



**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND  
AGRICULTURE**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1999  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (REGISTERED BUILDINGS)  
REGULATIONS 2013**

IN ACCORDANCE with Part 3 14(2) of the Act, The Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 determined to enter:

**Ramsey Swing Bridge,  
together with the metal framed approaches from West Quay and Old River Road  
West Quay, Ramsey IM8 1DW**

as identified on the Register Entry Summary hereto attached, in the PROTECTED BUILDINGS REGISTER.

As required under Schedule 2 2(1) of the Act the Department HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT the demolition, alteration or extension of the building is prohibited in any way which would affect its character as a building of special architectural or historic interest UNLESS written consent is first sought under 15(2) of the Act ("registered building consent") and the authorised works are executed in accordance with the terms of that consent and any conditions attached to it.

Dated this **4<sup>th</sup> March 2024**,

By Order of the Department

Director, Planning and Building Control

**NOTE :**

*Under The Town and Country Planning Act 1999;*

**Schedule 2  
The Protected Buildings Register**

*Notifications of entries on register etc.*

- 2 (1) As soon as may be (practical) after a building has been entered in the register, or the register has been amended by removal of a building from it, the Department shall serve a notice on the owner and the occupier of the building stating that it has been entered in or removed from the register.
- (2) The owner or the occupier of, and any other person having an interest in, a building which has been entered in the register may apply to the Department to remove the building from the register-
- (a) within the prescribed period after service on him of a notice under sub-paragraph (1);
  - (b) after the expiration of the prescribed period after the decision of the Department on a previous request under subsection in relation to the building.

*Under the Town and Country Planning (Registered Buildings) Regulations 2013*

**5. Periods for purpose of Schedule 2 paragraph 2(2)**

- (1) The period specified for the purposes of paragraph 2(2)(a) of Schedule 2 to the Act (period after notice of registration, within which owner or occupier may request de-registration) is 21 days.
- (2) The period specified for the purposes of paragraph 2(2)(b) of Schedule 2 to the Act (period after initial period, during which owner or occupier may not request a de-registration) is 5 years.

Notices sent to:

Property Owner

Manx National Heritage

## Register Entry Summary – Ramsey Swing Bridge

### Details

Name: **Ramsey Swing Bridge**

Address: West Quay, Ramsey IM8 1DW

Register Entry Number: 338

Date of Registration: 28.2.2024

### History

Prior to the 1890s, the only physical link across the Sulby River between the north and south areas of Ramsey was via the stone bridge on Bowring Road. Since its opening in the 1890s, the bridge has provided an important second link, giving access from West Quay to The Mooragh and northern harbour area whilst still enabling maritime access to the Shipyard and inner harbour. Standing just outside the Ramsey Conservation Area, the swing bridge represents a rare example of Victorian engineering, and helps to illustrate the town's expansion during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The bridge was constructed by Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Company of Darlington in 1892, having been commissioned by Ramsey Town Commissioners. The bridge was officially opened on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1892; however there was no elaborate ceremony as there had been numerous disputes and complications during the construction period.

The slewing ring was replaced in the 1970s, and various repairs to the metalwork were undertaken in the 1980s. An extensive refurbishment of the bridge was undertaken in 2013, which included replacement and realignment of the slewing mechanism and bearings.

**This registration includes the main swing bridge itself, together with the associated metal framed southern approach road from West Quay and the metal framed northern approach road up to its junction with Old River Road.**

**MATERIALS:** Painted steel structure with a central pier in dressed masonry.

**PLAN:** Roadway and footway housed within steel structure. Central pier has small control/plant rooms either side of roadway (outside of trussed arches). Seaward side room is not evident on historic photographs.

**FORM:** The bridge is formed of two steel trussed arches spanning 64 metres supporting the horizontal roadway deck. The structural panelling, gates and guardings of the approach roads from West Quay and Old River Road are formed of painted metalwork in the same style as the main bridge. The central pier on which the bridge rotates is constructed in dressed masonry.

### Reasons for Registration

Ramsey Swing Bridge is entered into the Protected Buildings Register for the following reasons:

#### ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST

- Constructed of two painted steel trussed arches, the bridge is the only example of its type on the island. The bridge also represents an early example of the work of The Cleveland Engineering and Bridge Company, internationally renowned bridge builders.

#### HISTORIC INTEREST

- Officially opened on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1892, the bridge was one of the principal structures built in Ramsey during the town's expansion in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, and was an essential factor in the successful development of The Mooragh and northern harbour areas.

Map

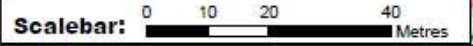


# Location Plan

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Image of Ramsey Harbour prior to Swing Bridge construction



Image including Swing Bridge – dated late 1890s



**Image showing train on harbour branch with Swing Bridge behind – dated 1946**



**Image of Swing Bridge – dated 1948**



## Recent Photographs of Bridge

