

The [Combe Martin landmark](#) Buzzacott Manor was built around 1800 in the reign of George III, and underwent alterations and extensions in the late 19th century. Please note that this information is based on statutory lists in 2001, and might not be current.

[Buzzacott Manor is a Grade 2 listed building](#) (Group Value 2), of statutory special interest warranting every effort to preserve it. Statutory Address: Buzzacott Manor, Buzzacott Road, [Combe Martin](#). The authorities for this information are: Historic England, and British Listed Buildings.

The large, imposing Buzzacott Manor is constructed from painted stuccoed stone rubble and decorative plaster, complete with a hipped slate roof. The house features a very prominent central brick ridge stack, with eight pots. The primary structure of the edifice is rectangular, with a main room situated on either side of the entrance hall. A principal staircase ascends behind the right-hand room.

There is a servants' staircase located to the rear of the left-hand room. A service wing, which underwent expansion in the late 19th century, is positioned to the rear left side, resulting in an overall L-shaped layout.

The manor comprises three storeys and five symmetrical bays. The upper storey is fitted with 'three over six' paned, sashed windows. The other multi-light windows are 12-paned sashes. The ground floor window to the left of the porch was extended in the late 19th century to form a bay window with a double sash window.

The porch, adorned with a dentilled cornice, is supported on C20 replacement columns. The entrance is framed by a panelled door surround with flanking engaged pilasters, a fluted frieze, and a six-panelled door.

A pilaster is a decorative feature in architecture that resembles a column, extends a portion of a wall, and serves purely for aesthetic purposes. A dentil cornice is a design element that originates from the Greek Ionic architectural style.

Dentil cornices adorned the temples of the Greek Ionic period. A later enhancement involved carving a scroll into the cornice's shape, a feature known as Modillions or horizontal ornamental brackets.

In the early 1980s, Buzzacott Manor Gardens featured a Woolly Monkey Park. This was reported in the 1984 *Devon Guidebook* by Judy Chard (Cadogen Books).

Illustrations attached at p.3 (artist's impressions).

The Former Buzzacott Manor Dairy

Buzzacott Manor Dairy is of significant historical interest, and is listed as a Grade 2 (II) building on the National Heritage List for England. This means it is of special interest and warrants every effort to preserve it.

Please note that the condition of the Dairy and site may have changed since the last official appreciation.

List Entry Name: [FORMER DAIRY TO BUZZACOTT MANOR APPROXIMATELY 12 METRES WEST OF BROAD OAKS FARMHOUSE.](#)

Listed in the protection registers, the Dairy is situated approximately 12 metres west of the [Combe Martin](#) Broad Oaks farmhouse. The late 19th-century [Combe Martin](#) Buzzacott Estate Dairy was originally made of unrendered brick, and featured a hipped (angled) thatched roof.

It has a rectangular, two-room plan, and is a single-storey building. The facade of the dairy is symmetrical, with a central plank door flanked by two-light casement windows. The dairy retains its original slate slabs around the walls of each room.

The End of Buzzacott Manor Estate

According to P. Allington, B.Sc. (Hort.), in *Agriculture* magazine (Sept 1962): Buzzacott Manor was broken up and put on the market in 1919, and people bought their holdings. "They paid between £300 and £500 an acre, often bidding against themselves in a blind panic that they might lose their stake".

Such prices were still asked in [Combe Martin](#) during the early 1960s, but they were bought only when the land could be used for building. Where an acre had kept a family in the early 1900s: only 4-acre holdings and larger were holding their own in 1962 (ibid).

Allington stated that in 1962, Combe Martin's "smaller holdings were being worked part-time or allowed to go derelict" (ibid).

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