

WARKWORTH SCHOOL STORY

Warkworth Old School, situated on the banks of the River Coquet in The Butts, has recently been in the news as a result of extreme flooding of the river in September 2008. Building of the school was commenced in 1825. Prior to this, the original school building was built about 1736 and stands alongside the present old school building. The original building, now known as The Old School House, in more recent years was used as a petrol filling station and garage. Later the building was used for storage and then it was opened as an antique shop by the present owner of the adjoining School House. The Old School House would have been renovated about this time and used as a private dwelling. The more recent old school building was taken over as a private dwelling around 1980.

The school was closed in 1971. It was then used as a factory for making outdoor clothing and equipment by two outdoor wear factories in succession.

The new Warkworth School was opened in 1971 and is known as Warkworth Church of England (Aided) First School, situated in Guilden Road on the outskirts of the village.