterbox, Gloucester Road, Coleford
Coleford Parish

Camera location - SO581112
Photographer - R Beard

View direction - North West
Date taken - May 2000



The paint has faded, otherwise the letterbox is still intact.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - July 2010



Still in use and in reasonable condition in 2021.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 7th October 2021

Whitecliff House



Whitecliff House, Newland Street, Coleford - Eighteenth Century house, once home to local coal owner Peter Teague.
Coleford Parish

Camera location - SO572105
Photographer - R Beard

View direction - South South East
Date taken - September 1999



The house remains substantially unaltered.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - November 2009



Only the front of the property appears to have re-painted, leaving an odd decrepit look about the garage, side, and presumable back walls of the property. Otherwise structurally no discernible difference since 2010.

Photographer – K. Walker

Date taken – 23rd February 2024

Wine Vaults, Coleford



The stone building was originally a Nineteenth Century wine vault. The old coach entrance is still visible. The building has an unusually curved end wall.

Coleford Parish

Camera location - SO575108

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - North North West

Date taken - June 2000



The wine vault building is largely as it was previously.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - July 2010



The butcher's business has changed hands but little other change since 2010.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 13th June 2021

Yorkley Institute



The Yorkley Institute was erected 1910-11. In 1920 a WWI memorial was erected next to the institute and in 1922 the surrounding land was cleared and a surface laid for football and cricket.

West Dean Parish

Camera location - SO 638071

Photographer - A Kear

View direction - North West

Date taken - August 2009



The young tree was planted by Yorkley schoolchildren in 2009 to commemorate the primary school's centenary.

Photographer - A Kear

August 2009



Yorkley Institute was demolished and replaced by Yorkley Community Centre which opened in 2015.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 10th February 2022

Yorkley Star Cricket Pavilion



Yorkley Star cricket pavilion - Erected 1937, situated on 'Cut and Try Green' Oldcroft
West Dean Parish

Camera location - SO645067
Photographer - A Kear

View direction - North West
Date taken - July 2000



The pavilion has been renovated and extended since 2000.
Photographer - A Kear
Date taken - August 2009



Little changed by 2022. As part of the refurbishments a boar fence was built around the ground. Several attempts have been made to get cricket playing regularly again at the picturesque little ground.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 7th April 2022