

Hello Heritage...

Long Street (North) and School Lane



View along Long Street looking North, from about the area of the School Lane junction

On the left side of Long Street remain some older properties, such as the three storied 18th century farmhouse, the well preserved thatched, timber framed 17th century cottage, and Methodist chapel, was built in 1896. On your right is the site of the three storied workhouse and a row of cottages. The Belton workhouse inmates were later transferred to Loughborough. After, it became the Bull's Head public house. They have all now been demolished.



Former village school at the top of School Lane, now a private residence.

School Lane, previously known as Back Lane, was home to the village school, built in 1843. It is now a private house, but the owners have retained many original features. The school records paint a grim picture of 19th century education, whereby reading, writing, arithmetic and scripture were most important. Learning was by rote, with harsh disciplines enforced. Sandhills Close was later built on the site of an industrial sand pit.



Former Methodist Chapel and White Yard

Next to the former Methodist chapel is a narrow path called 'White Yard'. The origins of the name are unclear, but it may have led to a white house. Opposite was the local grocery, sweet shop, and bakery. It closed after the owner, Mr Gilbert, died in the early 1900s. Later, when the shop and bakery were re-opened, everything was found to be exactly where he left it – the contents are now in a Leicestershire Museum.



View along Long Street, taken from the Marketplace

On the right-hand side of the road there is a row of old cottages, including a large timber framed cottage called Barn Farm. The house further along with the bay windows used to be the post office and was later a butcher's shop. It was originally three stories high but was reduced to two after a fire. Adjacent was a further shop which has since been demolished. Opposite here were some thatched cottages, now the pub car park.

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