

Leatherhead & District Local History Society
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The Old Rectory – Ashtead



Lawrence's Map of 1638 marks a parsonage at the south end of what is now Skinners Lane, on the west side, near its junction with Ottways Lane. On the same map the rector is shown as living in a house on the site of the garden of Ashtead Lodge in Parkers Lane. It seems possible that the vicars who were appointed by the rectors until 1482 lived in earlier houses on the site of the parsonage, which was part of Little Ashtead Manor.

By the beginning of the 19th century, the old parsonage had become very dilapidated. It was demolished around 1823. At this time the rector was provided with what is now the Old Rectory on the east side of Rectory Lane, bought for him by Mrs Mary Greville Howard from Captain Hambly and enlarged at her expense. The house dates back to the 18th century

Ashtead rectors lived here, enjoying its spacious amenities and excellent library until about 1930 when financial pressures caused it to be sold. Part of the proceeds provided a very plain and much smaller Rectory around the corner in Dene Road.

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