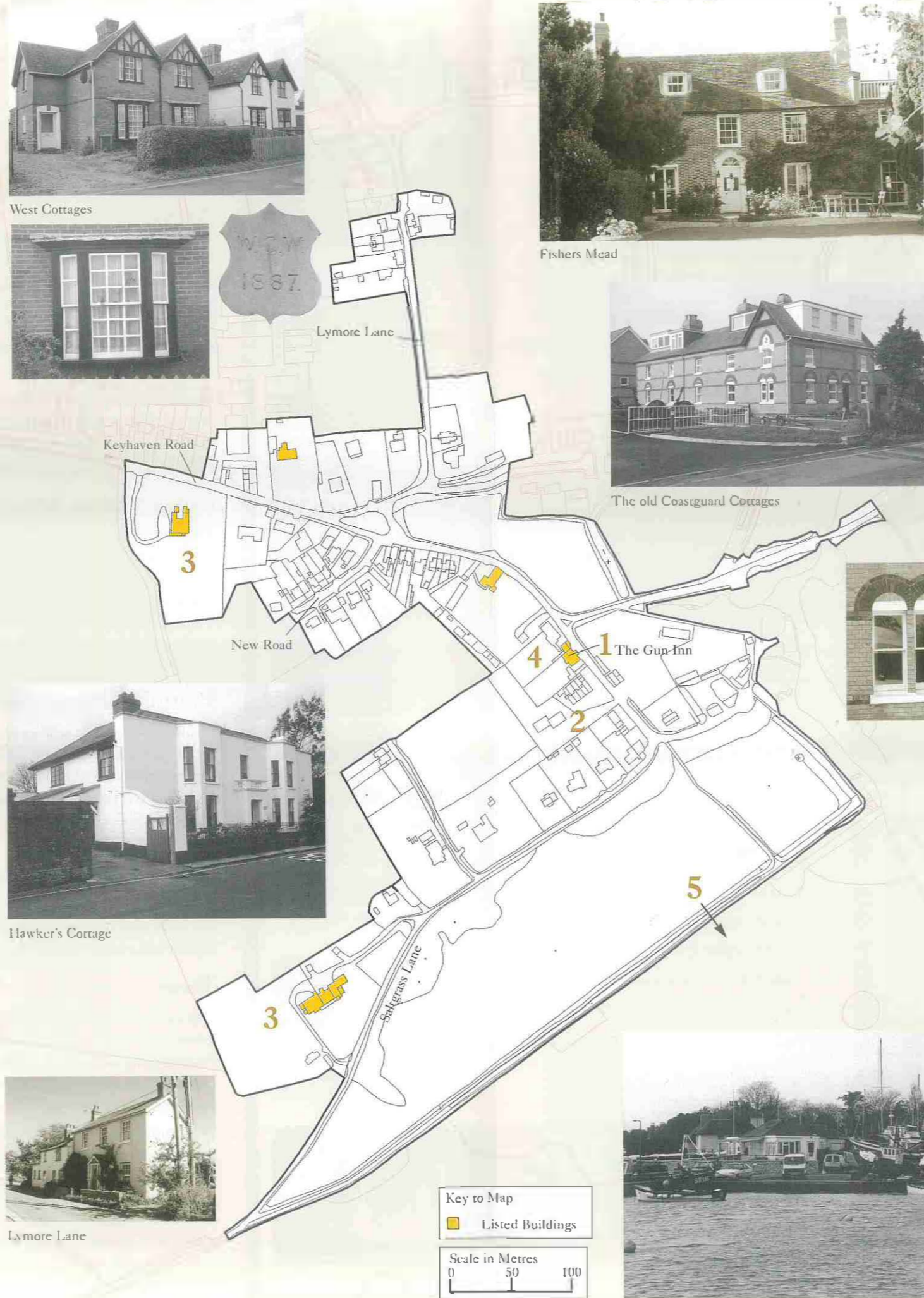


These are key features in the conservation area and the points relate to the numbered areas on the map.

- 1 The Gun Inn - a Grade II listed building - has been an important focal point of the hamlet since at least the middle of the 19th century. The slate roof is hipped at one end and gabled at the other. The sash windows have vertical glazing bars only. Generations of innkeepers have provided food and drink for local fishermen and farmers
- 2 The coastguard cottages are now private houses since coastguard duties were transferred to Calshot. The attractive detailing in red and blue bricks and the anchor symbol have been taken up in the new houses built alongside. It is very important when dealing with prominent buildings to consider details carefully. Every effort should be made to retain original windows and their glass. Modern glass is so smooth that its mirror effect can radically alter the appearance of a building.
- 3 The groups of trees at Old Saltgrass and Aubrey House give shelter to the area and form a significant landmark.
- 4 Hawker's Cottage was the Keyhaven home of Colonel Peter Hawker of the Royal Dragoons who served under Wellington and was invalided out of the army during the Peninsular War. He kept a diary for more than 50 years which records many of his wildfowling exploits in this area. The original low lattice windows were replaced by the more imposing stuccoed bays towards the end of the 19th century.
- 5 Against the backdrop of the Isle of Wight Hurst Castle dominates the view from the southern edge of the area. The castle was built in the 1540s as part of Henry VIII's coastal defence. Much of the stone came from Beaulieu Abbey. During the Civil War Charles I was imprisoned there. In the 19th century extensive rebuilding was undertaken and it maintained its strategic importance through both World Wars. Many buildings have come and gone and today tourists visit it either on foot along the shingle bank or by ferry from Keyhaven.



West Cottages



Fishers Mead



The old Coastguard Cottages



Hawker's Cottage



Lymore Lane



These are some of the things that make Keyhaven special - they need to be looked after:

History

- The pattern of roads and boundaries.

Buildings

- The late 19th and early 20th century cottages such as West Cottages and Coventry Cottage.
- Hawkers Cottage - a smart late 19th century frontage on an earlier house
- The Coastguard Cottages with their brick detailing and sash windows.
- The impressive residences of Keyhaven House, Sedge End and Long Range facing the water on Saltgrass Lane.
- The 18th century houses - Fisher's Mead, Aubrey Farmhouse and the 3 parts of Saltgrass.

Archaeology

- The area from the green along Keyhaven Road to Saltgrass Lane is of high archaeological potential being the presumed centre of the historic settlement.

Landscape/Townscape

- The rural feel to the road frontages of the narrow lanes.
- The substantial trees in the grounds of Aubrey House and behind the end of Saltgrass Lane are important for the character they give the area as well as their windbreak qualities.

Setting

- The view from Saltgrass Lane across to Hurst and the Isle of Wight.
- The view from the coastal footpath towards the village.
- The green.



A panoramic view at the head of the creek