

Hello Heritage...

Tyler's Row and Long Street (South)



View of the Baptist Chapel and Tollgate (far left), taken from the former Rempstone Turnpike road.

Toll Gate Cottage at the crossroad was one of the original tollgates into the village. Opposite is the Baptist Chapel. It is one of the earliest non-conformist chapels in Leicestershire, built in 1813. There is a burial ground adjacent to the chapel. Originally a low building, it was raised in 1900 to stop the congregation being distracted by looking out of the windows at carriages going through the toll gate.



View of Long Street, looking north from the Tollgate and Baptist Chapel

Walking back towards the village there are three old cottages on your right, Walnut cottage was the meeting place for the Home Guard during the Second World War. Pringle cottage on the left is a cruck cottage and one of the oldest buildings in the village. The cruck beams can no longer be seen since it was renovated, but they date this building to at least the 16th century.



View of Mitten House (1901)

On the right-hand side is Threave House, a fine Victorian residence, as is Mitten House opposite. The cottage next to the left of Mitten House is much older and was once the village post office. There was a yard behind with further cottages, now demolished. The end of Tyler's Row may have been the site of village lock up where there is a small round building marked on the first Ordnance Survey map from 1882.



Fire-destroyed cottages along Tyler's Row

There were eight thatched cottages along Tyler's Row, all dating to 18th century. On 9th February 1924, they were all destroyed by fire, leaving 40 people homeless. The fire started in a chimney of the house in the middle of the row. The Shepshed Fire Brigade refused to attend as they claimed that Belton did not contribute to their fund. The Loughborough Fire Brigade eventually attended, pumping water from the former horse pool on Church Street.