

## Blenheim, Kiln Lane, and Westfield Roads.

Wilfrid Sheldon wrote in 1988: 'Wheatley in the 1890s was very much more restricted than today. In the west it finished at 'Blenheim' and Kiln Lane, and in the east at Crown Road, a few houses beyond The Crown'.

At the western end of the High Street there are about twenty stone cottages, probably dating from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, known as 'Blenheim'. It is interesting to note that there are similar areas, consisting entirely of cottage properties, in the neighbouring villages of Horspath and Cuddesdon, which are also known as Blenheim. (This may, perhaps, be a satirical allusion to Blenheim Palace.)

Blenheim Lane now includes fifteen cottages, but it seems likely that several of the cottages now designated as Littleworth Road (eg Blenheim Cottage, which is officially 4 Littleworth Road), and numbers 10,12,14 & 16, would also have been part of 'Blenheim'.

Kiln Lane is a later development and the cottages are mainly built from local bricks made in Cooper's brickyard, either near the Old House, or later, in Littleworth.

Westfield Road has two large stone houses: The Old House (17) and Rock House (14?), and an older stone cottage at number 1 (beside the Sun Inn), but the other houses are brick-built in the late nineteenth, or early twentieth centuries. Kiln House, at number 11, (recently and inappropriately named) is an interesting combination of stone and brick.

The Sun Inn is part of this community, although it is technically in Church Road, as are Ardwick House (2 Church Road) and the two cottages which have been joined to form The Walled Cottage (8 Church Road). Sunnybank, (5 High Street) reached from Frampton's Alley, and once an ale-house known as The Royal Oak, (another satirical allusion) would also be included.