

St Anns Chapel

Assessment of local housing characteristics, community amenities and facilities to assist with the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan.

Introduction:

The village is arranged around the central features of the Pickwick Inn, Holywell Stores and a few older original houses such as Little Coombe. The B3392 is intersected here with the roads to Averton Gifford and Ringmore forming the central hub of the village.

The Pickwick Inn with it's Grade 11 listed status is the main focal centre with other local facilities all being close by and to the East of the B3392 including Bigbury Memorial Hall and car park, Holywell Stores and car park, Coastguard Station, playground and football pitch.



The Pickwick Inn



Holywell Stores

Housing Description:

The houses around the village are essentially modest sized properties comprising mostly traditional 2-storey houses with painted white rendered walls with smaller timber framed windows and slate roofs.

The height of the properties is generally quite low with many of the houses actually being 'sunken'. The houses to the SW of the village are lower than the adjacent fields. The roofs are mostly hipped with some gable ended and some with dormer windows.



Some typical Devonshire features can be seen around the village including curved corners to the building and large dominating chimney breasts.



The approach from Ringmore. Large chimney breasts visible on the old and the new houses.

The general mix of properties includes both detached and terraced houses with a few bungalows scattered around the village.

A large part of St Anns Chapel comprises rented housing association properties in Hilltop, where the more recently built (12 year old) semi-detached houses reflect the style and size of the original houses. The walls have tile hung upper sections with painted render walls below. They also have hipped slate tiled roofs and white window frames. Hilltop generally has small gardens with large open spaces between them.



Old and new houses seen together at Hilltop.



Other Hilltop houses without the hung tiles.

Assets and Amenities:

There are several areas and features around the village of distinct character which should be preserved. Some of these are identified below.



The tree lined lane to Holy Well Farm provides a natural habitat for wildlife and links Hilltop to the village with a footpath. Unfortunately nothing remains of the original well.



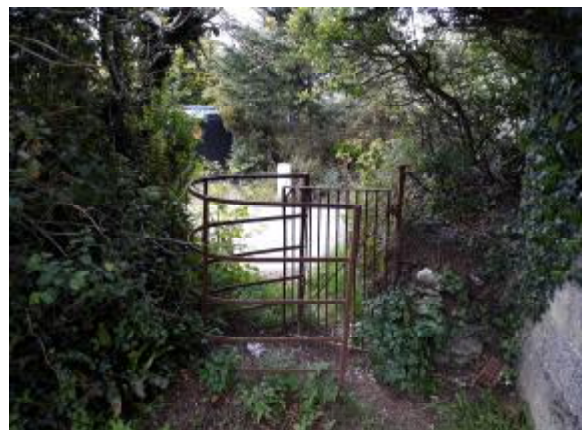
The courtyard to the side of the Pickwick Inn has unusual buttresses supporting the grade 11 listed Chapel within the pub. The Chapel in the pub also has some interesting murals and distinct architecture.



The road to Ringmore with the old grade 11 listed cottage adjacent to the pub and Little Coombe form a narrow passageway.



The historic Old Bakery on the road to Bigbury.



Access footpaths around the village with hedgerows providing wildlife sanctuaries.



Bigbury Memorial Hall and coastguard station with car parking.



The childrens playground and football pitch to the rear of the village hall with open aspects to the fields beyond.



Holywell Stores with its post office, shop and telephone kiosk.