

Date **12th June 2023**  
Ref. **23/004**  
Client **Mrs S Warne**  
Project **Repair to brickwall and lychgate following  
impact by vehicular damage  
The Old Swan House  
The Street  
Wickham Skeith  
Eye, Suffolk IP23 8LP**

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# **HERITAGE ASSESSMENT**

**The Old Swan, The Street, Wickham Skeith, Eye, Suffolk IP23 8LP**

## **LISTING**

Heritage Category: Listed Building  
Grade: II  
List Entry Number: 1284400  
Date first Listed: 14/08/1988  
List Entry Name: The Old Swan  
Statutory Address: The Old Swan, Wickham Street  
County: Suffolk  
District: Mid Suffolk (District Authority)  
Parish: Wickham Skeith  
National Grid Reference: TM 09020 69773

Details: WICKHAM SKEITH WICKHAM STREET TM 06 NE 2/155 The Old Swan - GV II House, latterly a public house (closed 1966). C15 core, extended to right in C17 in 2 phases. C19 re-roofing. Timber framed and plastered, lined in imitation of ashlar. Shallow-pitched pantiled roof. 3 cells. 2 storeys. Upper floor has 3 C18 square-leaded casement windows. On ground floor, 2 old 4-light casements and a mid C20 window to left. Mid C20 louvred shutters. Cross-entry doorway has eared architrave and 6-panel raised and fielded door. Stack has plain shaft of narrow brick. Attached to left gable end is a C19 one-storey addition: whitewashed brick and glazed black pantiles; one inset sash window with glazing bars. Behind is a one-storey weatherboarded and pantiled wing, part with a cellar. Interior - C15 work comprises former open hall and associated service end. In the hall, a little exposed studding and a sooted front wallplate c.1.5m below present eaves; rear main post has blocked mortice for brace to former open truss. Service partition retains one doorway with 4-centre arched head. At service end, substantial curved braces (partly concealed) and evidence for original windows; some heavy square joists. Inserted floor has chamfered main beam, the joists plastered over. In hall chamber, some studding set against the stack may be the remains of a timber chimney. C17 parlour cell has regular studding and 2 sizes of plain floor joists, the later phase extending the earlier floorbeam by means of a scarf joint. Intact open fireplace on ground floor.

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## **GENERAL**

The lychgate and garden wall is thought to have been constructed in the late part of the C20 and are of no historic significance.

The brickwall and the brick piers for the lychgate, are modern LBC pressed bricks laid in cement mortar and capped with a modern concrete coping stone.

The element of the property the wall abuts is a later single storey extension (painted black with black pantile roof and sash windows) to the original timber building.

## **PROPOSALS**

The proposal is to repair and rebuild the damaged wall and erect a new lychgate (the damaged lychgate cannot be reused) following a vehicle collision in 2022.

There are no significant historic elements lost or damaged and the wall immediately abutting the property is unaffected by the collision, except for the section adjacent to the lychgate.

A suitable soft red brick of the same unit size as the existing bricks (type to be approved by the Conservation Officer prior to work starting) should be used to repair/rebuild the 9" gate posts and wall.

Please see drawings 23/004/1 (as existing) and 23/004/2 (as proposed) for details