Hunstanton Lighthouse

(Hunstanton, Norfolk)
History

For many years lights were shown from St. Edmund's Chapel, which was built in 1272, the remains of the chapel are near the lighthouse. This light was replaced by a lighthouse made of wood in 1666 by Alderman Everard of King's Lynn at a cost of 200 pounds. It was built of wood with an iron basket of burning coals as a light, but this was burnt down in 1777.

A second tower to replace it, was built in 1778, a second wooden lighthouse with oil lamps, and was one of the first lighthouses to use oil.

Trinity House bought it in 1837, and rebuilt it as the current tower in 1840-1844. It was deactivated in 1921 and sold, the lantern house then being removed and an additional storey being added in its place.

By the 1950's it had become derelict and bought for £1,600 and renovated by a Dereham builder. By 1964 it was owned by Hunstanton Town Council who sold it as a holiday home for £4,760.

In 2007 the current owner, 60s rock star Bip Weatherall, placed the lighthouse for sale, and in late 2008 he lowered the price tag to £499,000.

According to an October 2007 online news feature the building is Grade II listed, and even though the building sits on a 60ft cliff, when its stormy, waves can crash into the living room windows. The price in this case is quoted as £695,000. It says that 2 lighthouse keepers used to live there and worked a 12 hour sift pattern. The home has four bedrooms, kitchen, dining and living room and bathrooms, none of which are in the lighthouse tower. This is accessible via a spiral staircase leading up to a viewing area.

The house is now available for weekly holiday rental, and has four bedrooms sleeping 8. The tower has been opened for climbing to people who were staying at the holiday property.

The present lighthouse was built in 1840 although there has been a Lighthouse on the site since 1665. This first lighthouse was built of wood with an iron basket of burning coals as a light. Hunstanton lighthouse had the world's first parabolic reflector which was built here in 1776. The present lighthouse ceased operations in 1922, since when it has been a private residence and a Holiday Let.

Specifications

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<td>1840</td>
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### Location

![Map of the location](image)

### Holiday Rental

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