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1.0 Introduction

During the research for the Conservation Plan of Hunstanton Heritage Gardens (HHG), a wealth of images and information was found. This has been catalogued in the form of a Gazetteer based on site areas or structures as appropriate with sections including articles in the local press. Brief summaries of the history are made and further details can be found in the Hunstanton Heritage Gardens Conservation Plan 2015.

The sources vary and are identified on each item. Further details on the existing condition of the areas can be found in the WWA and rhp HHG Condition Survey November 2015.

The images/ articles are organised in approximate timeline order to show the development of the site over time but in some cases accurate dates cannot be verified.

With thanks to Michael Meakin, King’s Lynn and Hunstanton Libraries, Hunstanton Heritage Centre, Hunstanton Civic Society and Tourist Information Centre for providing such a wealth of information.
2.0 The Lower Green

The Green was a critical component of Henry L'Estrange Styleman Le Strange's vision for Hunstanton. Very little has changed over the years. The Pier building (1870) was the first structure, with fountain (c. 1881) and pathways (c. 1920s) to the south following. The 1960s saw the shelters being constructed and in 1994, the modern bandstand was built.

2.1 From Picture Norfolk website. Copyright Norwich City Council. https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/

Sandringham Hotel in background. Pre-1905 as extension not yet built (seen on 1905 OS).

2.2 From Picture Norfolk website. Copyright Norwich City Council.

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Bathing Machines (licenses still being issued in 1907).

2.3 From Victorian Pavilion Civic Society display

Shows Sandringham Hotel (1875) prior to glazed extension.

2.4 Local History Archive Hunstanton and King's Lynn titled 1890s
2.5 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn

Sandringham Hotel in background. Post 1887 and pre-1905 as extension not yet built (seen on 1905 OS).

2.6 Francis Frith Collection 1891

The Green with the landward Pier Pavilion.

2.7 From Tourist Information centre Series 4 postcards

The Sandringham Hotel. c.1875 (no glazed annex built 1897).

2.8 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn

Town Hall (1896) in background.

Circa late 1890s following introduction of By laws in 1881 for Hackney carriages.

Similar photo dated 1891 available on Francis Frith website.
2.9 From Tourist Information centre Series 4 postcards
Town Hall (1896) and Golden Lion Hotel (c.1846).
Similar to image 2.8.
Date unknown.

2.10 From Picture Norfolk website
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https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/
1899
Steps seen to the right hand side from The Green and the Beeton buildings.

2.11 From ‘Hunstanton Story’
Similar to 2.10 1899 image.
Pre-1907 as steps different to later 1907 FF image.
Lounge was built in 1900.
Similar to Francis Frith photo dated 1893.

2.12 From ‘Hunstanton Story’
Post 1890 photo and landward pier building in background.
2.13 From Heritage Centre
Shows the Lower green. Pre-1907 photo as steps are different.

2.14 From Heritage Centre
Sandringham Hotel with glazed annex can be seen in background (1897) and building to end of pier (built 1890).

2.15 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King's Lynn
1906
Sandringham Hotel with glazed annex (1897) can be seen in background.

2.16 Francis Frith Collection 1907
Promenade.
2.17 Francis Frith Collection 1907
Promenade.

2.18 Francis Frith Collection 1907
View towards Lower green taken from Pier.

2.19 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
1909
Promenade and shelters.

2.20 From ‘Hunstanton Story’
Shelters (1928-1932) now constructed and Esplanade Hall in background (built 1900).
Promenade and shelters. Esplanade Gardens Gatehouse building in the background.
2.21 From Hunstanton Story

Le Strange terrace (named after Henry Le Strange is shown on the 1887 OS map).

Date unknown.

2.22 Hunstanton Civic Society

http://www.hunstanton-civic-society.org/gallery.htm

The cross and pier.

Pier building in background (pre-1939 photo).

2.23 From Heritage Centre

The Green and Shelters taken from Pier c.1935

2.24 From Heritage Centre

View of lower green.
End of Pier building (1890) and fountain (c. 1881) to green in background.

Image seems to be the same as 1927 Francis Frith photo.
2.25 From Heritage Centre

View of shelters and lower green from pier.

Gatehouse building to Esplanade Gardens.

Shelters (1928-1932) shown on 1939 OS but gone by 1970 OS.

Shelters seen in background of Pier miniature train Francis Frith Photo c.1955.

2.26 Local History Archive

Hunstanton and King’s Lynn

View of shelters and Lower Green and part Esplanade Gardens.

Cenotaph in background and shelters (1928-1932) shown on 1939 OS but gone by 1970 OS.

Small Pavilion to bowling green (on 1939 OS map).

2.27 From Heritage Centre

Promenade and Shelters. Shelters built so post 1932 and Cenotaph in background (seen in FF 1921 photo).

2.28 From Heritage Centre

View of lower green from pier.

Lighting added to Pier and larger pier buildings (seen on 1905 OS). Glazed annex (c.1897 to Sandringham hotel) in background.
2.29  From Heritage Centre
View towards Lower Green from Pier.
Larger pier buildings can be seen (on 1905 OS map).
St Edmund's Church can be seen (1866).
Gatehouse building to Esplanade gardens.

2.30  Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
View towards Lower Green from Pier.
Date unknown.

2.31  From Heritage Centre
View of Pier and Lower Green.
End of Pier building (1890) and fountain (c. 1881) to green.

2.32  From Heritage Centre
Sandringham Hotel and promenade.
Glazed annex to Sandringham Hotel (1897) and promenade (1879).

2.33  From Heritage Centre
Sandringham Hotel and Promenade.
Glazed annex to Sandringham Hotel (c. 1900) and promenade (1879).

2.34  From Heritage Centre
Sandringham Hotel with glazed annex (c. 1905 as on 1905 OS map).
2.35 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King's Lynn

Sandringham Hotel.
Built in 1875 and by c. 1905 glazed annex constructed.

2.36 From Heritage Centre
Postcard of Sandringham Hotel.
Bathing machines can be seen on the beach (licenses still being issued in 1907) and glazed conservatory added to the front c.1905.

2.37 From Heritage Centre
View of Sandringham Hotel and Lower Green from the air.
Titled from the bomb bay of a Lancaster Bomber.
WWII photo.
Date unknown.

2.38 From Heritage Centre
View of Golden Lion Hotel, Lower and Upper Greens.
Titled 1950s
2.39 From Heritage Centre

View of Lower and Upper Green.
No butterfly shelters but Public Toilets have been built pre-1970 image.

c.1960s

Planning reference 507 for Public conveniences on site dated 1959 from Land Charges department of BC KL and WN.

2.40 Local History Archive

Hunstanton and King’s Lynn

View of Chalets to promenade and part of Esplanade Gardens and Lower Green.

Taken from the pier so pre-1978 photograph.

Butterfly shelters and Public facilities can be seen to the background along with modern flats next to the Golden Lion.

2.41 From Hunstanton Miscellany

1967 Sandringham Hotel was demolished

2.42 From Heritage Centre

View of Lower Green with Golden Lion Hotel in background.

Recent history but exact date unknown.

2.43 From Heritage Centre

Recent history, but exact date unknown.
3.0 The Upper Green

The Green was a critical component of Henry L’Estrange Styleman Le Strange’s vision for Hunstanton. Very little has changed over the years. The Cross and Golden Lion Hotel is the main feature of the Upper Green since 1846.

3.1 From Picture Norfolk website

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Golden Lion Hotel, Cross on Upper Green.

Plan layout as shown on 1845 William Butterfield ‘Proposed New Village on the Coast at Hunstanton St Edmunds’.

Pre-1887 photograph.

3.2 Hunstanton Civic Society

http://www.hunstanton-civic-society.org/gallery.htm

Drawing of Golden Lion Hotel. Exact date unknown.

3.3 From Picture Norfolk website

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Image of Cross and Upper Green.

Pre-1870 as no pier and no Sandringham hotel (built 1875) in background.

3.4 From Edwardian Pavilion display

Dated 1868

Golden Lion Hotel and Cross can be seen in background.
3.5 From Picture Norfolk website
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https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/
Dated 1868
Golden Lion Hotel.
Steps shown do not appear to have been built.

3.6 From Edwardian Pavilion
Civic Society display
Greeve Gate and St Edmunds Terrace.
Dated 1868

3.7 From Edwardian Pavilion
Civic Society display
Cliff End Terrace.
Dated 1868

3.8 From Edwardian Pavilion
Civic Society display
Dated 1868
3.9 From ‘Hunstanton Story’

Golden Lion Hotel and Town Hall. Part Cross can be seen to left hand side.

Post 1896 as Town Hall in place.

3.10 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
Cross and Pier.

1895

3.11 Francis Frith Collection 1901

Golden Lion Hotel in background and view of the Lower Green.

3.12 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
1910

View of Golden Lion Hotel and Lower Green.

Note: The jumping sticks held by the children.
3.13 From Heritage Centre

View of Golden Lion Hotel and Lower Green.

Coloured version of 1910 dated black and white Library version postcard.

3.14 Hunstanton Civic Society

http://www.hunstanton-civic-society.org/gallery.htm

Pier and Cross.

Pre-1939 as end of pier building in place.

3.15 From Picture Norfolk website
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Golden Lion Hotel in background.

Fred Rowe
c.1930s.
3.16 From Heritage Centre

View of Golden Lion Hotel, Cross and Green. View from Sandringham Hotel. Post 1900 due to cars. Town Hall (1896) in background.

3.17 From Heritage Centre

View of Golden Lion Hotel and Green.

Titled 1950s

3.18 Local History Archive

Hunstanton and King's Lynn

Golden Lion Hotel, Cross and Upper Green. Town Sign also seen in foreground.

Exact date unknown.
4.0 Esplanade Gardens

The Esplanade Gardens is the formal area of Hunstanton Heritage Gardens and has seen a lot of change. It is noted on the 1887 OS map as Cliff Esplanade and Beaconsfield Parade but changed to Esplanade Gardens by the 1928 OS map.

Ref. Source Image
4.1 From ‘Hunstanton Story’ View of Cliff face and Lower Green prior to any development. Pre-1887 date.

The Golden Lion can be seen to the left.

4.2 From Heritage Centre Footbridge to Esplanade Gardens.

Footbridge noted as FB on 1905 OS map.

Exact date unknown.

4.3 From Heritage Centre

Esplanade Gardens Postcard.

Gatehouse shown on 1905 OS plan but not on 1887 OS plan. No cenotaph so postcard image depicts pre-1921 date.

4.4 From BC of KL and WN

Esplanade Gardens Postcard.

Gatehouse building shown on 1905 OS map.
4.5 Francis Frith Collection
1927
Promenade with Esplanade Gardens in the background. Shelters can be seen on the right hand side.

4.6 From Heritage Centre
Esplanade Gardens Postcard.
Cenotaph seen in 1921 Frith Photo.
Exact date unknown.

4.7 From Heritage Centre
Esplanade Gardens Postcard.
Titled Gardens and St Edmunds Cafe. Cafe building shown on 1905 OS map. Cafe burnt down in c.1938.

4.8 From Heritage Centre
Promenade and Lounge Building.
The north promenade shown on 1887 OS Map. The Lounge built 1900.
4.9 From Heritage Centre

Footbridge in Esplanade Gardens.
Footbridge noted as FB and building outlines similar to those shown on 1928 OS map.
Exact date unknown.

4.10 From BC of KL and WN

Esplanade Gardens Postcard.
Smaller Pierhead Pavilion as shown on 1905 OS map.
Exact date unknown.

4.11 Local History Archive

Hunstanton and King’s Lynn Esplanade Gardens and Pier Postcard.
Exact date unknown.

4.12 From Heritage Centre

Esplanade Gardens Postcard.
Pierhead Pavilion added in 1890 burnt down in fire of 1939.
Pond shown on 1928 OS but not on 1905 OS map.
4.13 From Heritage Centre
Esplanade Gardens and Pier Postcard.
Pierhead Pavilion added in 1890 burnt down in fire of 1939.
Pre-1939 photo.
Pond shown on 1928 OS but not on 1905 OS map.

4.14 From BC of KL and WN
Esplanade Gardens Postcard.
Pre-1939 as Pierhead Pavilion shown in background.

4.15 From ‘Hunstanton Story’
Esplanade Gardens.
Pierhead Pavilion added in 1890 burnt down in fire of 1939.
St Edmunds Café in background.
Pond shown on 1928 OS but not on 1905 OS map.

4.16 From Heritage Centre
Esplanade Gardens Postcard.
Cenotaph seen in the background (post 1921).
Pond shown on 1928 OS but not on 1905 OS map.
4.17 From BC of KL and WN and Micheal Meakin (MM)

Esplanade Gardens
Postcard.

MM states date of post card as 1940 but likely to be pre-1939 as St Edmunds café and end of pier building shown in background.

4.18 From Heritage Centre

Esplanade Gardens
Postcard.


4.19 From Heritage Centre

Esplanade Gardens
Postcard.

Building at end of pier added in 1890 burnt down in fire of 1939.

4.20 From Heritage Centre

Esplanade Gardens.

St Edmund’s Café in the background (burnt down in c.1938). Building at end of pier added in 1890 burnt down in fire of 1939.
4.21 From ‘Hunstanton Story’

Esplanade Gardens.

Building at end of pier added in 1890 burnt down in fire of 1939.

Guns were removed at some point during WWII.

4.22 From Heritage Centre

Esplanade Gardens.

Similar to coloured postcard image.

4.23 Francis Frith Collection

1921

Esplanade Gardens and Cenotaph.

4.24 From Heritage Centre

Esplanade Gardens and Cenotaph.

Cenotaph seen in 1921 Frith Photo
4.25 From Micheal Meakin
Esplanade Gardens and Cenotaph Postcard.
Exact date unknown.

4.26 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King's Lynn
Esplanade Gardens and Cenotaph.
Lighting changed from 1921. Francis Frith Photo and kerbs added to path.

4.27 From Picture Norfolk website
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https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/
Promenade.
1953 Flood damage

4.28 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King's Lynn
View of Pier from Esplanade Gardens showing Cenotaph and Public WCs. Part of Butterfly shelters can be seen to left hand side of image.
Pre-1978 image as pier in background.
Exact date unknown.
4.29 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
Bowls Pavilion.

4.30 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
Bowls Pavilion.
1982 opening of extension.

4.31 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
Seating to Bowling green
EDP 1982
4.32 From Heritage Centre
View of Pier from Esplanade Gardens.
Butterfly shelters and Public Toilets can be seen with pier in the background.
Pre-1978 date.

4.33 From Heritage Centre
Recent history. Exact date unknown.

4.34 From Heritage Centre
Recent history. Exact date unknown.
5.0 The Pier

5.1 Source
Local History Archive Hunstanton and King’s Lynn

Drawing of Pier.
Dated 1939 and states ‘pier about seventy years ago’ c. 1870.

5.2 From Heritage Centre
Drawing of Landward Pier Pavilions and pier.

5.3 From Heritage Centre
Drawing of Landward Pier Pavilions and pier.

C.1870s
5.4 From Tourist Information Centre Series 4 postcards

Drawing of Landward Pier Pavilions and pier.
c.1870s

5.5 From Heritage Centre

Image of Landward Pier Pavilions and pier.
c.1870s

5.6 From Victorian Pavilion display

The beach and Pier. Dated 1870

Bathing machines can be seen on the beach.

5.7 From Picture Norfolk website

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https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/
Pier.
c.1870s
5.8 From Heritage Centre
Pier and Lower Green.
End of Pier building (1890) and fountain (c. 1881) to green.
The buildings layout are as show on 1905 OS map.

5.9 Hunstanton Civic Society
http://www.hunstanton-civic-society.org/gallery.htm
Pier Pavilion.
c.1910

5.10 From Heritage Centre
Drawing of Pier Landward buildings and Pier.
End of Pier building (1890) and fountain (c. 1881) to green.

5.11 From Micheal Meakin
End of Pier building (1890) and fountain (c. 1881) to green.
Very similar to Francis Frith image dated 1901.

5.12 From Heritage Centre
End of Pier building (1890) and fountain (c. 1881) to green.

5.13 Provided by WWA
Pier and part of the Cross.
Date unknown.
5.14 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
End of Pier building (1890) and fountain (c. 1881) to green.

5.15 Provided by WWA
Pier Pavilion (1890).

5.16 From Heritage Centre
End of Pier building (1890) and fountain (c. 1881) to green.

5.17 From Heritage Centre
View towards Lower Green taken from Pier.
Shelters built 1924-1932.

5.18 From Heritage Centre
Aerial photograph of landward Pier buildings and shelters.
Shelters built 1924-1932.
Exact date unknown.
5.19 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn Pier.
c.1933
Similar photo can be seen on Francis Frith photo dated c.1955.

5.20 Hunstanton Civic Society

http://www.hunstanton-civic-society.org/gallery.htm
Pier.
Exact date unknown.

5.21 From Micheal Meakin and postcard dated as 1940 – but must be earlier as Pier building still in place.
Building to green end of pier matches 1939 OS Map.

5.22 From Hunstanton Miscellany
Beach and Pier.
Pre-1939 image.

5.23 From WWA
Pier head Pavilion fire in 1939.
Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King's Lynn
Pier head Pavilion fire 1939.

From Hunstanton Miscellany
Landward Pier Buildings.
1941

From Hunstanton Miscellany
Landward pier buildings.
c.1941
5.27 Hunstanton Civic Society
http://www.hunstanton-civic-society.org/gallery.htm
End of Pier Pavilion similar c.1955 images.

5.28 From Micheal Meakin and postcard dated as 1952
Pier and Lower Green.

5.29 From Heritage Centre, dated as c.1955
Landward Pier building and Lower Green.
5.30 From Heritage Centre
Pier.
1963

5.31 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King's Lynn
Lynn News 1978

5.32 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King's Lynn
Eastern Daily Press 1978
5.33 From WWA
After the storms of 1978

5.34 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King's Lynn

1978

5.35 From Hunstanton Miscellany
2002

5.36 From Heritage Centre
c.2002
From Heritage Centre:

Pier stump.

Exact date unknown but post 1978.

Pier stump currently set in Esplanade gardens to the north of the pier.

2015
6.0 Cliff Parade

Cliff Parade extends north from the CP Bowls Pavilion and Salad Bowl to the site of St Edmund’s Chapel. The Chapel is reputed to date from 1272, built as a memorial to the St Edmund, King of East Anglia c.855, martyred in 869.

Close to the Chapel is the Lighthouse. A Lighthouse was the next building to be constructed on St Edmund’s Point in c.1666 (the first timber structure was burnt down in 1776) and replaced with a new building which lasted until 1837 when it was rebuilt with the current brick building by Trinity House. The lighthouse became redundant and was subsequently closed in 1921.

Cliff Parade has 3 shelters to offer a place of rest to walkers on the cliff tops. The earliest at the south dates from 1898 as a memorial to Francis Hewitt of Leicester and was originally unpainted (photo shown in Conservation Area Statement of Oct 2009). The other shelters followed and the middle shelter has been relocated in recent times to prevent loss due to cliff erosion.

Ref: Source Image

6.1 Local History Archive Hunstanton and King’s Lynn

Cliffs and Lighthouse.

Dated as 1855 but this may be an error as mast is shown

6.2 From Tourist Information Centre Series 1 postcards

Cliffs and Lighthouse.

Dated as 1860.

Looks very similar to image 6.1 which has a date of 1855.
6.3 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King's Lynn
St Edmunds Chapel and Lighthouse in background.
1895 date.
No tiled support to arch or memorial garden.

6.4 From Tourist Information Centre Series 4 Post cards
Cliffs and Lighthouse.
Similar to Francis Frith Photo dated 1891.

6.5 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King's Lynn
Lighthouse.
Light on top of lighthouse.
Date unknown.

6.5a Boulton & Paul, Ltd. 1898 Catalogue
The No. 339 Arboretum shelter is most similar to the middle shelter to Cliff Parade. (The current roof and benches are different and no hip brackets exist now but these items may well have been replaced over time).
Date 1898
6.6 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
St Edmunds Chapel and Lighthouse in background.
Colour scheme to lighthouse appears to be red and white.
C.1910

6.7 From
Picture Norfolk website
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https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/
Lighthouse.
C.1914
Francis Frith photo dated 1901 very similar.

6.8 From
Picture Norfolk website
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https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/
Cliffs and Lighthouse.
C.1914

6.9 From Hunstanton Miscellany
Lighthouse and Cliffs.
c.1914
Lookout/ coast guard tower.
Francis Frith dated image of lighthouse dated 1898 has red and white scheme with light.
6.10 From Heritage Centre

St Edmunds Chapel and Lighthouse in background.

Lighthouse has red and white colour scheme (noted on 1887 OS and 1905 OS) and light.

Post 1915 as tiled archway support installed and memorial garden.

Buildings to the right of the lighthouse can be seen on 1905 OS.

Note: Dated Francis Frith image shows tiled support to archway in dated photo of 1921.

6.11 From Picture Norfolk website
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Lighthouse.

Lighthouse has red and white colour scheme (noted on 1887 OS and 1905 OS) and light.

Post 1910 as no light to Lighthouse.

6.12 From Hunstanton Miscellany

St Edmunds Chapel.

States Pre-war (assuming WWII).

6.13 From BC of KL and WN

St Edmunds Chapel and Lighthouse in background.

Post 1910 Lighthouse colour scheme has changed and light lost.

Bell reported as stolen in 1966 in Ken Arnott Book.
6.13 From BC of KL and WN
St Edmunds Chapel and Lighthouse in background.
Post 1910 Lighthouse colour scheme has changed and light lost.
Bell reported as stolen in 1966 in Ken Arnott Book.

6.14 From BC of KL and WN
St Edmunds Chapel and Lighthouse in background.
Bell reported as stolen in 1966 in Ken Arnott Book.
Post 1910 as tiled archway support installed.
Note: Planting scheme significantly different to current planting scheme.

6.15 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King's Lynn
St Edmunds Chapel and Lighthouse in background.
Post 1910 as tiled archway support installed.
Pre-1966 as bell in place.
Planting very similar to that shown on dated 1929 Francis Frith Photo.

6.16 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King's Lynn
St Edmunds Chapel and Lighthouse in background.
Post 1910 due to tiled support to archway
White colour scheme to lighthouse.
Without buttress to the west.
6.17 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn

St Edmunds Chapel and Lighthouse in background.

Post 1910 Lighthouse has lost its light and Tiled arch support installed.

No bell which is stated by Ken Arnot book as stolen in 1966.

Planting reduced. Buttress added to west.

Very similar to Francis Frith photo dated 1955.

6.18 From Hunstanton Miscellany

Watercolour painting of Lighthouse.

c. 1950-1962

6.19 From Heritage Centre

St Edmunds Chapel to right hand side.

Recent photograph. Exact date unknown.
7.0 The Beach and Promenade

The sandy beach is one of the features that draws visitors to Hunstanton, now and in the past. The Cliffs are a further draw and walks above and below them are one of the highlights of a visit. Many structures have been installed over the years to provide access to the beach and cliffs whilst also providing a defence against erosion of the sea.

7.1 From Victorian Pavilion display

Cliffs and Beach.

Dated 1868. Bathing Machines on the beach (invented 1753). Licenses were still being issued in 1907 for their use. Also can be seen in 1921 dated Francis Frith photograph.

7.2 Hunstanton Civic Society

http://www.hunstanton-civic-society.org/gallery.htm

Beach with Bathing Machines.

Exact date unknown.

7.3 From ‘Hunstanton Story’

Beach with Bathing machines in background.

Exact date unknown.

7.4 From Tourist Information centre Series 4 postcards

Pier (1870) in background and Bathing Machines.

Exact date unknown.
7.5 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
1894
Pier to background and Esplanade Hall.

7.6 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
Cliffs
1895
Lighthouse seen in the background and large rock fall – remains of 1868 event?

7.7 From ‘Hunstanton Story’
Pier.
Post 1870 photo

7.8 From Picture Norfolk website
Copyright Norwich City Council
https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/
Sketch of Ship wreck on beach.
Sketch matches that shown in Hunstanton story of Salacia wreck
1889
7.9 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
Beach and Esplanade
Gardens in background.
Exact date unknown.

7.10 From Hunstanton Miscellany
Exact date not known.

7.11 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
Le Strange Arms and Golf
Links.
The golf Links was built in
1891.

7.12 From
Picture Norfolk website
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Council
https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/
Beach.
1899
7.13 Hunstanton Civic Society

http://www.hunstanton-civic-society.org/gallery.htm

Promenade with Cliffs in background.

Exact date unknown.

7.14 From Heritage Centre

Known as the Japanese steps (1905 to 1999) but titled here as the Cliff Steps. Likely to be early 1900s from the clothes.

Appears to be a postcard of the Francis Frith Photo dated 1921.

7.15 From Picture Norfolk website
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https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/

Cliffs.

Exact date unknown.

7.16 From Hunstanton Miscellany

Helter Skelter and ponies to beach.

Post 1890 as pier building seen to end of pier.
7.17 From Picture Norfolk website
Copyright Norwich City Council

https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/
Cliffs.
Exact date unknown.

7.18 From Picture Norfolk website
Copyright Norwich City Council

https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/
Cliffs.
Exact date unknown.

7.19 From Picture Norfolk website
Copyright Norwich City Council

https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/
Post 1870 image of beach and Lower Green.

7.20 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
Bandstand to Promenade.
C.1910 Image
7.21 From Heritage Centre
Sandringham hotel in background (on 1887 OS) with glazed extension built 1897.
Promenade built c. 1879.

7.22 Francis Frith Collection 1927
Promenade built c.1879.

7.23 From Victorian Pavilion display
Bandstand (c.1911) and Lounge (1900).

7.24 From ‘Hunstanton Story’
Shelters built 1924-1932.
Pre 1950s as no Hangar building to end of pier.

7.25 From Heritage Centre
Japanese steps (1905) can be seen in the background.
Victorian clothes.
Exact date unknown.
7.26 From BC of KL and WN
Japanese steps and Promenade.
Pre 1938 as pier and end of pier building in background.

7.27 From ‘Hunstanton Story’
c.1912

7.28 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
Promenade and Pier in background.
Bandstand can be seen built 1911.

7.29 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
Pier and Shelters.
Shelters built 1924-1932. Pre 1950s as no Hangar building to end of pier.

7.30 From BC of KL and WN
Post card of Promenade with Esplanade Gardens in background.
Shelters built 1924-1932.
7.31 From Heritage Centre
Promenade and part of Footbridge (shown on 1887 OS).
Pier in background so pre-1978.

7.32 From Heritage Centre
Footbridge shown on 1887 OS Map.
Bridge was removed when the sailing club built 1979 needed better access.
Pier in background so pre-1978. Pier building of Hanger type seen in 1955 photos. Sandringham hotel in background?

7.33 From Heritage Centre

7.34 From BC of KL and WN
Promenade.
Kit Kat club opened c.1933 and closed in c.1975.
No pier in background (lost in 1978) and modern flats can be seen adjacent the Golden Lion in background.
7.35 From Heritage Centre
Photo taken prior to demolition in 1999.

7.36 From Heritage Centre
Known as the Japanese steps – 1905 to 1999. Photos likely to have been taken just prior to demolition.

7.37 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn
Boating Lake and Sea Life Centre. Post 1978 as no pier.
8.0 Hunstanton Station

Hunstanton Station opened in 1862 and was the brainchild of Henry Styleman le Strange in his 1850 prospectus for the town of Hunstanton St Edmund’s. The line was an extension of the Ely to King’s Lynn opened in 1847. Visitors could travel from Shoreham in London to Ely and continue to King’s Lynn.

The line needed to run through the Sandringham Estate, purchased in 1862 by Queen Victoria for use as a private residence for the then young Prince of Wales the future King Edward VII. The line closed in 1969.

Ref Source Image
8.1 From Heritage Centre Hunstanton Station. c.1860s.

8.2 From WWA Hunstanton Station. Exact date not known.
8.3 Hunstanton Civic Society
http://www.hunstanton-civic-society.org/gallery.htm
Hunstanton Station.
Exact date unknown.

8.4 From Hunstanton Miscellany
Exact date unknown.

8.5 From Hunstanton Miscellany
Hunstanton Station.
Exact date unknown.

8.6 From Heritage Centre
Hunstanton Station with Sandringham Hotel in foreground.
c. 1950s.
8.7 From Heritage Centre
Hunstanton Station with Sandringham Hotel in foreground.
c.1950s.

8.8 From Hunstanton Miscellany
3rd May 1969.
The Boating Lake (opened in 1932) and Blue Lagoon pool (opened 1928) was a fantastic facility that was well used. Significant damage was caused to the Boating Lake in the 1953 floods. The Boating Lake was demolished in 1980.

Blue Lagoon Pool opened in 1928

Check date of blue lagoon pool opening in 1937 (presumably after maintenance works)
9.3 From Library
Blue Lagoon pool.
Exact date unknown. but pool opened 1928.

9.4 From Heritage Centre
Pool opened in 1928.

9.5 From Heritage Centre
Pool opened in 1928.

9.6 From Heritage Centre
Exact date unknown.
9.7 From Heritage Centre
Open air pool opened in 1928. Pre-1978 photo as pier in background.

9.8 From Heritage Centre
Pre-1978 as pier can be seen in background.

9.9 From Heritage Centre
Boating lake and Pool along with railway lines. Pre-1969 photo when Station and tracks demolished.

9.10 Hunstanton Civic Society
http://www.hunstanton-civic-society.org/gallery.htm
Boating lake (demolished 1980s).
9.11 From Heritage Centre
Boating Lake (demolished in 1980s).
Exact date unknown.

9.12 From Heritage Centre
Post 1978 as no pier. Kit Kat club can be seen to the north.

9.13 From Heritage Centre
Oasis to the north (replaced the open air pool).
Exact date unknown but pre-demolition in the 1980s.

9.14 From Hunstanton Miscellany
1980s
There have been many aerial photos of Hunstanton taken over the years from various sources. This includes Aerofilms who set up in 1919 and continued photographing towns and cities from the air in the 1940s and 1950s.

10.0 Aerial Photos

10.1 From Heritage Centre
Golden Lion Hotel to right hand side.
WWI Cenotaph can be seen (seen on 1921 FF photo)

10.2 From Heritage Centre
Lighthouse in red and white colour scheme (and with light) and mast suggests WWI photo?
Memorial gardens laid out in 1915 to St Edmund’s Chapel.

10.3 From Heritage Centre
Esplanade Gardens and part Lower Green.
Shelters below Green can be seen along with Sailing Club (opened 1949).
Low hedge planting scheme around Cenotaph.

10.4 From Heritage Centre
Pre-1969 when station closed.
Sandringham Hotel (demolished in 1967).
Estimated as 1950s.
Similar to dated 1952 image
10.5 From Heritage Centre

Lower Green and part Pier. Pre-1978 as pier can be seen and shelters to the green.

c. 1940s

Miniature railway can be seen on pier c.1933. Sandringham Hotel in background. T shape profile of buildings to end of pier shown on 1939 OS. and 'Hangar' building.

10.6 From Heritage Centre

Rear of Theatre and Upper Green seen at top of image.

10.7 Local History Archive

Hunstanton and King's Lynn

Lighthouse and St. Edmund's Chapel can be seen along Cliff Parade with the 3 shelters. Post 1946 as no pill boxes.

Middle shelter – in different location to current?

Boating Lake in background.

No pier so post 1978.
Kit Kat club can be seen to the north.

Rail lines taken up and station demolished.

Esplanade Gardens.

Bowls pavilion extension can be seen so post 1982 photo.

Boston square shown before sensory garden.
10.10 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn

Boating lake to south.

Cenotaph has low hedge planting scheme.

Sandringham Hotel demolished and rail lines taken up.

10.11 From NCC website
1946

Pill boxes and gun emplacements to Cliff Parade.
10.12 From NCC website
1946

10.13 From BC of KL and WN
Circa late 1950s

Footbridge in gardens and footprint of buildings to end of pier shown on 1939 OS.

Pavilion building is different to the current Victorian pavilion in front of the play area.

No town sign.

10.14 Local History Archive
Hunstanton and King’s Lynn

No butterfly shelters and Bowling pavilion without extension.

Shelters and pier to the green.

Hangar building to ends of pier c. 1955.
10.15 From Heritage Centre

Japanese steps can be seen (demolished 1999) and Bowls pavilion pre-extension in 1981.

10.16 From Heritage Centre

Road access formed down to promenade (shown on 1970 OS map).

Sailing club building in place (1979).

10.17 Local History Archive

Hunstanton and King’s Lynn

Dated 1974 but this may be an error as there is no pier which was lost in 1982.

Kit Kat and Boating lake can be seen

10.18 From Heritage Centre

Post-1978 as no pier.

Butterfly shelters and Public WCs can be seen with low hedge simple planting scheme to Cenotaph.
10.19 Local History Archive Hunstanton and King’s Lynn

Dated 1982

Town sign can be seen and shelters to Lower Green.

Low hedge planting scheme to Cenotaph.

No raised bed to upper green.

10.20 Local History Archive Hunstanton and King’s Lynn

EEN 1987

Cenotaph has low hedge planting scheme.

Town sign on upper green.

Victorian pavilion in place and play area with block paved crazy golf?

10.21 From NCC website

1988

Middle Shelter closer to coastline.
10.22 From NCC website
1988
Town sign to green.

10.23 Google Images
1999
Middle shelter closer to coastline.
2006
Middle shelter closer to coastline.

2007
Middle shelter closer to coastline.
2010
Middle shelter closer to coastline.

2011
Middle shelter closer to coastline.
10.28 From Heritage Centre

2002

Low level planting scheme to Cenataph.

10.29 From Heritage Centre

Modern photo showing St Edmund’s chapel in the background and new car park. Exact date unknown.
11.0 Newspaper Articles

11.1 The Lynn Advertiser
1883

11.2 Hunstanton Lighthouse
1910

11.3 The End of Pier Pavilion
1910
11.5 Rear of item 11.4.

1915

11.4 Unknown Source

1915

**DEATH OF THE REV. A. HEBBETHWAITE.**

A peaceful death occurred on the 21st of December last, on the 40th year of the Rev. A. Hebbethwaite, of the Primitive Methodist ministry. He died at his residence in Oxford Street, York, on the 21st of December, at 9 o'clock in the morning. He was 40 years of age, and is survived by a widow and three children. He was a member of the York circuit, and had served the circuit for over 20 years. He was a man of great piety and devotion, and is greatly missed by his friends. He leaves behind him a large family of children, all of whom survive him. The funeral will take place on Tuesday, the 24th of December, at 2 p.m., at the Primitive Methodist chapel, York, and will be followed by a service at the mortuary chapel. The burial will take place at the York cemetery. The family家居 will be held at their residence in Oxford Street. The family is greatly saddened by the loss of their beloved father.
11.5 cont.

11.6 The Green

1920

11.7 Cambridgeshire Herald

1921

11.8 Unknown Source

1927
HUNSTANTON LIGHTHOUSE

A Site With A Long History

A Lynn Pioneer With Reflectors

The Everard family sold the lighthouse in 1888 to Benjamin Lee, caretaker of the Custom House, who held it until 1902, when it passed out of private hands into the ownership of Trinity House. The net profits were to have varied from £5 to £6 a year in the early 19th century to £45 in 1820. In the reign of William IV a letter was received by the Master of the Custom House at Lowestoft notifying him of the demands of the customs at Hunstanton, and to the same he replied, 'I have not the authority to give a licence to trade, but it is the duty of the customs to collect the duties due.'

In 1652 the Bishop of Lynn and his Court of Commonalty petitioned the King for the building of a lighthouse at Hunstanton, and the King was persuaded, in accordance with the custom of the time, to grant a patent to the Bishop for the lighthouse, and to the site of Hunstanton. The lighthouse was built in 1652, and in 1653 it was a small building, with a wooden tower and a square brick base.

The lighthouse was rebuilt in 1653, and in 1663 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1666, and in 1670 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1676, and in 1680 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1693, and in 1700 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1706, and in 1712 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1719, and in 1725 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1730, and in 1737 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1740, and in 1747 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1750, and in 1757 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1760, and in 1767 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1770, and in 1777 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1780, and in 1787 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1790, and in 1797 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1800, and in 1807 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1810, and in 1817 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1820, and in 1827 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1830, and in 1837 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1840, and in 1847 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1850, and in 1857 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1860, and in 1867 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1870, and in 1877 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1880, and in 1887 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1890, and in 1897 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1900, and in 1907 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1910, and in 1917 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1920, and in 1927 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

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The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1940, and in 1947 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1950, and in 1957 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1960, and in 1967 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1970, and in 1977 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1980, and in 1987 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 1990, and in 1997 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 2000, and in 2007 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 2010, and in 2017 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.

The lighthouse was again rebuilt in 2020, and in 2027 it was a large stone building, with a round brick base.
11.11 The Lynn News
1940

11.12 The Lynn News Advertiser
1973

11.13 The Lynn News
1996

Lighthouse in danger
Million-pound work vital to halt erosion

PUBLIC pressure to save Hunstanton's lighthouse is mounting following the warning that the famous landmark could one day slip into the sea.

A survey has revealed that saltwater erosion millions of pounds of marram sand is taken into the sea each year, and that even if the buildings were strengthened the structure could still disintegrate. The survey recommended that the council should take urgent action to save the building.

A report to West Lindsey Council's planning committee states that the buildings were threatened by the sea, and that the council should consider taking urgent action to save the building.

The council has refused to take any action to save the building, and has decided to leave the decision to the public.

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The end of the pier show
Inferno finally finishes off the ravages started by sea 24 years ago

Second seaside attraction destroyed
Jubilee taxi
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Welcome to Norfolk’s original seaside resort.

In addition to having one of the very best beaches in the UK, Hunstanton is also home to a wealth of attractions and leisure opportunities, as Emma Barnard discovers. Pictures by Ian W