

## **Introduction**

The ancient villages of Chalvington and Ripe are located approximately 3 miles north of the South Downs National Park. The villages of Chalvington and Ripe are included in the new conservation area, and as such dictate the character of the villages and their architecture. The Vernacular architecture of these villages is typically Wealden with the upper stories hung with decorative tiling, ground floors being in a variety of finishes, normally brick, flint or rough cast rendered and painted White. This is an agricultural area with some agricultural buildings being converted into private dwellings which add to the character of the villages.

## **Design Statement**

This statement is intended to guide planning officers of Wealden District Council as to what is considered by Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council to be suitable and acceptable designs to integrate new developments into the parish villages.

Any new development within the Parish should include features such as :-

1. Decorative tile hung upper story,  
With the lower section finished in Brick, Flint or White Rough cast Render.
2. The whole building weather boarded or the upper story weather boarded.  
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3. Outer walls of both the upper and lower floors faced entirely in flint with decorative Brick surrounds to all apertures and corners of the building.
4. Built of brick to match the surrounding buildings and in a similar architectural style.
5. Windows and doors to be in natural materials (hard wood or soft

- wood) finished to match the building and surrounding properties.
6. Bungalows and other single story dwellings to be finished in either:-  
  
All brick matched to the existing surrounding buildings  
  
Faced in flint with decorative brickwork to all apertures and corners.  
  
Weather boarded.  
  
Roofs tiled with clay or cement tiles of a reddish colour, or of thatch.
  7. Windows and doors to be in natural materials (hard wood or soft wood) finished to match the building and surrounding properties.
  8. The parish council encourages the installation of renewable sources of energy and heating to new and existing buildings.

This statement allows for the inclusion of modern and ultra modern designs to be incorporated into the parish without detriment to the character of these villages.

Wealden Design Guide :-

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