

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1981  
THE REGISTERED BUILDINGS (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1982

TO: Mrs. Cheryl Cousins,  
"Cornelly",  
High Street,  
Port St. Mary,  
Isle of Man.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting held on the 13th day of May, 1983, the PLANNING COMMITTEE of the Isle of Man Local Government Board in pursuance of its powers under the Above Act and Regulations REGISTERED the thatched house, formerly two cottages, together with the adjacent shed, situate on the Quarterland of Ballacain (otherwise Kerrowkeil) and fronting onto Niarbyl Beach in the Parish of Patrick, in the PROTECTED BUILDINGS REGISTER, by reason of its architectural or historic interest.

THE EFFECT OF THIS REGISTRATION IS IMMEDIATE and prohibits the alteration or demolition of the structure or appearance of any part of the building(s) except in compliance with an obligation imposed by or under any statutory provision or with the prior written consent of the Planning Committee.

Public Notice of this Registration will be published on the 27th day of May, 1983.

This 23rd day of May, 1983.

By Order of the Committee

J. F. Kissack, Secretary.

Government Offices,  
Bucks Road,  
Douglas, Isle of Man.

NOTE

Rights of Review and Appeal against this Registration are provided under the Regulations and summarised overleaf.

A copy of Schedule 2 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1981 is appended hereto.

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TO: Miss Sheila Mallandaine Teare,  
Ballacooil,  
Dalby,  
Patrick,  
Isle of Man.

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**TO:** Mr. George E. H. Pearson,  
Dreemskerry,  
Maughold,  
Isle of Man.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that at a meeting held on the 13th day of May, 1983, the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** of the Isle of Man Local Government Board in pursuance of its powers under the Above Act and Regulations **REGISTERED** the two thatched cottages, together with the adjacent shed, situate on the Quarterland of Ballacain (otherwise Kerrowkeil) and fronting onto Niarbyl Beach in the Parish of Patrick, in the **PROTECTED BUILDINGS REGISTER**, by reason of its architectural or historic interest.

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Public Notice of this Registration will be published on the 27th day of May, 1983.

This 26th day of May, 1983.

By Order of the Committee

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## Registry Entry Summary – Thatched House at Niarbyl Beach

### Details

Name: Thatched House (formerly two Cottages), Niarbyl Beach

Address: Niarbyl Road, Dalby IM5 3BS

Register Entry Number: 8

Date of Registration: 23.5.1983

### History

The two beach side cottages at Niarbyl do not have a definitive build date. Background information provided by Manx National Heritage in support of a 2003 planning application suggests that the cottages are likely to date from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, although as vernacular building techniques and materials varied little over the course of numerous centuries, it is possible that the cottages date from the 17<sup>th</sup> century or the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. It is not certain whether the cottages are of the same age, or whether one pre-dates the other. The cottages are shown on the first edition ordnance survey map from the 1860s.

Historically the beach at Niarbyl was used as the base for herring boats fishing the waters between Niarbyl and Peel, although the importance of Niarbyl for this purpose is thought to have declined rapidly from the 1850s onwards. The 1851 census listed five families (at Niable), three of which were headed by full time fishermen. By the time of the census in 1881, only one family was recorded as permanently living at Niarbyl.

The Manx museum's archive includes photographs and images from circa 1860s onwards, and these records appear to suggest that the cottages are largely unchanged from this period.

### Form and Materials

The two cottages are single storey, with a thatched pitched roof. Both gables and the party wall have chimney stacks. The western cottage is open plan internally, while the eastern cottage has a single dividing wall to the right of the entrance door. Both cottages are three bays. Walls are constructed of Manx stone, with a lime wash finish. Doors and windows are painted timber. There is a single high level window in the north facing wall of the western cottage.

The stone projecting pegs in the walls (bwoid suggane) – used to secure the roof thatching – are still in place, as are the projecting slates within the chimneys that serve to divert water away from the internal walls.

### Reasons for Registration

Thatched House (formerly two cottages), Niarbyl, is included in the Protected Buildings Register for the following reasons:

#### ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST:

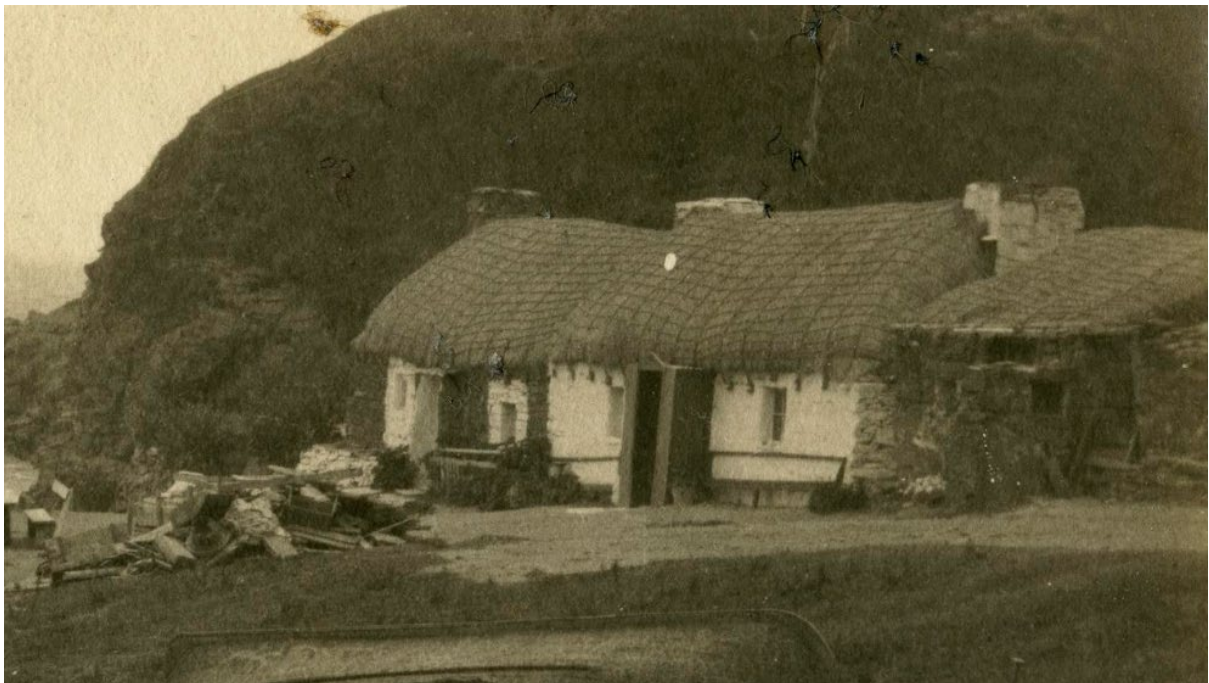
- A surviving example of a pair of vernacular thatched cottages likely to date from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, with various elements of historic fabric and detailing.

#### HISTORIC INTEREST:

- A unique surviving example on the island of a pair of vernacular thatched cottages in a beachside setting; and specifically illustrating the history of the community at Niarbyl in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century that fished the waters between Niarbyl and Bradda.

## Historic Photographs

The Niarbyl Beach, nr. Glen Meay, I. o. M.

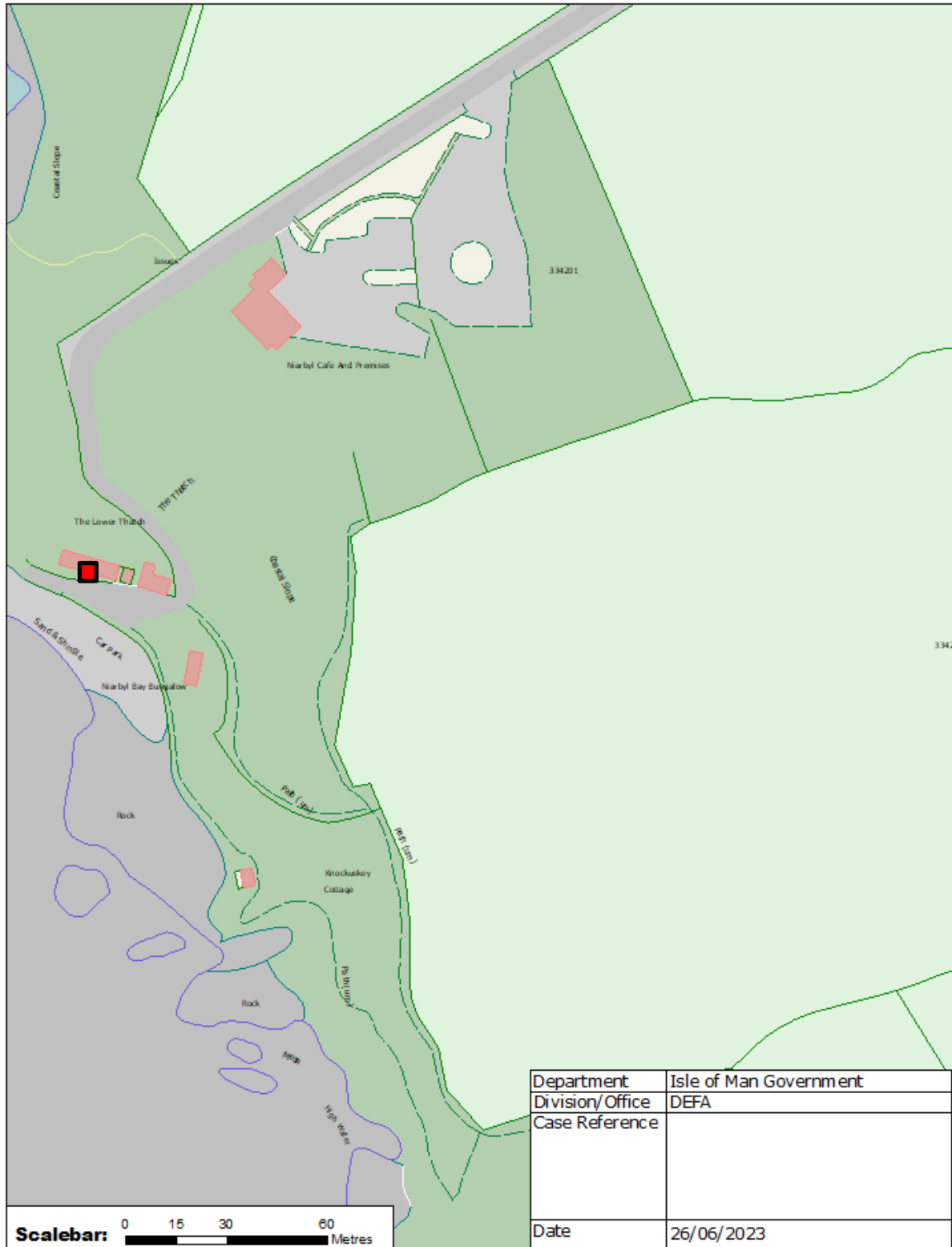


Photographs circa date of registration



Photographs taken January 2022





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**Scale: 1:1,500**

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