


NORFOLK RURAL SCHOOLS SURVEY

Name of school	Photo reference
Heydon (old school house) formerly Voluntary Primary (Controlled), leased	HEY1-10
Grid Reference TG11322720 Is the building listed? No but in Conservation area since 1971 and noted as of interest by Broadland DC	
School Address Old School Cottage, The Street, Heydon, NR11 6RQ	



A tudoresque brick estate-built school behind an ornate gateway. Now a house.

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Photograph	Photograph
 <p style="text-align: center;">HEY1 Scool and entrance gate from road</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">HEY3 School behind entrance gate</p>

Document references

Building plans in NRO	BUL 16/293 (1953 new dining centre in cloakrooms)
Building plans in other	nk
Sale particulars in NRO	0
Sale particulars in other	rented from estate
Log books in NRO	C/ED 2/107-108 1895-Jul 1962
Log books in school	0
Photographs in NRO Other docs in NRO	Acc 2009/304 p.211; C/ED 143/32 Architect file; BUL 11/501 1836
Photographs in other Other doc.sources	Nk National Society Archives NS/7/1/6262

Directory entry (1920s or nearest date)	<p>White's Directory 1883 p.317 supported by voluntary and private subs, a neat brick building erected about 1840 by the late W.E.L. Bulwer.</p> <p>Kelly's Directory 1925 p.194 Built 1842 for 50 children</p> <p>NCC Ed Com Development Plan 1947 p.127 20 children 5-14; closure 1959/60</p>
Date of construction	c 1840-1842 [1840 normally quoted but estimate dated

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	1836]
Architects (if known)	Estate school
Position within parish	Centre village
Catchment area in 1940s	Heydon and Guestwick estate

Plan – describe or include scan

3. Make below a *rough* sketch, showing the position of the rooms and the accommodation of each, and the Standards occupying them.

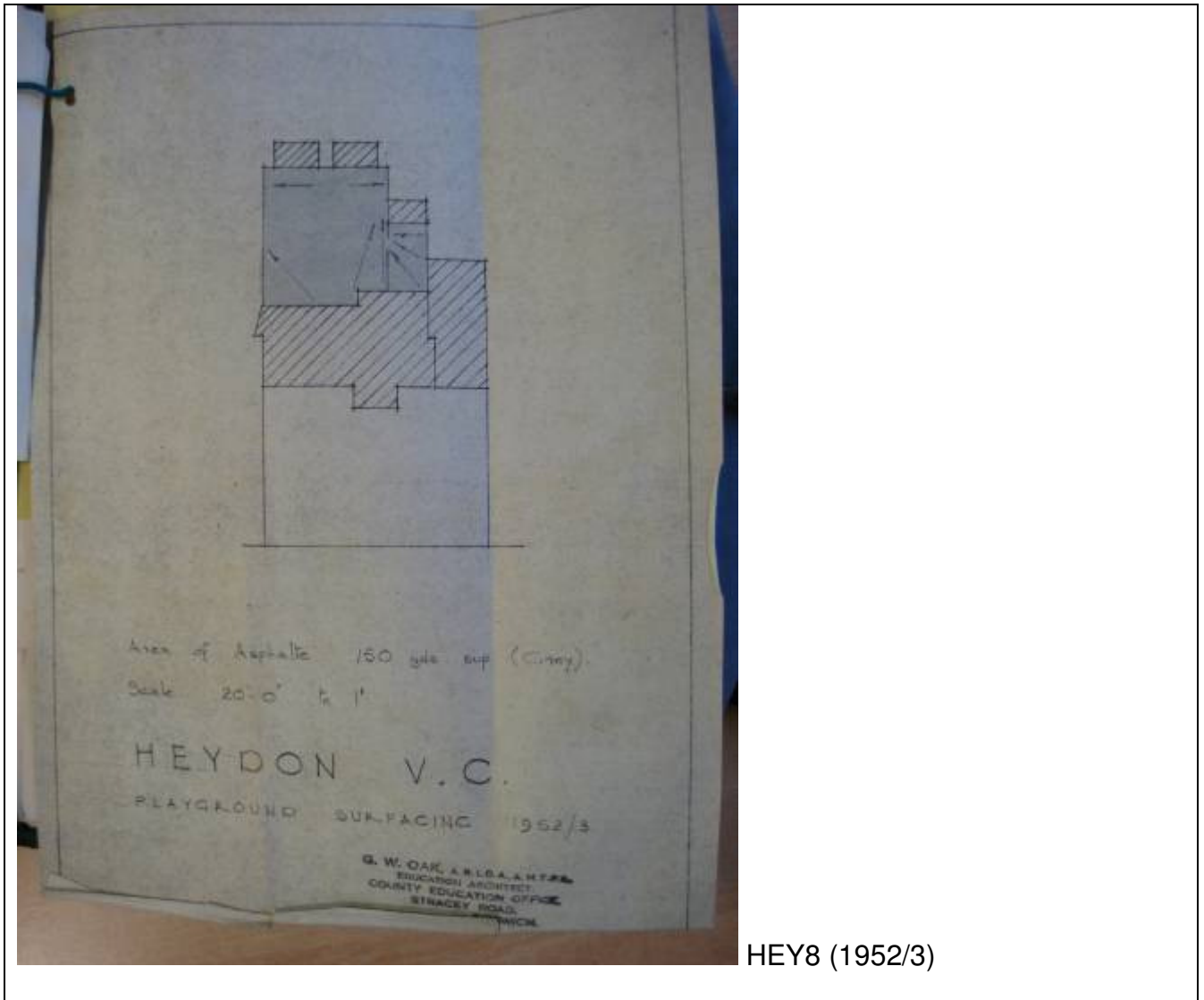
SCHOOL FURNITURE.

1. For how many Children have you proper sitting accommodation in Desks :

(a) In the Standards? 30 (b) In the Infant Class? 13

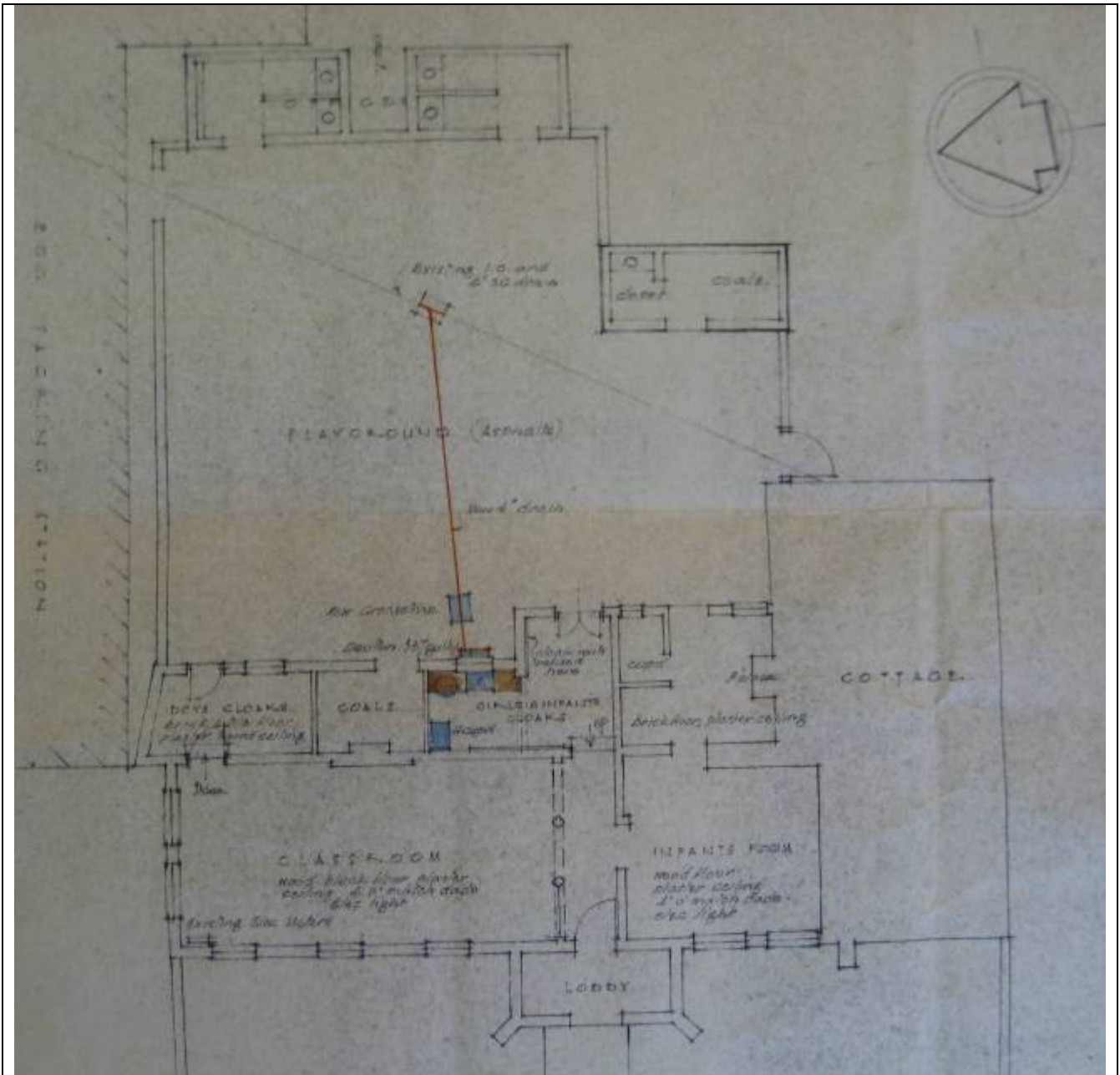
HEY7 Single rectangular schoolroom shown in 1903

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HEY8 (1952/3)

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HEY9 1953

How many storeys	One (schoolroom); house and porch two-storey
How many rooms	One in 1903; two by 1941
Present use	Private house
Name of present owner	Heydon estate?
Condition (1 =derelict – 5 = good)	5


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Is there a teacher's house associated with school? Give some idea of date, size and style	Yes same date
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Building Features

<i>Windows: number, position, size, no of lights, style (sash, leaded, etc)</i>	In 1941 'infants room has 2 windows, each 90in x 50in; large room has 5 windows, 3 are 72in x 42in, 2 are 90in x 50in'; some now look altered
<i>Chimneys: number, style</i>	Fancy brick; one double, one treble
<i>Ventilators: number, position</i>	Not visible
<i>Doors: number, position, inscription over (Boys – Girls) style</i>	-
<i>Porches: number, position, inscription etc</i>	Gothic front doorway
<i>Bell towers/clock and other ornamentation</i>	Centre roof, white, ornate bell tower

Overall style

<i>Gothic/ecclesiastical (pointed windows and doors)</i>	Mock-Tudor/Gothic door
<i>Classical/Georgian (triangular pediments, sash windows)</i>	x
<i>Tudor/flat headed windows with drip moulding, ornate chimneys</i>	Mixed style mock-Tudor redbrick; crow stepped gable
<i>Plain and functional with no ornamentation</i>	x
<i>Inscriptions, coats of arms etc</i>	 <p>Ornate bell tower and coat of arms</p>

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WB ('Squire' Bulwer)

Building materials

Roof-note decorative features (coloured and fancy tiles)	Norfolk tiles
Walls-note decorative work (flint work, diaper bricks etc)	Red brick. Stepped gables. Buttress between school and house.

For architectural terminology, see the glossary in Pevsner

Internal (room by room) materials and features such as:

<i>Panelled walls</i>	nk
<i>Fire places/heating appliances</i>	nk
<i>Plaster/modern ceilings, open to roof</i>	nk
<i>Original cupboards</i>	nk
<i>Room divisions/folding doors</i>	nk
<i>Permanent art work</i>	nk

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Building sequence

c1840-1842. Some internal changes 1896. Alterations early 1950s; playground resurfaced 1952/3; March 1955 rotten wooden dado on front wall on main classroom replaced by plaster; closed (?Jul) 1962

Playground

<i>Size (approx)</i>	At rear, small
<i>Type (tarmac enclosure, field – nature garden, climbing frames, games painted on ground)</i>	tarmac by 1950s gardens at front 1953 Very ornate gateway (buttressed brick arch)
<i>Boundary –original brick, iron fencing etc.</i>	
<i>Buildings – out houses, mobiles, ‘offices’</i>	Originally at rear of playground

Include here any additional material (scans of sketch plans, old photographs, oral evidence, etc, précis of school history

Mrs Bulwer paid for ‘schooling and writing-books’ in 1836 for five little girls who could not afford fee of 3d a week. A bequest had been left in 1622 for education in Heydon so a teacher would have been employed. William Bulwer esq was able to find funds to provide a new school for fifty children ‘in 1840’ according to J Preston, *The Squires of Heydon Hall* but a bricklayers estimate for building 3 cottages and school dated survives dated 1836 [BUL 11/501/7] Miss Webster, the baker’s daughter, was the teacher.

Built as Heydon and Guestwick school. Described as ‘leased school’; rented by Norwich Diocesan Board of Finance at £10 pa.

in 1895 HM Inspector’s report said the school would be considered as a Certified Efficient School if 3 conditions were met: a boarded floor was laid in the schoolroom; more books provided; and a plan be made showing schoolroom and office accommodation according to Government Rules. Frances Jane Burell appointed as mistress in 1896. Average attendances were 36 in May 1902, between 33-40 over the year 1902-3. Heads included Rose D Ewing (left May 1908), Rose Cullum (started June 1908), Florence Edith Clarke (1909), Barbara Samples (started Dec 1915), Mabel English (started 1919) and Mrs Florence Edith Tuddenham was head in 1925. The school was firmly an estate school and the Rector was chairman of trustees. General Bulwer(d 1915) visited in 1908 to give each child a 1d.

In 1930 it was ‘Small but efficiently conducted..Atmosphere pleasant...children well-behaved’.

Feb 1953 ‘Class 1 (14 children aged between 9 and 15) occupies the larger room...inadequately heated by small open fire...childrens’ hands were blue with cold...there is no provision of midday meal; about half the children take packed lunches. Milk may be heated on an oil stove. There is no supply of drinking water on the site.’

March 1953 plan for proposed dining centre in girls and infants cloakroom area [BUL16/293].

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Little maintenance work was carried out after 1953 as Dev Plan had 'to be closed 1959-1960'. (Seniors to go to proposed sec mod at Reepham, juniors and infants to Wood Dalling.) Closed 1962.

Date of survey	29 June 2009
Name(s) of surveyor(s)	Maggie Vaughan-Lewis