

CHURCH STREET COTTAGES, FISHLAKE



This photograph shows Church Street cottages in the 1980's in a very dilapidated state. Fortunately, they were renovated and now form an attractive part of the village of Fishlake.

A post on the Society's Facebook page in 2021 brought a great response and some much-needed insight into the recent history of these properties.

In the 1970's all three houses were owned by a lady called Fanny Mace who lived in the larger property on the far right of the block. She rented the other two houses out. The tenant of the middle cottage was Nan Steers who used to organise casual farm labour – pea and potato pickers – in the 1960's and 1970's.

In the 1980's John Kitching, the landlord of the Hare and Hounds bought the cottages from Fanny Mace and subsequently sold them to Vince Chesters who carried out the renovations.

This is just the start of the story – if you can add to it please contact me on fishlakehistorysociety@gmail.com.

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