

Quaker Meeting House, Bognor Regis

6 Victoria Drive, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 2RJ

National Grid Reference: SZ 92862 98835



Statement of Significance

The meeting house is a post-war house which was converted in 1993. It has low heritage value.

Evidential value

The meeting house has low evidential value.

Historical value

The building is a post-war house and has low historical value.

Aesthetic value

The meeting house is a typical suburban house of the period. It has low aesthetic value.

Communal value

As a Quaker meeting house which is also used by community groups the building has high communal value.

Part 1: Core data

- 1.1 Area Meeting: *Sussex West*
- 1.2 Property Registration Number: *0033360*
- 1.3 Owner: *Area Meeting*
- 1.4 Local Planning Authority: *Arun District Council*
- 1.5 Historic England locality: *South East*
- 1.6 Civil parish: *Bognor Regis*
- 1.7 Listed status: *Locally listed*
- 1.8 NHLE: *N/a*
- 1.9 Conservation Area: *No*
- 1.10 Scheduled Ancient Monument: *No*

1.11 Heritage at Risk: *No*

1.12 Date(s): *1960s-70s*

1.13 Architect (s): *Not established*

1.14 Date of visit: *18 August 2015*

1.15 Name of report author: *Johanna Roethe*

1.16 Name of contact(s) made on site: *Barbara Branscombe, Caroline Bennett, Geoff Brear*

1.17 Associated buildings and sites: *None*

1.18 Attached burial ground: *No*

1.19 Information sources:

Butler, D.M., *The Quaker Meeting Houses of Britain*, 1999, vol. 2, p. 599
Local Meeting survey by Barbara Branscombe, June 2015

Part 2: The Meeting House & Burial Ground: history, contents, use, setting and designation

2.1. Historical background

The meeting at Bognor Regis was established by 1952. The current building was acquired in 1993 for £105,000 and opened the same year as a meeting house with a first-floor warden's flat. Later alterations included the conversion of an integral garage into a small meeting room (c.1998).

2.2. The building and its principal fittings and fixtures

The meeting house is aligned roughly north-south with the street elevation facing west.

The meeting house was built in the 1960s or 1970s as a two-storey private dwelling. The plan is oblong with slightly recessed wings under the main pitched roof. The walls are faced in brown bricks in stretcher bond. The roof has modern interlocking tiles. Windows, doors and rainwater goods are of UPVC. The street elevation of the centre block has a central recess with a first-floor balcony. The entrance to the ground-floor rooms including the meeting room is in the centre, the entrance to the warden's flat is via a side door to the north. There are two chimneystacks at the points where the wings meet the central block. The meeting room is located in the south of the building. The former chimneybreast survives although the opening has been blocked. Other ground-floor rooms include a smaller meeting room (the former garage), a kitchen and toilets. The warden's flat is on the first floor (not inspected).

2.3 Loose furnishings

None of particular note

2.4. Attached burial ground (if any)

N/a

2.5. The meeting house in its wider setting

The house is located in a residential suburban area near the centre of Bognor Regis.

2.6. Listed status

The building is not listed and is not considered to be a candidate for listing.

2.7. Archaeological potential of the site

The site of the meeting house was fields until Victoria Drive was laid out in the late nineteenth century. The meeting house was built in the garden of a Victorian building in Aldwick Road which has been replaced by a block of flats. The site has low archaeological potential.