

# Heritage Statement

**Removal of external door and frame to kitchen. Fitting a window and filling in under with walling to match existing.**

**Venn Cottage, Bickleigh, EXETER EX5 4BS.**



## *Some History*

This is being written to accompany a Listed Building Consent application.

Venn Cottage is a Grade II listed cottage immediately to the west of the A396 between Silverton and Bickleigh.

The listing entry states that the house was probably built "C18/early C19". It is of cob construction over a stone base with a thatched roof.

The house is set in an elongated garden of some 0.27 hectare. The garden is some metres below the level of the road and the house is difficult to see clearly from a passing vehicle.

The house is at present in single occupancy but has been split vertically in past times to form two cottages. This is reflected in there being two doors.

Little is known of the early history but It is thought that the house was built as a Woodman's cottage servicing Bretheridge Wood which is on the eastern side of the A396. In 1894/5 William Venn was recorded labourer, Venn Cottage (source: Bickleigh residents in the Tiverton Directory of 1894/5 )

In the early 1990s there was a major fire at the property resulting in a substantial collapse of the front wall. The house was rebuilt under 93/01619/LBC complete with a bathroom extension and in 1994 under 94/00847/LBC.

In 2006 Consent for the erection of 2 storey extension at the rear (north) of the house. A revised scheme was granted approval in 2010.



### ***This application***

The application is to remove the left hand door and replace it with a window and walling under.

### ***Appearance***

To retain the history of two doors it is proposed that the walling under, both stone and render, be finished some 25mm back from the faces of the existing surfaces. Furthermore, the stones should not be toothed in to the existing. It is suggested that screw and plug fixed stainless steel frame ties be used to reinforce the connection.

The window should match the adjoining kitchen window in terms of timber sections and other details.