

Beech Cottage

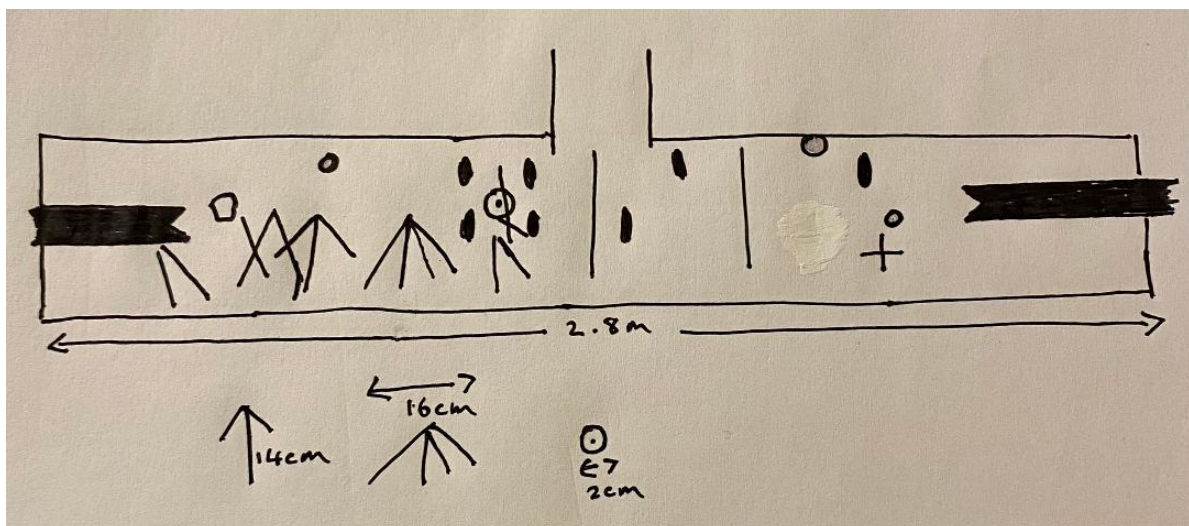
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HOXNE LOW STREET (west side) TM 17 NE 7/102 Aldersyde, The Cottage & adjoining cottage to north 29.7.55 (previously listed as Aldersyde, Two cottages adjoining Aldersyde) GV II Originally one dwelling, now 3 cottages. C16, in several phases, with later alterations. Timber framed and plastered, with old panelled plasterwork to front. Pantiled roof. 2 storeys. A single long range with continuous jetty to road frontage. 5 windows, mainly C18 3-light casements. Set forward to extreme right is a C19 plastered and gabled one-storey addition with old 4- light window. In the centre of the range is a canted small-paned former shop window of c.1800. Aldersyde has a C19 4-panel door, The Cottage has a C19 4- panel raised and fielded door, right hand cottage has a C20 door; all are reached by short flights of steps. 2 internal stacks, that to left an C18 insertion with cross-axial shaft. The frame is in 7 bays. There is evidence for extensive remodelling during C16, the rear wall older than the remainder. End bay to left (bay 1) was a carriage entrance, the upper floor set high; later infilling, with a false jetty to match the remainder. Bays 2 and 7 have one-bay rooms with roll-moulded axial bridging beams and moulded end cornices; chamfered joists are exposed in bay 2. Bays 4 and 5 comprise a single cell with roll-moulded cross-beams and cornices. Bay 3 has substantial plain joists, with no evidence for a partition dividing it from the adjacent 2-bay room. Bay 6 is occupied by the stack. Bay 4 has open trusses on each side, one with straight tie beam braces, unusual in C16. Good quality studding with reverse-curved braces. Evidence for many C16 windows, 2 to rear with exposed chamfered mullions; front wall has sills of 2 first floor oriel windows. The Cottage has open ground floor fireplace with original lintol. C18 roof with 2 rows of stepped butt purlins.

First floor North room, large fireplace with bressummer 2.8m long.



9 burn marks, Large M 16cm wide, arrow 14cm tall A or partial M. Compass drawn circle inside cluster of burn marks. Symmetrical (Greek) cross 5cm wide on East side of beam.







Cross passage



On the west frame of dearne door (blocked) crude A?



First floor

No apparent marks in the rooms except carpenter marks but many burn marks around door frames (East – 6, and West side, 10) and in the bathroom on south wall beams (19).