

# HERITAGE TRAIL LOWER BRAND AND VINEGAR HILL

## Lower Brand and Vinegar Hill

Until the Enclosure Act of 1806, The Brand was common land, and until the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century it was listed as mostly being in Worthington parish.

There are several sites in and around Griffydam where bricks were made and clay extracted in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Detailed information and examples of the bricks can be seen in the exhibition in Chapel in the Valley (17).

The area on Lower Brand where Brand Farm and Brand Cottage (Hope House) are situated was originally known as Vinegar Hill, and the farm was known as Vinegar Hill Yard Farm.

For many years, from 1939 through to the 1980s, Charlie Wright was a dairy farmer at Brand Farm, delivering milk,



initially in churns and by horse and float, to the surrounding villages.



The fresh water supply for the community of homes was a well which still can be seen in the front of Brand Farm. This was still the water supply until the late 1940's when mains water was installed to the properties.

Around the same time electricity was also bought to the village and along Lower Brand, although the area had to wait until 1962 for the village to be connected to the main sewage system.

The original settlement at Vinegar Hill contained far more properties than at present, as can be seen from this aerial photograph taken in 1957 where the remains of several cottages can be seen.

