

## Melbourne Villa, Main Road, Hallow SO 8308 5700

In the 19th century the Common and Waste lands in the Manor of Hallow were enclosed and this resulted in the gradual freeing up of land for housing development. Windmill Common was on the west side of the main road leading from Worcester to Hallow and was just beyond the present day edge of the city. In 1837 Melbourne was built by William Lamb a builder, as his home, on a plot of land originally part of Windmill Common.



The villa has later additions and alterations to the left and right side and rear.

Left photograph - The main facade has stucco over brick with hipped roof with wide eaves and two tall painted brick end stacks with pots. There is a timber and cast iron verandah with glazed roof at ground floor level to front. The two storey façade has bay sash windows and a central doorway with a half round fanlight with glazing bars.

The original middle façade is a 2 storey section set back from main facade. with a first floor canted bay with hung sash window with glazing. To the left, a replacement extension of painted brick - an L shaped wing built circa 2009, attached to section left of main facade. It has 5 windows with glazing bars, all with brick sills. Solar panels are installed on the roof.



Left photograph - Old rear section set back from main facade line. The ground floor has a modern verandah-type covering. The former coach house and fruit room has wooden double doors and a tall metal flue for wood-burning boiler. To far right, circa 2009 painted L-shaped extension in modern brick replacing cottage, which had superseded two storey stable block with accommodation.

On the far wall of property are 6 solar panels. 3 windows various sizes on ground floor, 1 small window on first floor all 4 with brick sills plus one first floor wooden-fronted canted bay and one first floor modern sliding panelled window. Further solar panels are on the roof of the wooden outbuilding.

Aerial view of the house in the 1930s



