

HOLMES FARM in Bexhill and Hooe

Origin of Name: 18th century name Swinehams

Location: The land in Bexhill lies to the north west of Lower Barnhorn Lane. The farmhouse and buildings lie in the Hooe Parish South west of Whydown Bridge.

History:

This farm has not been studied a great deal as the majority fell within the parish of Hooe. The buildings in the 18th century contained Messuage, Malthouse, 2 Barns, Stall and Orchard and 104 acres. 35 acres lay in the Bexhill parish and is shown on the farm plan held in the East Sussex Record Office under the reference BMW C10/3/9. This plan was surveyed October 3rd 1801 by John Harmer for the owner The Hon. John Fuller M.P.

In the middle to late 19th century it was in the ownership of Sir Peregrine Ackland as part of the Park Gate Estate and is shown on the Tithe Map of 1839 and the plan of the Park Gate Estate held in the Record office under the reference AMS 3447 dated 1854.

John James Newport gives a short description of Holmes Farm in his book 'Records of Hooe' published 1989.

In 1934 the owner was Philip Constant who purchased Whydown Farm and amalgamated the two for a while.