

8 Church Road (The Walled Cottage)

This property consists of two seventeenth century cottages facing east - which have been connected to an early nineteenth century cottage bordering Church Road, which was known as 'The Cottage Opposite the Sun'. There is also a 1950s kitchen extension on the south side.

There is also a free-standing, two-storey, building opposite the entrance gate. It was probably one of the farm buildings belonging to the Manor Farm which lay to the south of the garden, behind the tall stone wall. The upper floor of this has been used as a study, and the ground floor as a garden-shed.

But the oldest part of this property is a tall sixteenth century shed known as 'Mr Rose's hovel'. During restoration in 2005, a large stone was discovered with concentric circles engraved on it. This is believed to be an 'apotropaic mark' dating from the 15th century, designed to keep away witches!

Adjacent to Mr Rose's hovel is a single story eighteenth century shed which had a pump in it. This was no longer connected to the well which is believed to lie somewhere under the top lawn. The pump is now fixed outside the shed.