

A stroll around Ashtead's historic homes



(1) Park Walk



(2) Applebough Cottage 16th century timber-framed cottage of a style that is rare in Surrey



(3) Fowler's Cottage Mid-17th century cottage named after John Fowler, a builder and carpenter, who lived there at the end of the 19th century



(4) Wistaria Cottage Oldest house in Ashtead built around 1500 by a wealthy yeoman farmer. Parts of the original building are concealed by later extensions. A blacksmith and wheelwright's forge was next door and in use until 1950



(5) Old Rectory Where Ashtead rectors lived from the 1820s until 1930



(6) Howard Cottage at No. 1 and its mirror-image at No. 3, originally one cottage probably early 17th century. It provided housing for staff at Howard House next door, now demolished, and staff for the blacksmith's that was in Rectory Lane



(7) Ashtead Lodge Georgian house built in 1765, one of former occupants was Thomas Parker, a lawyer, after whom the lane is named



(8) Old Cottage A late 17th century timber-framed building thought to have originally been a barn before conversion to three dwellings and later into a single house. It was used as a bakery in the mid 19th century until the early 20th century



(9a) West Farm House



(9) Pepys Cottage Built in the late 1500s, this is Ashtead's second oldest house and now two dwellings



(10) Merry Hall A red-bricked 18th century house. The home of writer Beverley Nichols who lived here for a while and several of his books were written here. His gardener was featured in the book Merry Hall as 'Oldfield', and much of the garden has now been developed into Oldfield Gardens



(11) Ilex House This house dates back to 17th century. In the early 1900s it housed the local fire engine



(12) Feilding House The almshouses were founded by a legacy from Lady Diana Feilding in 1733, and originally built for six needy widows, who each had two rooms. It was altered in 1852 for two more widows by Mary Howard, to whom the memorial fountain across the road was erected Further almshouses were added behind in 1975



(12a) Fountain Cottages



(12b) Westfield



(13) Howard Cottage The house has been much altered and extended since originally built. The front of house was added in 1880s at right angles to the original



(14) Purcell Close