

Historic Towns & Villages

Shenley Brook End

A Remote Midland Country Hamlet



Dovecote Cottages 1927



The village hall and Dovecote Cottages



Steam machines 1906

The hamlet of Shenley Brook End is intrinsically linked with Shenley Church End. It is the lower end of the Shenleys and unlike other old villages in Milton Keynes had the characteristics of a remoter midland country hamlet with the three roads meeting at a point where hedges recede leaving a large irregular unkempt green, next to a local pub.

The hamlet was focused around four farms and cottages most of which were built or refurbished in the 18th century with some additional farmers workers cottages being built during the course of the 19th century. Some of the farms date back to the 17th century. Following this period of growth little took place until early to 1920s with construction of Dovecote cottages giving farm labourers improved living conditions



The Rose & Crown and the Whaddon Chase hunt

Village life centred around the village hall which was funded and built by the residents. Today it is still well used and provides the focus for the annual village fete which takes place in July.

The Whaddon Chase hunt met outside the former Rose and Crown Inn in the 1930s. The famous codebreaker Alan Turing stayed here during the war whilst working at Bletchley Park.