

The Almshouses



The Almshouses were draughty; Lady Sarah Pritchard paid for panelled oak beds to make residents more comfortable.

Homes for the Poor

Having completed the new Manor House just a few years earlier, in 1696-7 William Pritchard commissioned these Almshouses – six single-cell rooms, with a centre block for the warden.

Village Centre

The Almshouses were given a prominent location in the Manorial estate. The formal gardens were behind the new Manor house, and the Hine spring (Hine meaning 'peasant') was a source of clean water. William Pritchard set up a charity school in the Almshouses in 1702.

The school was endowed with £10 a year to employ 'an honest person to teach reading' to around 20 boys and ran until 1875, when Great Linford got a new purpose-built school. The Almshouses were in use until the 1960s; the Hine Spring was still their water source.

Look

... for the Churchyard gate.
So close!

Imagine these Almshouses at the centre of the manor grounds, right next to the well and church used by the village.