

THE OLD HOUSE

This house was built in the late 18th century for the Cooper Family who owned the quarry on the other side of the lane. They used the clay from their own property to make bricks, but later, the brick business was transferred to Littleworth, where the clay was more suitable.

Miss Dale bought the house in the 1920s, and she allowed her annexe to be used as a chapel for the local Roman Catholic Congregation, until the Second World War when a chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes was opened in the new military hospital at Holton Park.

Early in the 1960s the house was used by the Born Family. Mr Born was the Bailiff for the Shotover estate. Then the property was bought by Lt.Col. John Ashton, and his wife, Joan, who was a very keen gardener. In the 1980s it was owned by the Minty Family: Norman and Daphne with their three sons: Christopher, Jeffrey and Richard.