

The Laurels, Main Road Hallow SO 8264 5868

The Laurels is an imposing and substantial 3 storey house at the north end of the village. Little research has so far been undertaken but it is thought that the house is of Georgian design but may be later. It is certainly unusual in the village of Hallow where very few houses are of three storeys.

It is of symmetrical design and built with red brick with a shallow hip slate roof with brick end stacks. The sash windows each have 4 panes, lintels and stone sills. The upper floor windows are shallower than lower floors, giving the illusion of even greater height. The ground floor windows have shutters. The central front door is reached by a brick porch with a semi-circular light and decorative dentil coursing above. To the front of the property there is a brick boundary wall and brick and stone pillars to the entrance.



The house was offered for auction in 1945. It was described as containing a hall, 2/3 reception rooms, compact kitchen, 5 bedrooms and bathroom, outbuildings and a good garden.



Brothers Joseph and Andrew Thorpe, from Lancashire, established a market garden business on the land behind and to the right of the Laurels and lived in the house from the early 20th century, establishing a business that continued in Hallow for around a century.

Sources: Hallow History Group Research 2013, British Newspapers Online

