Flamborough Old Lighthouse

(Near Flamborough Head, Yorkshire)

Octagonal chalk tower at on Flamborough Head, East Riding of Yorkshire
History

The chalk tower near Flamborough Head. Built in 1674, is described as England's oldest surviving lighthouse since it was built as a light tower in 1674 by Sir John Clayton but he went bankrupt soon after it was completed. It was designed for a coal or wood fire to be burned on its top, however it is not clear whether it was ever actually used.

It was restored in 1996. A modern (1806) lighthouse lies 300 metres southeast of this tower.

Location

Flamborough Head Lighthouse is located 1.2 miles from the village of Flamborough on the B1259.

Parking

A car park is situated next to the Lighthouse.