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Winslow Station Road sale 1923

The railway came to Winslow in 1850. The original line ran from Bletchley to Banbury, but it later became part of the Oxford to Cambridge route. The station was some distance from the town centre, and that led to Winslow's expansion northwards: hence the rows of Victorian houses. The railway enabled local farmers to send milk and butter to London on a daily basis.

Station Road became the home of the police station, the gasworks and two new pubs. Some large houses were built in the 1850s, and many smaller ones gradually filled the gaps (the last batch of building plots was sold in 1904).

Some of the most enthusiastic users of the railway were members of the Whaddon Chase Hunt. There were many 'hunting boxes' in and around Winslow, houses where wealthy people, usually from London, could make overnight stays and keep their horses. That's probably why stabling was such an important feature of some of the new houses in Station Road.



The station closed to passengers in 1968, and the last special train ran in 1993. The building has now been replaced by houses, but the railway line remains.

You can read more about Winslow on the Winslow History website: www.winslow-history.org.uk.





