

# Elmstead Parish Important Views



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**Momples Hall, Village Green, War Memorial, flagpole and historic buildings which surround the Village Green (North).**



This is an important view and location in the village for all villagers, both to view and as a place to gather for important village occasions such as Remembrance Sunday.

The panorama is of Momples Hall (a Grade II listed house. C17/C18 of possibly earlier origin, with later alterations and additions. Timber framed and rough rendered with a red plain tiled roof) adjacent to the large, grassed village green, planted with mature trees and with a paved path inset diagonally across it, which is regularly used by villagers to access other areas of the village. The Village Green is the site of the Elmstead Parish War Memorial.

Surrounding the village green are a number of historic buildings which include Spring Cottage (Grade II listed Cottage. C15/C16. Timber framed and plastered with a thatched roof and Tudor House (Grade II listed, C17 or earlier and timber framed).



South Green is a long stretch of grassed village green with herbaceous borders, cherry trees and planters. South Green is home to the Elmstead village sign and has a number of seats that are regularly used by villagers. The cherry blossom along South Green in the Spring is a sight enjoyed by all who pass through the village.

**Along the South Green, you will find the following buildings of interest:**

**Glen Cottage.** Grade II listed, probably C18. Timber framed and plastered. Thatched roof.

**Lime Cottages** Pair of cottages. C18. Timber framed and weatherboarded. Thatched roof.

**The Thatch Cottage.** Early C17 with later additions and alterations. Timber framed, C19 red brick faced. Thatched roof.

**The Limes** House. C17 with C18 facade, C19 right wing and other alterations and additions. Timber framed, painted brick facade, plastered right range.



3     **The lanes to Crockleford Heath**

North



An important view in the village, much enjoyed by walkers of the lanes that lead to the hamlet of Crockleford Heath.

4     **Stream and water meadows, south of Fen Farm**

South-East



A south-east facing view of arable land with a line of trees and hedging and track, just off the public foot path at Fen Farm.

5 **Palegate Wood, aka Bluebell Wood**

East



An ancient, lowland mixed deciduous Woodland which is well-known in the local area for the stunning carpet of Bluebells in the Spring.

6 **Landscape views behind Market Field School**

South



Looking towards Grove Farm, this view is of farmland, with a public footpath diagonally across the field. To the left will be the new 63 home development, Asterwood.





A world-known garden made up of five different types of gardens, which all deal with challenging soils and aspects and give different views across the site:

#### GRAVEL

This flat garden is situated in one of the driest parts of the country, not irrigated, and having poor, free-draining soil, it has become renowned for its spectacular display of drought-tolerant plants.

#### SCREE

The Scree Garden features a large collection of easy alpinines.

#### WATER

The site slopes down towards the Water Garden which includes a series of ponds and moisture loving plants.

#### WOODLAND

The undulating Woodland Garden on the edge of the gardens is full of shade-loving bulbs, perennials and shrubs planted underneath a dense canopy of tall oaks.

#### RESERVOIR

An open area, recently re-designed and predominantly planted with low maintenance trees and shrubs, interspersed with a few herbaceous perennials and grasses.

8 **View from Park Farm towards blue-gates farm**

South-East



A south-east facing view from Park Farm of arable fields, tree line and hedging.

9 **Fields and hills behind Grange Farm**

South-West



A south-west facing view, next to the Grange Farm housing development, looking across the valley to the Frating hall Wood.





A view looking east, down Bromley Road. On the left is the Wood Trust site of scrubland, high hedging and looking towards Mill Wood and on the right-hand side of the road, past the high hedging is turfed field, looking in the distance to trees.



11 **Woodland Trust Nature Reserve**

East



Looking east over the grassland and field with horses towards Mill Wood.

12 **Near the Bridge overlooking Lodge Farm, Cold Hall and woodland**

South-East



A south-east view looking across the grass and scrub land.







A view looking north/north-west of the Elmstead Cricket Club building and grounds with the Vicarage (hidden behind the trees). The view across the pitch of open farmland has now disappeared and is now of the Pavilion View development.



## 14 Elmcroft

North



Situated next to the Cricket Pitch, Elmcroft is a grassed area with a mix of mature and younger trees, popular for local children to play in and for dog walkers to walk on. Looking north, there is a large ditch next to the Cricket pitch that separates both areas and to the left of Elmcroft, is the Elmcroft residential area and access road – a mix of houses and bungalows.





A popular view with walkers in the village as they walk down to the Church. On the left is open farmland which has been planted with sweetcorn in previous years and on the right, mature hedging and trees which neighbours open farmland.



A view, looking west of public footpath with mature trees that form a 'green tunnel' and mature hedging.





A view looking north-east, of Elmstead Church, which is hidden behind the mature trees and looking over towards Bromley across the arable fields.



Looking east from the approach to the bridge and the bridge over the A120 which looks towards Bromley Brook and Boudge Hill Wood. Arable farmland neighbours the A120 together with a line of mature trees and hedging.



19 **Bridge looking towards Crockleford and Ardleigh**

West



Looking west, up the A120, this view is from the approach to the bridge and from the bridge of the open farmland next to the A120 and the mature trees and hedging which edge the A120.



Looking north-west across to Ardleigh, this view is of arable farmland with lines of mature trees and hedging along the path.





A south-west view of Allen's Reservoir and the grassed area that surrounds the reservoir with some mature trees.

22 **Farmland seen from 'the bombsite'**

South-East



A south-east facing view of grassland with mature trees that frame the view.

23 **'The mossy oak' and surrounding farmland**

East



An easterly view, looking towards Blossom Wood Farm of open farmland.





Views of the Sand and Gravel pit. Open farm-land with dense hedging with mature trees.

25 **Sand and Gravel Pit ponds**

South-East



View bordering both Cockaynes wood and Villa woods. This is a disused sand and gravel pit. This is now a very large pond, teeming with wildlife with shrubs bordered by mature trees and shrubs.

26 **Water meadows**

North



A view from Sunnymead Farm which is a working farm breeding rare breed pigs, water buffalo, lambs. View showing lake bordered with established trees and hedging.



