

The Heritage of Straw

Thatched Buildings in and near Kingsclere (N= 53)

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Kingsclere is not characterised by thatched buildings (it is said that there are 100,000 in UK)
So you might have seen this description:



The only thatched cottage in the village – 1974.

It's 13 the Dell Leven Cottage



Here it is in the 1930s



and now (with extension)

The Dell had more thatched cottages:



Chalk Cottages The Dell demolished in the 1950s

But there is another one, in Northwood:



Northwood cottage

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What about thatching on other buildings?

Hampshire County Council (1979) *Hampshire Treasures* lists Thatched stable block at 9 Newbury Road and describes it as “one of only two thatches left in village”. Here it is in the 1930s:



and Park House Stables used to have a thatched “horse gin” (exerciser)

If you go out on Union Lane, you might see the Cartshed at Island Millhouse, Union Lane



Which brings farm buildings into attention. So barns at Knowl Hill House and Stantons Farmhouse, Newbury Road come into the picture. But they're from the 1930s.



Barn at Stantons Farmhouse, Newbury Road



Knowl Hill House barn 1930s

And in those days even pubs were by thatched barns: Star Inn



and if we're talking about beer, there's The Malting House opposite The Old Brewery:



But if you continue along Union Lane and see more cottages (Wellmeadow Cottage and White Cottages) you will have crossed the border to Ashford Hill. So this listing includes neighbouring villages: Ashford Hill (N= 12) Headley (N= 6) Ecchinswell (N= 15) Wolverton (N= 4) and Hannington (N=6).

Ashford Hill (N=12)



Ashford Hill, Wellmeadow Cottage, Plastow



Ashford Hill, White Cottages, Plastow



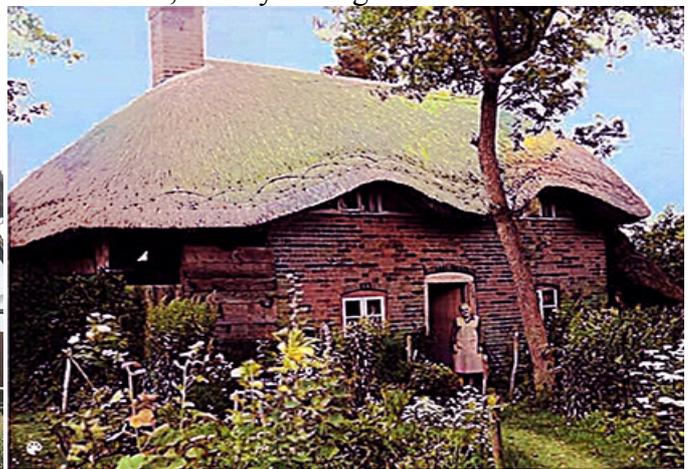
Ashford Hill, The Bungalow



Ashford Hill, Cherry Cottage



Ashford Hill, Pineapple Inn



Ashford Hill. Riverside Cottage 1930s



Ashford Hill Farmhouse 1930s



Ashford Hill. Jessamine Cottage, Chapel Lane



Ashford Hill, Meadow Cottage, Old Lane,



Ashford Hill, Cary Cottage



Ashford Hill, Whychwood Cottage, Old Lane



Ashford Hill, cartshed at Pit House Farm

Headley (N=6)



Headley, Dodds Cottage, Newbury Road



Headley, Staddlestones, Common Road



Headley, Rivendell Cottage, 2 Plastow Green



Headley, Spradbray, off Galley Lane



Headley, Holdrop House, barn



Headley, Windrush, Plastow Green

Ecchinswell (N=15)



Ecchinswell, Burnside, Mill Lane,



Ecchinswell, Chesnut Cottages



Ecchinswell, Church Villa



Ecchinswell, Corner House Farm 1906,



Ecchinswell, Elephant Cottage, Brocks Green,



Ecchinswell, Kisby's Cottage



Ecchinswell, Oak Cottage,



Ecchinswell, Riverside Cottages,



Ecchinswell, Swaites Farm 1905,



Ecchinswell, Thatch Cottage - Brocks Green



Ecchinswell, Woodley Cottage



Ecchinswell, Chapel Cottages



Ecchinswell, 1 Palmers Yard



Ecchinswell, Chapel Farm barn



Ecchinswell, Malt House farm barn

Wolverton (N=4)



Wolverton Village Hall 1921



Wolverton Post Office 1900



Wolverton The Poors c.1910, now Cricket Cottage



Wolverton The Thatched Cottage

Hannington (N=6)



Hannington, Corner Cottage, Ibworth Lane



Hannington, Tan-y-Bryn



Hannington, Bertha's Cottage, Ibworth Lane



Hannington, Dickers Farm Cottage



Hannington, Abbotts Thatch, Ibworth Lane



Hannington, Pixie Cottage, Ibworth Lane