

HERITAGE TRAIL



WAGGON AND HORSES

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The crossroads where Elder Lane and Lower Brand meet the Rempstone Road has always been an important meeting point. Known as the Rempstone turnpike, the Rempstone road was a toll road, one of many such roads set up by Turnpike trusts, which

had the power to collect road tolls in order to maintain the principal roads in Britain from the 17th to the 19th centuries.

The earliest records show that there was an Ale House on this site in 1806. It became known as the Waggon and Horses in 1825, and would have been a stopping off point and also a place where extra horses were available to assist heavy wagons up the hill. The stables were to the right of the Public House.



The first Landlord was John Nicklinson (Nicholson - the spelling varies on different documents) from 1806 to 1844, who also was a farmer and brickyard owner in Griffydham. His son John succeeded him as landlord (1845 to 1846).

The old photograph opposite shows a thatched cottage to the side of the Waggon and Horses - there is now a brick shed on the site. On the opposite side of the picture it is possible to see the edge of another building (which may have been the site of a smithy).

A later Landlord was George Kilby (1922 to 1933), here pictured with his sons. He was also landlord at The Griffin from 1916 to 1921.



During WW11, two Nissen Huts were erected on the land belonging to the Waggon and Horses and after the war, one of them was lived in by a family for several years due to the severe housing shortage.

The Waggon and Horses finally closed in 2015 and is now a private residence.

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