

The Broadstairs Society

Grade II Listed Buildings in Broadstairs & St Peter's

Bleak House, Fort Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1EX

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Date of Building: Early C19 but extended in 1901

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Notes: There have been several alterations to the building and its environs with planning permission and Listed Building Consent.





Details

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FORT ROAD
BROADSTAIRS
Bleak House

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The core is early C19 but this was refronted and extended in 1901. The house was originally known as 'Fort House' as it was built as the residence of the Fort Captain during the Napoleonic Wars. This was one of Charles Dickens' favourite lodging houses during the summer months and here he wrote 'David Copperfield' in 1849 and planned 'Bleak House', though the 'Bleak House' of the novel is a completely fictitious building and this building was renamed many years after the book was published.

Two to three storeys and basement brown brick. The right hand portion of three storeys is the original building. Crenellated parapet. Two altered mullioned and transomed windows with hood moulding to the older part and J mullioned and transomed windows, including a five-light bay running through two storeys to the addition of 1901. The original door to the older wing has been blocked in to form a window and the original bow window recased and crenellated. Brick porch to modern wing with crenellated parapet and arched opening with hood moulding. The interior has been arranged as a Dickens Museum. The mahogany staircase and some fireplaces are original. Grade II for Dickens associations.

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