

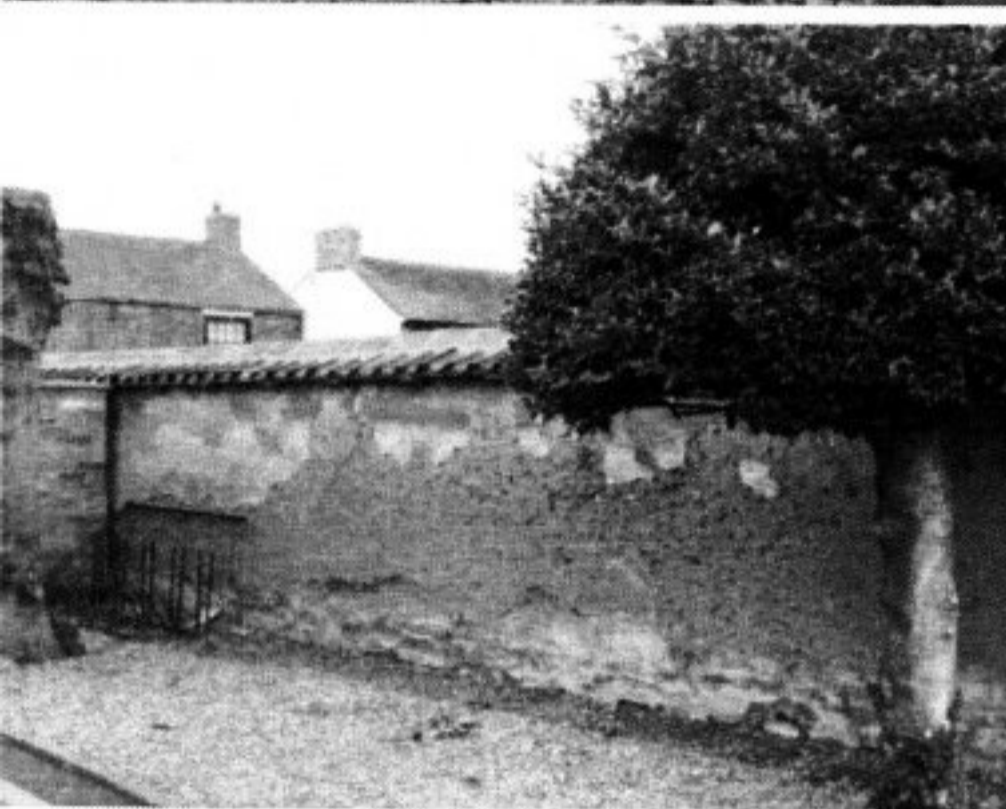
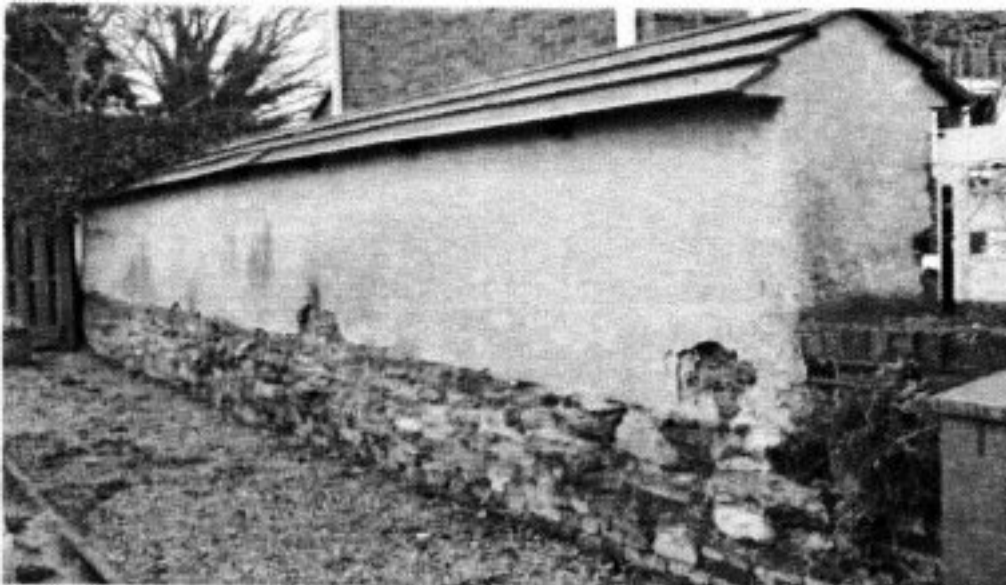
**Whittlesey
Mud Walls
Group**



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Agenda for 7th August

- 1 Welcome
Apologies
- 2 Previous minutes
- 3 Thorney Park Farm update
- 4 Chatteris scouts event
- 5 Wall repairs
- 6 Previous grant
- 7 Presentation plan
- 8 ~~AGM update~~
- 9 Public Liability insurance
- 10 Whittlesey Festival requirements
- 11 Wendy Fletcher's book
- 12 Property updates



BUYING OR SELLING A HOUSE WITH A MUD WALL?

*Information leaflet on behalf
of "The Whittlesey Mud Walls
Group".*



Mud wall with tiled coping

Information Guide

The mud walls in Whittlesey are a unique feature to our town, as an important architectural feature of the town, We believe it is important that they are preserves for future generations, in this leaflet, we'll give some brief information on the effect it may have on your as an owner.

Does owning a mud wall make it difficult to sell my house?

Not at all! Whilst some maintenance work is essential to preserve the wall, there's no more work involved than if you were to have timber fences! Where there is degradation, there are local experts willing to help! It is no more complicated than a normal boundary wall

"From an agent's point of view, I don't see that there is any negative impact on the value or salability of a property with a mud wall, in fact I feel it to be quite a bonus, as it offers a unique opportunity to help preserve a little history in our town!"

- *Chris Burton, Director, Burton & Co Estate Agents*

What if I am buying a house with a mud wall?

It would be advisable, as with any building, to ensure it is maintained, and that you understand how to maintain it, otherwise, there is little extra work and costs for you!



Mud wall with Thatch coping

Benefits/ considerations..

Having a Mud Wall

As an important architectural feature of the town, a mud wall is seen as a feature of any house, adding to its historical significance, and its appeal to the wider housing market, making it an asset to you, or your purchaser!

There are currently moves to protect Mud walls in Whittlesey, by having them listed, this will again help to preserve the walls, and add to the appeal of your property!



Typical Mud wall

Things to consider?

Is there anything I need to know about my Mud Wall?

- As far as selling or buying a home, the presence of a mud wall will have no impact on its value
- Should a wall become listed, it will not complicate the sale or purchase, but your conveyancer would check that it has been properly maintained
- Buyers often like properties with unique features, a mud wall certainly gives you that!

Having a listed mud wall on your property is a great thing for your property, and for the town!

Mud Walls in Whittlesey

History

The Whittlesey mud walls are a special local feature.

They were created as a way to build solid boundary walls without using any bricks, as a result of the brick tax introduced in 1784 to help pay for the ongoing wars against the American Colonies. The brick tax was finally repealed in 1850.

The mud walls make use of the clay subsoil which overlays the famous brick clay of the area, and are different to the cob or Wychert walls found elsewhere in England.

They are of significant local historical importance, and an important part of our heritage in the town

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