

No.89 High Street

On the north side of The Nook is the interesting L-shaped 18th century 2 storey stone house. This building was originally the Farmhouse of the Rectory opposite and known consecutively as, Rectory Farm, Glebe Farm, and later privately as Page's Farm. One occupant of the Farm Mr Davan Page was a well known character famed for being Corby's one handed Taxi driver. A kitchen range is attached to its rear with end gable chimney for the large inglenook fireplace built against it, retaining some nice period features. Now in Private Ownership.

No.83

No.83 is a fine late 17th century (c.1690) built gable-on to the street. An engraved stone in the garden records that "The schools were erected in the year 1834 by the late William Rowlett Esq. They were subsequently endowed by him and were then transferred by deed of gift to the British & Foreign School Society of London". An old engraving illustrates the former lay-out of the schools showing the entrance gates and that no.83 was a school. The school had a particularly famous pupil, who attended it in 1862. This was John Anderson, an American emancipated slave who travelled to London and throughout Britain as an example of freedom, his life story was published in London shortly after his travels. No.83 is now in Private Ownership.



No.83 High Street former School

No.2A Meeting Lane

Attached to and backing onto No.83 (the original school house) is almost certainly what was some form of meeting house (hence the street name Meeting Lane). The Chapel is noted in local records as far back as 1818 and is regarded as Corby's first independent Chapel.

No's 79 (Butterfly Cottage) & 81 High Street

A pair of semi-detached houses of uncertain date possibly 18th century that have a hipped roof and are built in warm-coloured sandstone with segmental arched door heads and windows traditionally glazed. The cottages were probably built for local farm workers and both are now in Private Ownership.

No's 75 – 77 High Street

Numbers 75-77 High Street were originally known as Manor Farm and probably used by an employee of the local landowner to manage the estate in that area. This is the only surviving thatched building in Corby Village today and has since its completion in 1609 (see date stone above gable window) had many uses, some of these include cottages, a garage and a bank.



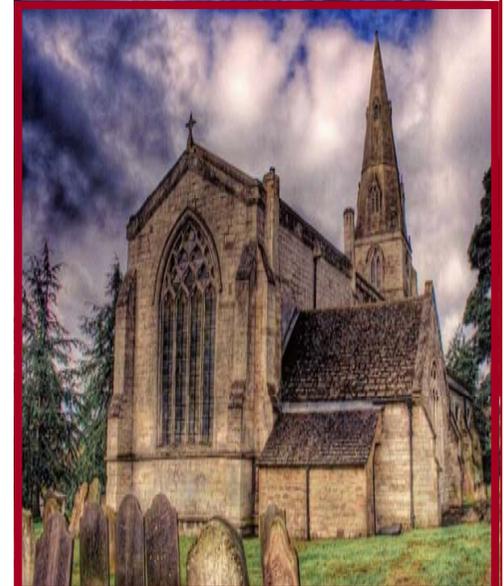
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Corby Old Village Heritage Trail



Heritage Trail

St John The Baptist Church



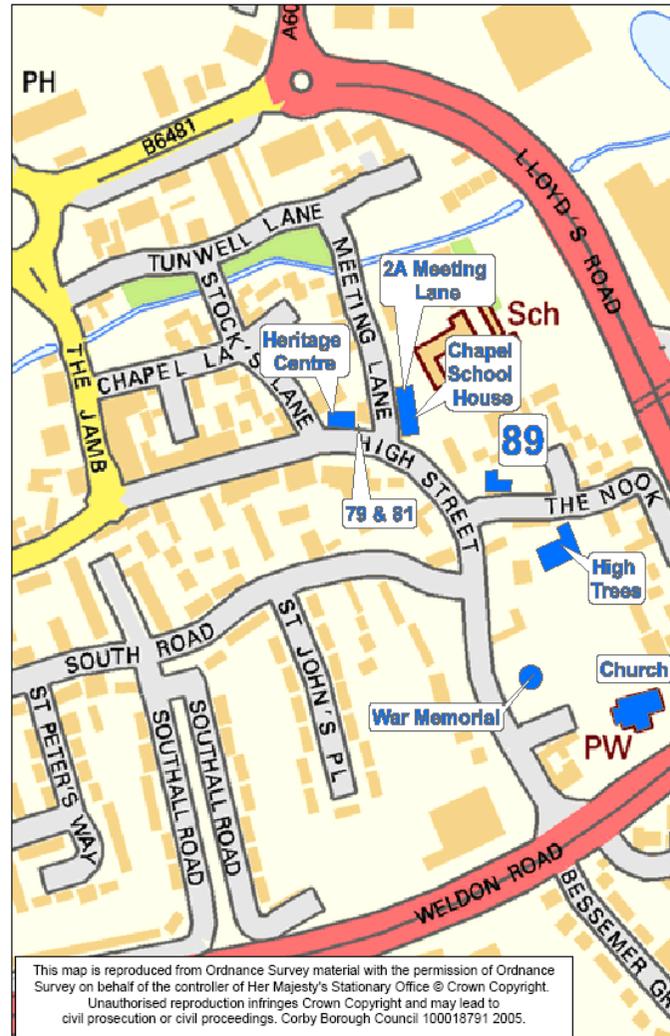
Mature trees add to the grandeur of St John The Baptist's setting on a mound at the eastern entrance to Corby Old Village.

The Church dates from c.1200 with work of the early and later 13th centuries.

By the 20th century St John the Baptist Church was in need of restoration and good fortune fell upon the church in the form of Rector Thomas G Clarke and his wife Jessie. Jessie Clarke an heiress to the Cadbury family of Bourneville, Birmingham gave both Thomas and Jessie the means to reverse decades of neglect.

In 1902 Thomas and Jessie contributed £2,500 toward the total restoration cost of £4,400 with an additional £420 for a new organ. This not inconsiderable sum of money allowed the replacement of the old roof with a splendid new oak roof an extension to the nave and laying of a mosaic floor with decorated panels. The most impressive addition to the church was perhaps the stained glass window by the acclaimed Arts and Crafts designers at William Morris and Co.

In 1999 an Edwardian time capsule was opened, and a modern one was buried in the chancel area, to be opened in 2100.



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War Memorial

A stone wheel head cross inset with "AD GLORIAM DEI". A bronze plaque on its base records that it commemorates the fallen of the Second World War and was moved from a "site in Corby High Street to its present position in 1974". The site to which the plaque refers was next to the entrance of Rowlett Primary School adjacent to No.83 High Street.



High Trees (Greystones)

Set back from the road is this impressive late Victorian stone mansion house built 1879 as a Rectory in a Gothic Revival style, probably paid for by the Countess of Cardigan, of Deene Park, who was Lady of the Manor.

After exactly one hundred years as a Rectory the building changed its use from a private home to that of social centre when in 1979 the Scouting Association took over and made High Trees its headquarters in Corby.

High Trees is now in Private Ownership.