

Hello Heritage...

Eastgate House

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The house in the early 20th century

Built in 1720, Eastgate House was originally the home and workplace of the Estate Manager for the Bosworth Hall Estate. The distinctive look of the house is created by Flemish Bond brickwork where 'headers' are placed between 'stretchers' in alternate rows. This provides structure as well as visual impact.

Behind the house (alongside the footpath) are buildings which were originally a gig house and stables. A gig was a light two-wheeled carriage pulled by one horse. Its use is indicative of the status of the manager. These outbuildings have had various uses over the years, including as a blacksmith.

This end of Top Street is part of the Conservation Area and has some of the oldest remaining houses in the village which, like Eastgate House, are separately listed.

Walk to your left to see the one remaining thatched cottage – we know that there was another, occupied by the Garton family, where new houses are now.

To your right are some 17th century houses in both brick and stone at 8, 12, 14 – 16, (formally one property known as Walker's Hall after David Walker, a yeoman). Opposite the Black Horse (see separate board) is No 1, Hill House.



These steps led to the Estate Office where tenants would have come. You can see signs of heavy wear and that they have been turned over to extend their use.



Hall Yard, the footpath joining Top St to Church St looks quite different today with hedges and fences. Walk down and the footpath on the right leads to the Moat House.



Although the carving is worn, this date stone in the lintel above the door shows that 2020 is the 300-year anniversary of this house.

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