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## The Salt Box, Lower Road, Fetcham



Lower Road, Fetcham c: 1905



The Salt Box c: 1998 Courtesy of Mr. A.E. Tims

The Salt Box - This house at the corner of The Street and Lower Road dates from the early 18th century, with some later additions. It is a two-storey red brick building, gabled at both ends, with attics and a cellar. The façade is symmetrical, with a slightly projecting central section beneath a gable derived from the classical central pediment. The sash boxes of the window frames are exposed but they are set back from the façade in a manner specified by the London Building Act of 1709. The western gable is of the usual triangular shape but at the east end, which faces The Street, the space between the apex of the gable and the chimney is filled in giving the effect of a vertical back with a horizontal top and sloping front. It is the shape of this gable which gives the house its intriguing name.

The Ordnance Survey map of 1869 shows a service area at the rear, now no longer there, though in its place an extension was made to the house in 1924. The house is a Grade: II listed building.

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