

Former Tollhouse, nr Tugby, Chestnut Cottage Uppingham Road

Ref: TUG/001



Construction Date: Mid 18th – early 19th Century

Architect: Not known

Original Use: Tollhouse

Current Use: Private dwelling

Occupancy: Occupied

Parish: Tugby and Keythorpe

Ward: Billesdon and Tilton

Reason for Inclusion

Historic Interest

Turnpike roads were developed as a private network of toll-roads which expanded across the country in the early to mid 18th Century. They had a transformative effect on the local highway network and shaped the settlement pattern nationally and within the district.

The Leicester to Peterborough turnpike, which passed through Uppingham was the main road between Leicester and the Great North Road. It was enacted in 1753-4 making it one of the earliest in the county and survived into the 1870s making it one of the longest lived routes.

Chestnut Cottage is a rare surviving example of a tollhouse which would have been common along the route and were where tolls for the route were collected and access to the road was controlled.

Only 2 are known to survive in the district, the other is outside Bitteswell.

Architectural Interest

The house has been designed in the ornee style being small in size but with decorative details in a gothick style such as the windows and surrounds, central porch and ridge tiles. The square 'hood mould' feature above the windows is a local feature in Tugby.

The building is an attractive feature, which has been extended but the historic character largely survives. Associative interest

- Historic association with the turnpike network

Historic association with the 7 surviving milestones on the Leicester to Peterborough turnpike 5 of which are nationally listed.