

Photographs For A New Century

Third Edition

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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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Bank House, Coleford



Bank House, Coleford - Built in 1786. Home to Forest Enterprise and Deputy Gaveller.
Coleford Parish

Camera location - SO576108

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - North East

Date taken - June 2000



Little change apart from a new notice board and the need of the front gate for some treatment.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - July 2010



A new notice board is the only obvious change in 2021

Photographer: R. Beard

Date taken – 13th June 2021

Clanna Pond



Clanna Pond - Laid out by Noel family, c1820, as ornamental lake and fish ponds, probably on site of former forge ponds. Enlarged and landscaped by W.B.Marling after 1880. Estate dispersed 1954, now owned by Forestry Commission and let for fly-fishing.

Alvington Parish

Camera location - SO585023

View direction - East South East

Photographer - C Martyn

Date taken - August 2000



A first alternative view in 2010.

Photographer - A Martyn

Date taken - September 2010



By 2022 some changes have been made but these photographs show that some views remain clear.

Photographer – K .Walker

Date taken – 26th January 2022

Ellwood Lodge



Ellwood Lodge, Little Drybrook - A former Forestry Lodge, occupied for the last thirty years by a former lighthouse keeper (died recently) and his wife, Dorothy Evans (shown).

West Dean Parish

Camera location - SO595074

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - North

Date taken - June 2000



The new owners of the lodge have maintained the external appearance whilst replacing windows with minimum alteration.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - July 2010

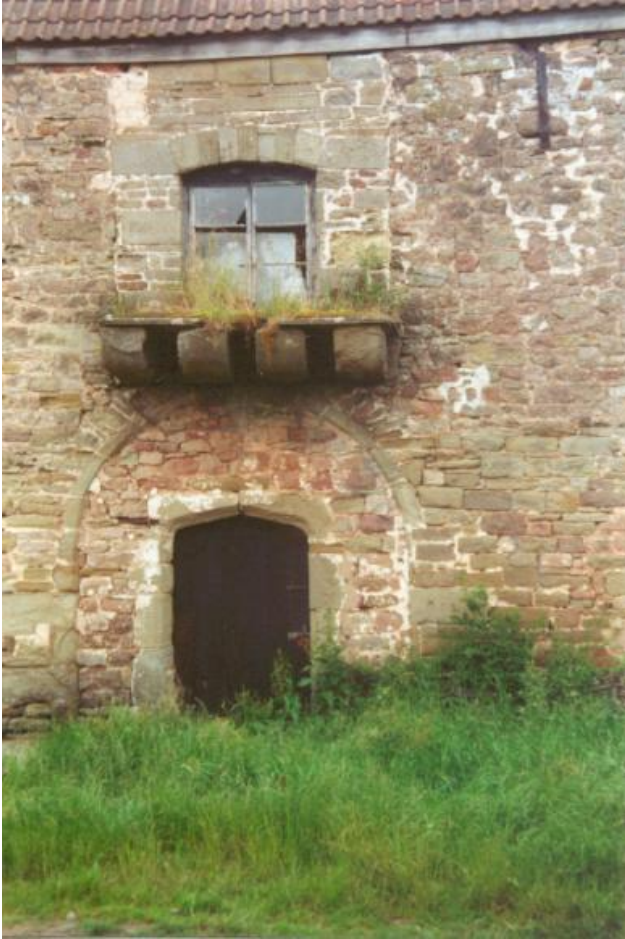


Few changes since 2010.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 27th February 2023

Highmeadow Farmhouse



Old farmhouse, Highmeadow Farm near Coleford
- Originally a gatehouse for High Meadow. Dates
from late fifteenth century The photograph shows
the outline of the carriage entrance.

Staunton Coleford Parish

Camera location - SO560105

View direction - North East

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2000

Since 2000 the barn and associated buildings
have been completely renovated and converted
to dwellings. As can be seen, original features
have been retained and incorporated into the
building.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2010





The building has been well maintained whilst retaining its historical features.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 2nd September 2021

Horlick's Barn



Horlick's Barn, Ruardean - The building where the Horlicks brothers are reputed to have carried out early experiments leading to successful drying of milk.

Ruardean Parish

Camera location - SO617175

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - South

Date taken - August 2000



The renovated barn in 2010.

Photographer - M Sullivan

Date taken - April 2010



As improved in 2010.

Photographer - M Sullivan

Date taken – 8th March 2023

Kennel Farm Outbuilding, Near Coleford



Kennel Farm, near Coleford - Kennel Farm was used for housing hounds, this is an interesting looking outbuilding.

Coleford Parish

Camera location - SO564093

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - East South East

Date taken - June 2000



Little change since 2000.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2010



The “historic” features have been lost by modern alterations.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 26th August 2021

Lightmoor Enclosure Stone



Lightmoor Enclosure Stone, Cinderford Bridge -
Inscription reads 184?, Lightmoor Enc 63 (acres) 2
(roods) 0 (poles) , Morpeth C Comm.

Ruspidge Parish

Camera location - SO649126

View direction – North

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - August 2000



The stone shows little change over the ten years.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken – July 2010



The inscription has much deteriorated.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 27th February 2020

Naas House



Naas House, Lydney - Grade 2 Listed. Built c1660 by William Jones, owner of Naas Estate, believed on site of former dwelling. Service wing and internal panelling added in the 18th C Sold 1924 to J.S.Biddle, recently sold again and being restored.

Lydney Parish

Camera location - SO649022

Photographer - C Martyn

View direction - South

Date taken - August 2000



This view is taken from the opposite direction and shows the south face of the house post restoration.

Photographer - A Martin

Date taken - September 2010



The owners have planted a hedge in front of the south side of the house, obstructing the view. However, the property appears to be in the same condition in 2022 as in 2010.

Photographer – K. Walker

Date taken – 25th February 2022

Nass House Pigeon Loft



The pigeon loft is in a wing of Naas House and is believed to have been part of the of the original house before the 'big house' was built in the late Seventeenth Century. It has not been used as a pigeon loft within living memory.

Lydney Parish

Camera location - SO575107

Photographer - C Martyn

View direction - West South West

Date taken - June 2000



The wing was used as a temporary dwelling whilst recent renovations were carried out. This and the subsequent changes explain the differences seen.

Photographer - A Martin

Date taken - July 2010



Little change since 2010, although vegetation is growing, including ivy climbing the walls of the structure.

Photographer – K. Walker

Date taken – 25th February 2022

Parkend Iron Works Engine House



Parkend Iron Works Engine House - This former engine house was later used as a forestry school and is now being used as a field centre.

West Dean Parish

Camera location - SO617079

View direction – North

Photographer - A J Sulston

Date taken - January 2000

Little change is evident - the apparent increase in greenery is due to seasonable colour variation.

Photographer - M Bramwell

Date taken - May 2010





No change since 2010, still in use as a study centre.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 17th February 2022

Platwell Farm 'Carhouse'



Platwell Farm 'carhouse', Clearwell - Originally a farmhouse that was replaced by a Georgian farmhouse, dates from seventeenth century.

Newland Parish

Camera location - SO573077

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - East

Date taken - June 2000



Nothing has changed.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2010



No discernible change in 2021.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 26th August 2021

Poolway farm, Coleford



Poolway Farmhouse is close to the site of the King's Pool, which probably dates from the 13th Century. The present building dates from the mid 19th Century, although it replaced an earlier building.

Coleford Parish

Camera location - SO581112

Photographer - R Beard

View direction - West North West

Date taken - May 2000



Some additional fencing has appeared, there has been little change to the building exteriors.

Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - July 2010



No change since 2010.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 14th February 2022

Speech House



Speech House - Currently a hotel and home to the verderers' court, originally 'Kings Lodge' was built in 1680.

West Dean Parish

Camera location - SO620121

View direction - North East

Photographer - A J Sulston

Date taken - February 2000

This aspect of the Speech House remains unchanged although there have been additions to other parts of the building.

Photographer - J Orr

Date taken - March 2010





The hotel retains its status as the premier hotel of the Forest area and is well maintained.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 20th December 2023

Spout Farm, Newland



Spout Farm, Newland - Oldest part is the central part, dates from c1500.
Newland Parish

Camera location - SO553097
Photographer - R Beard

View direction - North West
Date taken - June 2000



Little change can be seen apart from the removal of foliage.
Photographer - R Beard

Date taken - June 2010



The farmhouse continues to be well maintained in 2021.

Photographer – R. Beard

Date taken – 19th November 2021