

HERITAGE TRAIL



CART BROOK COTTAGES

On the Rempstone Road a row of cottages once stood on Cart Brook in Griffydam. The cottages can be seen on the right of the photograph with the Waggon & Horses and Chapel located further up the hill on the opposite side of the road (obscured by the trees at the top middle of the picture).

Following the 1806 Enclosure Act, the indenture's and wills relating to the cottages provide an insight into the interesting local characters who owned and/or occupied the properties. They also tell how property can fall in price as well as increase. Click [here](#) to find out more about the owners/occupiers during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century.

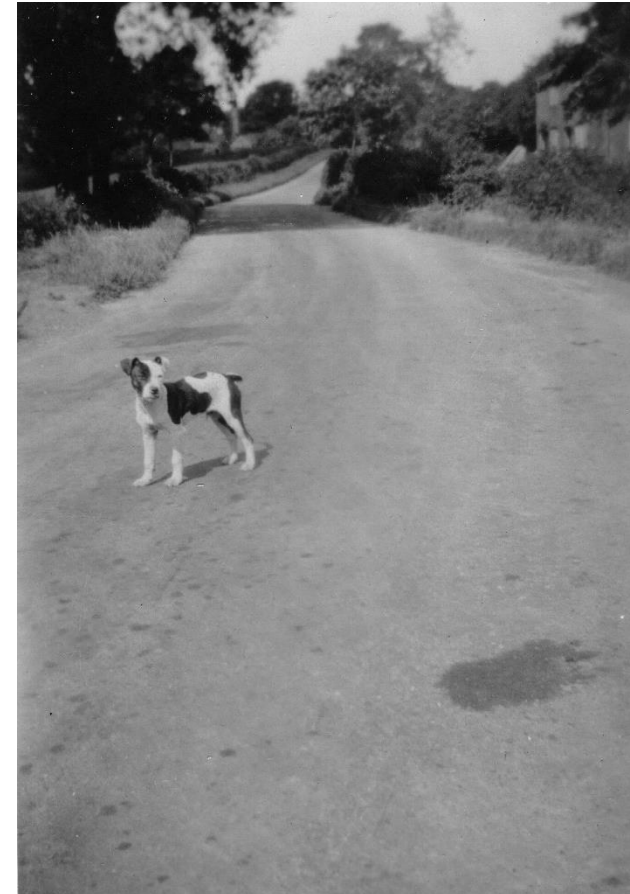
It is likely sometime in the 1930's the cottages became unfit for occupancy and fell into disrepair. They would always have been damp as the rear walls, which still can be seen, are cut into the side of the hill

**12th March 1946**

William (Bill) Smith of Beverley Cottage Gelsmoor, surface worker New Lount Colliery and lay priest; purchased the gardens and the remains of the cottages for £12, where he parked his car.

**14th April 2001**

Concerned about the danger to the highway of the ash boundary hedge, Bill gave the plot to current owner, John Bramley, on condition that he made it safe and he planted a Spinney on the land to provide shelter for wild life



Photograph of Don the dog on Rempstone Road with Cart Brook Cottages on the right.

