

Waller Bedingfield's House, 5 Bitteswell Road, Lutterworth

Ref: LUT/003



Construction Date: 1902

Architect: Waller Bedingfield

Original Use: House

Current Use: House

Occupancy: Occupied

Parish: Lutterworth

Ward: Lutterworth East

Reason for Inclusion

Historic Interest

House, formerly St Aubin, built by and lived in by Waller Bedingfield, a prominent local and nationally recognised architect. Notable works include helping to design the Lutterworth Memorial Gardens. Primarily a commercial architect he designed many commercial properties in Leicester including the former Goddard Plate Powder factory (1932), which is grade II listed for its Art Deco design.

His father and brother were also notable architects working in Leicestershire in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Bedingfield was part of the notable practice Fosbrooke and Bedingfield, which designed many factories in Leicester, listed examples can be found at 78-80 Rutland

Street and 60 Castle Street as well as the listed war memorials in Lutterworth and Claybrooke Parva

Bedingfield was also influential in the gift of Swithland Wood to the people of Leicestershire through his prominent position in the Rotary Club.

Architectural Interest

The house is in an Arts and Crafts style with prominent asymmetrical gables fronting the main street. The house is well-detailed with a prominent porch in a rustic style, a tall chimney with decorative pots, brindle-mix bricks laid in Flemish bond, thin tile voussoirs and a clay tile roof with prominent gutter brackets.

A substantial two storey extension was added in the early 21st Century which has altered the proportions of the house, but much of the detailing has been carried through.