

Archbell Cottages, Main Road, Hallow SO 8269 5847

Archbell Cottages comprises of a terrace of four 2 bedroom Victorian cottages built in the 1850s. They are of red brick, originally with sash windows and stone lintels. Adjoining No. 1 is a commercial premises. The properties have been somewhat modernised over the years. A further terrace of cottages that shared a wash house and had outside toilets was demolished in 1984. They were replaced by Nos. 5-9 Archbell Cottages designed in a sympathetic style, to echo their Victorian neighbours.



An earlier photo of 1-4 Archbell Cottage



No. 1 Archbell Cottages was a general stores and sweet shop from 1930s until 1960s next door to the garage and petrol station. The general store was also a lending library, a farthing per book. Len Onslow also had his workshop here, where he made the famous S.O.S. (Super Onslow Special motorbikes). The building has since been a Funeral Directors, and now is a carpet store.

William Nutt inherited two tenanted cottages with large gardens that stood where the 9 cottages were built in the 1850s. They were named after his wife Mary Ann Archbell. William became Mayor of Droitwich in 1869.



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