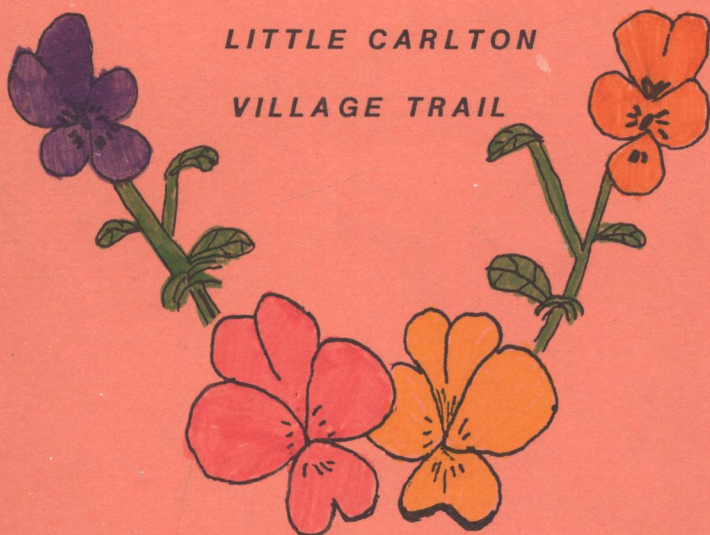


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LITTLE CARLTON  
VILLAGE TRAIL



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Little Carlton is a very small village which is situated in the parish of South Muskham. It's called Little Carlton because it might be confused with Carlton-on-Trent. The village had electricity in 1955 and before that it only had thirteen houses. Lord Middleton, who owned South Muskham as well as Little Carlton, sold his property in 1924 including the school which was bought by the church and parishioners for £200. He sold other land and Wollaton Hall in Nottingham in order to pay death duties.

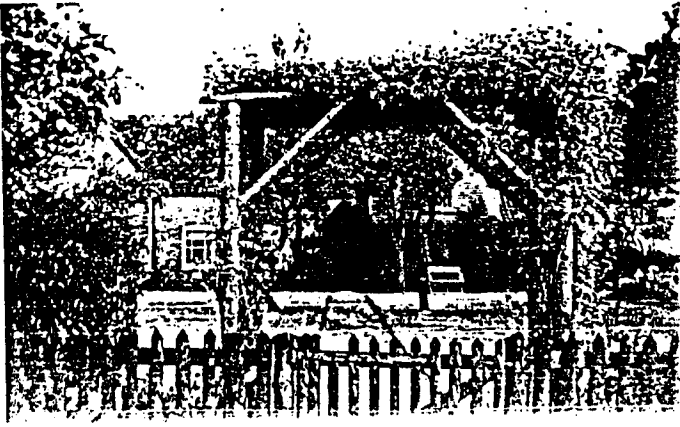
1. The trail starts in Little Carlton at the bus shelter by Bathley Lane, opposite the sign post pointing to Bathley on the A616. There are only occasional buses into Newark and there are two school buses every morning. A relative of Mr. Cooper (South Muskham) used to stand on what was then a green at the junction of Bathley Lane and Ollerton Road and read the newspaper to the villagers once a week.

2. With your back to the bus shelter, go left and you will come to a slip road built post war, so therefore the houses are quite new. Some people call this road a service road because lorries and cars turn round on it and deliver from it. The trees and bushes between the slip road and main road are used to block out the sight and some of the sound of the main road.

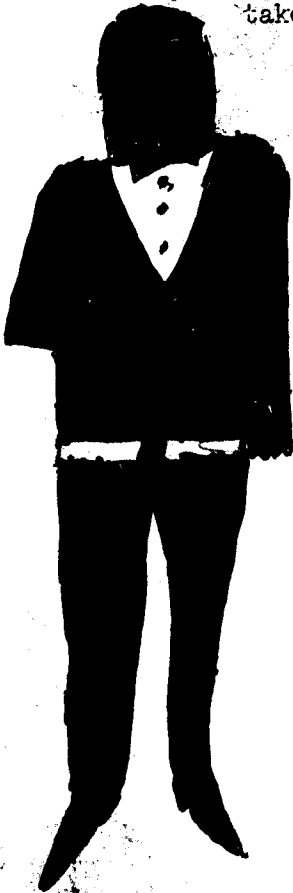
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Facing the A616, look over the road at Gables Farm. This building was bought by Mr Roberts about two years ago. He received a letter from the University of Nottingham telling him the dates it was constructed. The middle section was built between 1240-1260 and later on the outside wings were built between 1540-1560. Most people who live round about call it the Yeomans House but we have no information why.



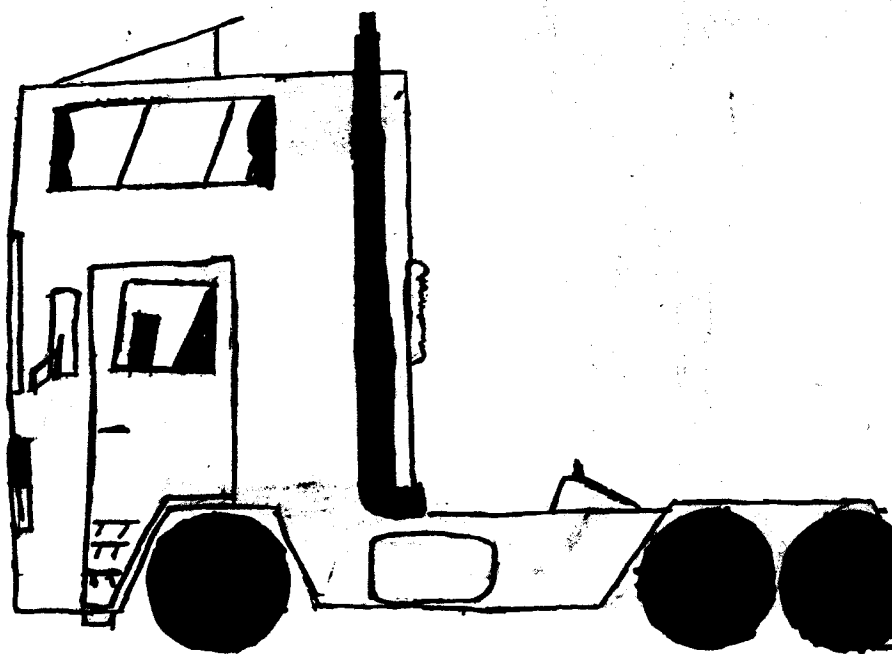


Photograph of the front of  
The Gables, Little Carlton,  
taken before World War II.

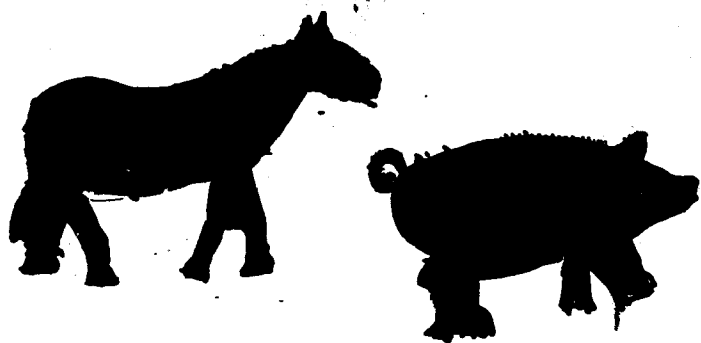


4. With your back to the bus shelter, turn tight and walk by the main road, taking great care. Cross over the road when you see the first lane to the left.

Trevor Francis, the famous footballer used to live here. As you can see, it is a lovely, modern red brick house. It has an indoor swimming pool and over an acre of land.

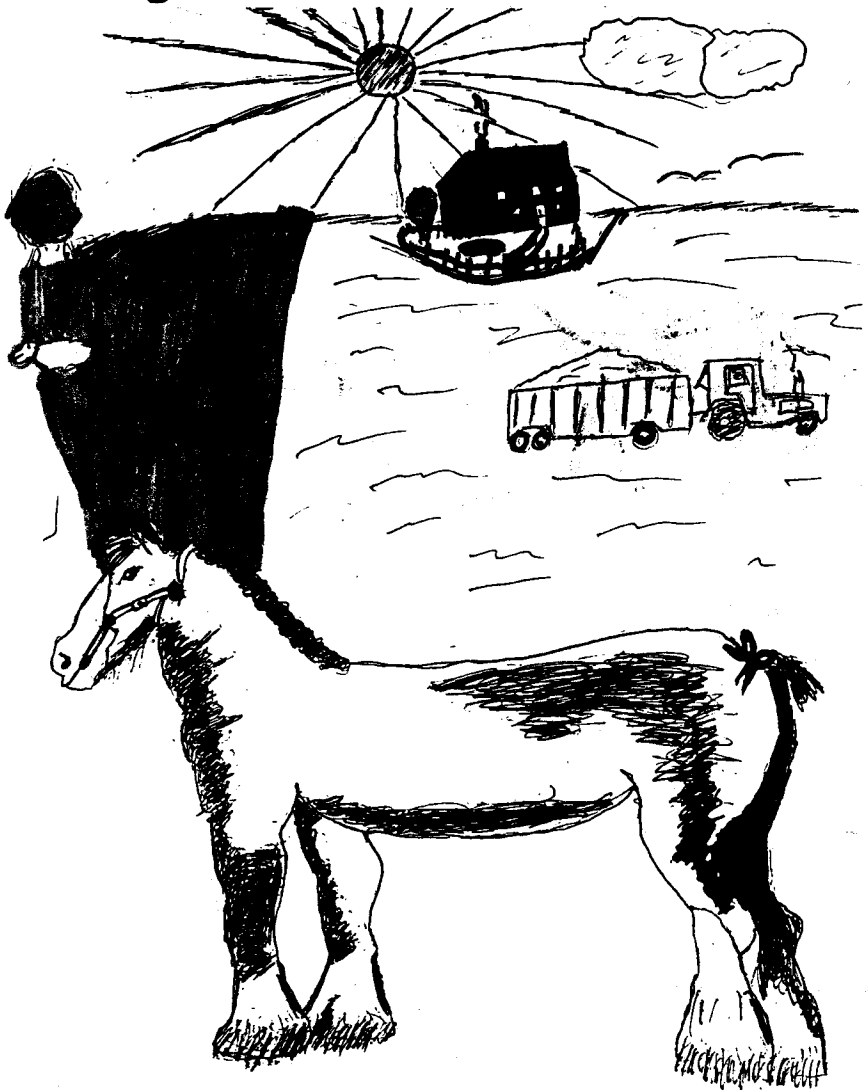


5. Keep on going down the lane. There are three battery farm sheds and by each of them are the drums that hold the grain for the chickens to eat. Go down the lane to the junction, take a sharp right turn and walk a few hundred yards to the main road. There is another battery farm. The eggs are cheaper so they sell more.



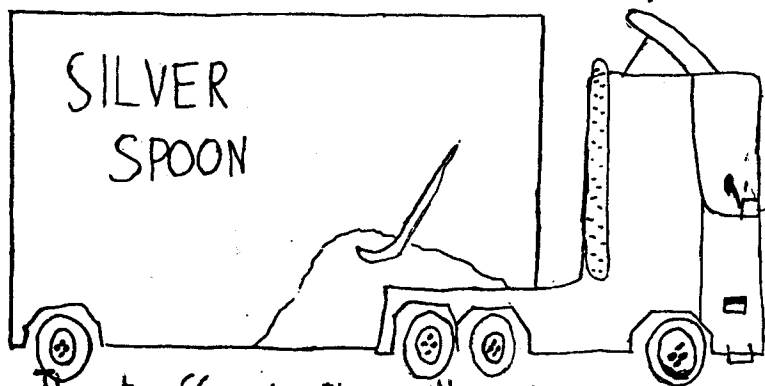
6. Whilst walking down the lane, look at the fields on both sides. In the fields they grow wheat, barley, rape and grass; they cut and let dry. There are many animals on the village farms including pigs, sheep, horses, cattle and poultry.

Little Carlton has small-holdings.  
One belongs to the Simpsons who grow vegetables  
and sell at their gates and another belonging  
to the Gilbertsons who sell strawberries  
(in the season). The Ma Skills keep horses and Mr  
Stubbs keeps pigs. Some small holdings use  
machinery.



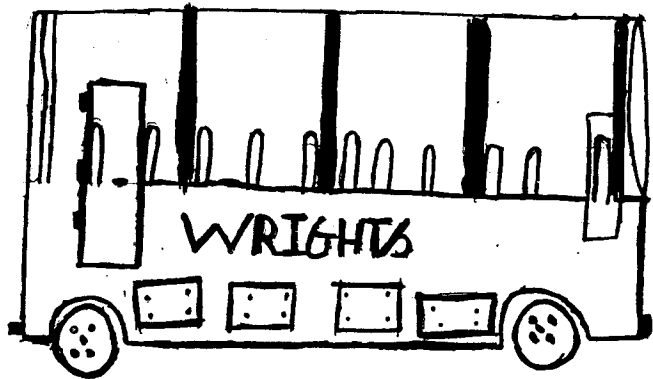
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You are now near the top of Debdale Hill. Look up the road and to the right and you will see houses called the Rakhouses. We do not know why they are called that. Joseph Hampole lived in one of these cottages. Rev. Mosely (vicar of S. Muskham) kept a record of people who went away to war. Joseph Hampole went to war and died on December 8th 1914.



The traffic in this village is very dangerous. The lorries from Southwell, Ollerton, Newark and the A1 all have to come through Little Carlton because the road from South Muskham to Kelham has a no entry sign at one end. Also, Kelham Bridge has been weight limited. There are a variety of other vehicles such as farm vehicles, cars and buses.

The School Bus stop is at the top of Bathley Lane. It comes morning and night. The School Bus will pick the last children up from South Muskham and take all to school in North Muskham. Before 1965, children walked to school in South Muskham.



8.

If you walk on the grass verge down Debdale hill, on your right was the old brick yard. The bricks were used to build Manor Farm, Little Carlton, The Grange South Muskham, and Burridge Farm South Muskham.

9. As you get to the bottom of Debdale, turn left into a lane where on your right you will see Manor Cottages. They were built in the 18th century. Some labourers lived in them who worked at Manor Farm. The Cottage became derelict. Builders converted them.



10. A little further along on the same side is the Manor House which is at the end of a drive. It is surrounded by trees. It used to be owned by the Beckett family but now it is owned by the Keys. There are two staircases, one of which used to lead to the servants quarters.



**Parish of South Muskham**

**LOT 107**

(Coloured Yellow on Plan No. 51)

**Manor Farm**

situate at Little Carlton, one mile from the Villages of South Muskham and Kelham and 3 miles from Newark, together with Grass Lands on the River Trent near South Muskham, and containing an area of about

**544a. 1r. 14p.**

(including 1a. 3r. 34p. of River Bed and Road in Hand).

Let, with other Lands, to Mr. T. C. Beckett on a Yearly Lady-day Tenancy at the apportioned Rent of

per **£615** annum.

The **ATTRACTIVE HOUSE** (Brick Built with Slated Roof) contains:—

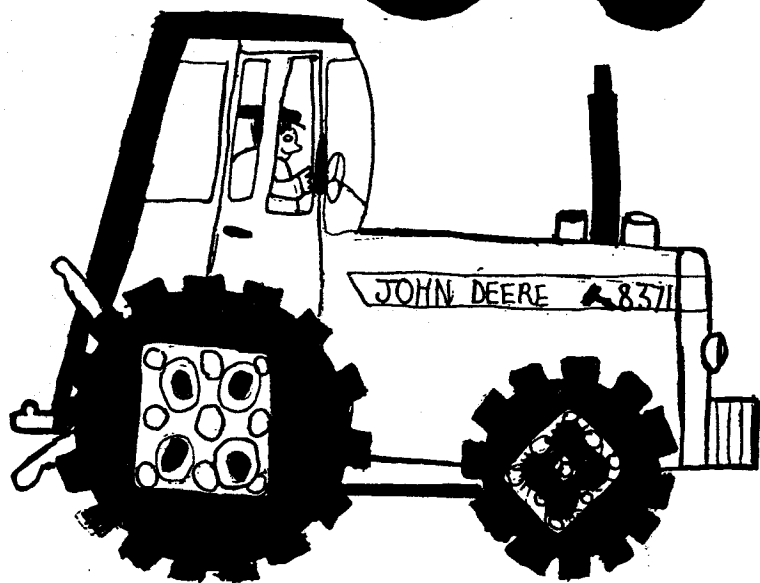
Hall, Three Sitting Rooms, Pantry, Kitchen, Scullery, Larder, Dairy, Six Bedrooms, Box Room and Bath Room; outside are Closet, Ashpit, Coal House and Wash House. There is a Well and Pump and Tanks in the roof.

The **BUILDINGS** comprise:—

Stable for 8, Chaff Box, Stable for 7; Three Boxes; Three Boxes; Three-bay Open Shed; Meal, Engine, Store, Hay and Chaff Rooms with Loft over all; **COVERED FARMYARD**; Root House; Cow House for 18, each stall fitted stone trough having water laid on; similarly fitted Cow House for 12; another Cow House for 12; Milk House; Seven-bay open Cattle Shed; **COVERED FARMYARD**; Two Fowl Houses; Box, Boiling House and Box with Loft over, Five Duck Coles, Two 8-bay **DUTCH BARN**S. There is a Well with Pump worked by Oil Engine put in by the Tenant.

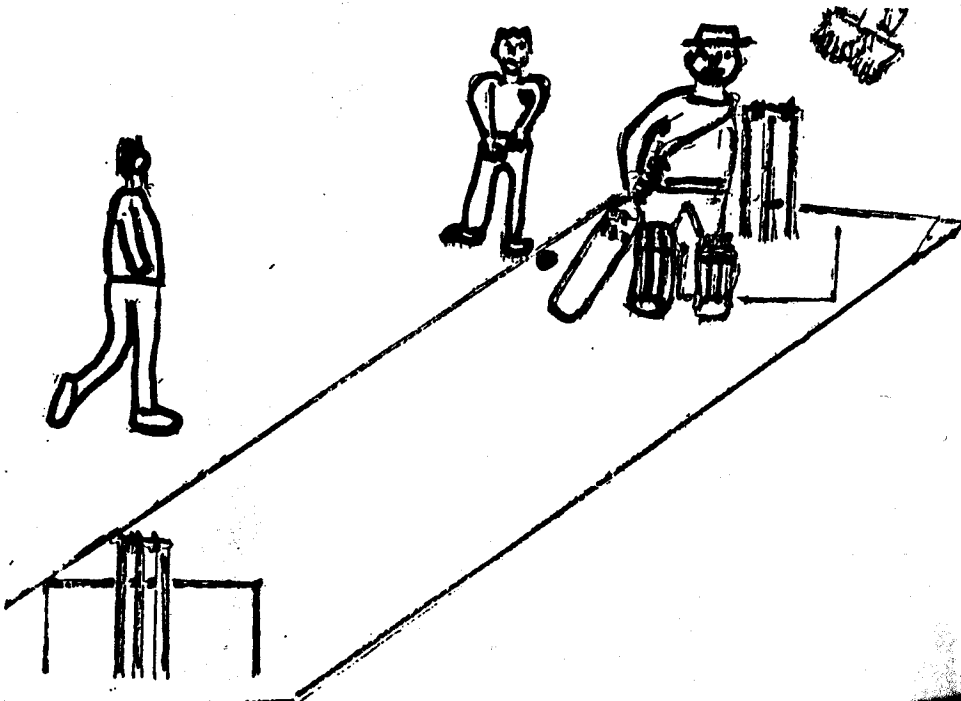
**Extract from Sale of  
Lord Middleton's Little  
Carlton estate. 1924**

A little further on past the Manor House is Manor Farm. It was owned by the Beckitts. It is now owned by G. Salmon who keep Sheep and cows. The Suffolk sheep are kept for meat and wool. Nowadays the farm only needs to employ about three people because there is much machinery used.



12. Walk past Manor Farm cottage on left. Go right in front of the sheds, and then keep going until you come to a gate. Go through the gate, across the field, then through another gate, over a bridge with a stream and then you reach the playing field.

13. The cricket pitch was given to the parish by Mr and Mrs Beckett. The cricket players use the pavilion in the summer when they play teams from other villages.



14. As you come out of the playing field, across the road you will see a large whitewashed house. If you walk up to it, you will see that it has been converted into four dwellings. The four houses are called The Grange. The Grange is an eighteenth century house; the roof is old but has been newly done up. During the war, soldiers stayed at The Grange and were building shacks in the nearby field.

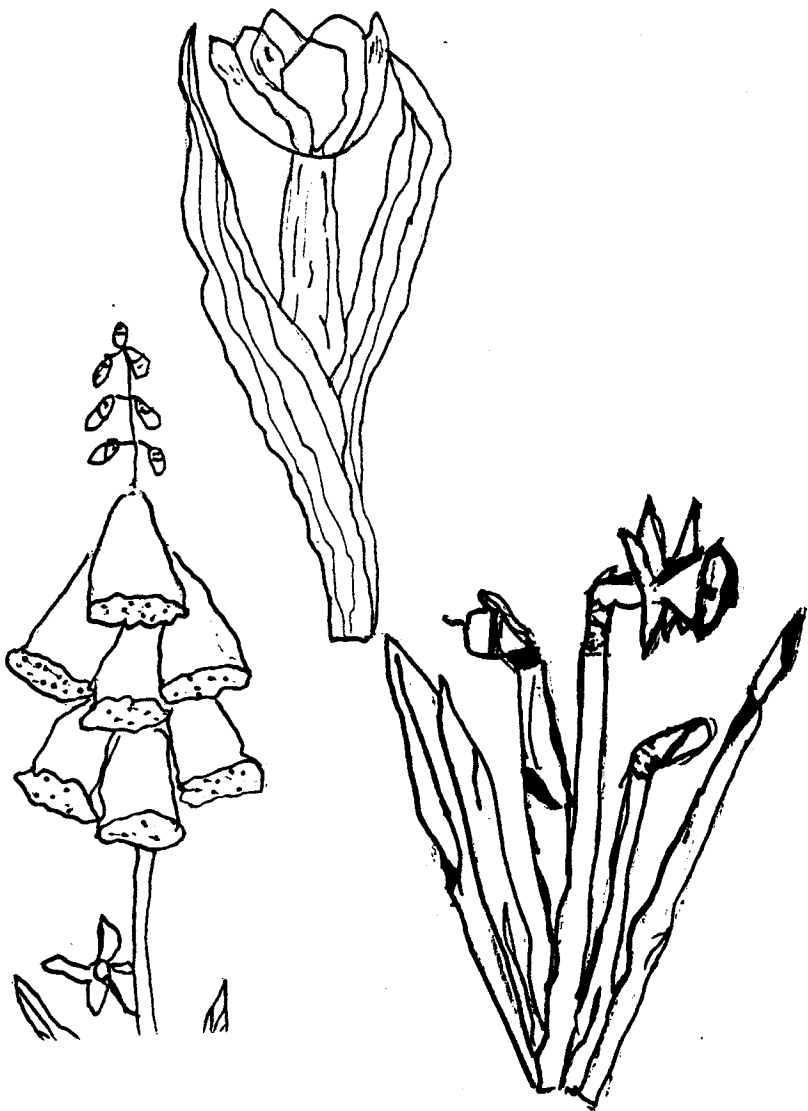
Part of the letter from  
Mrs Crawley giving information  
about the village

During the war soldiers were stationed in the Grange farmhouse buildings & in Cliven Shuts in the adjoining field. First to arrive were the Royal Horse Guards, complete of course with their horses, in the latter winter of 1939-40. They were followed by the Lovat Scouts from the Hebrides, then among others the Royal Engineers & Royal Artillery. Finally there were German & Italian Prisoners.

Electricity was brought to the village in 1953, before which time there were 13 houses only.

15.

When you come out of the playing field, turn to your right and you will see some red-bricked single storey houses which used to be old pig sties belonging to the Grange. They are now attractive homes.



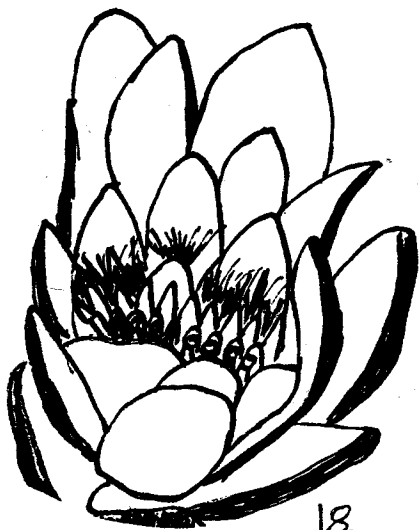
16.

As you walk down the lane,  
you will be struck by the gardens.  
There are Keen gardeners and therefore  
there are many beautiful colourful  
gardens. There is not one garden that  
is not well cared-for here.



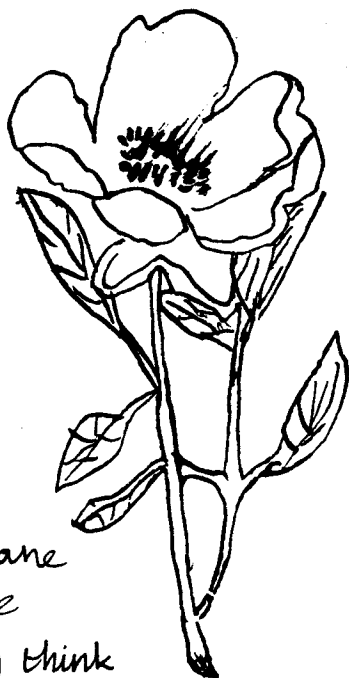
17. Further on your left you will see an old eighteenth century house with a steep roof that was probably thatched. It belongs to Mr. Ellison who is the R.S.P.C.A. inspector for this area. The village has a mixture of new and old houses but this is one of the oldest.

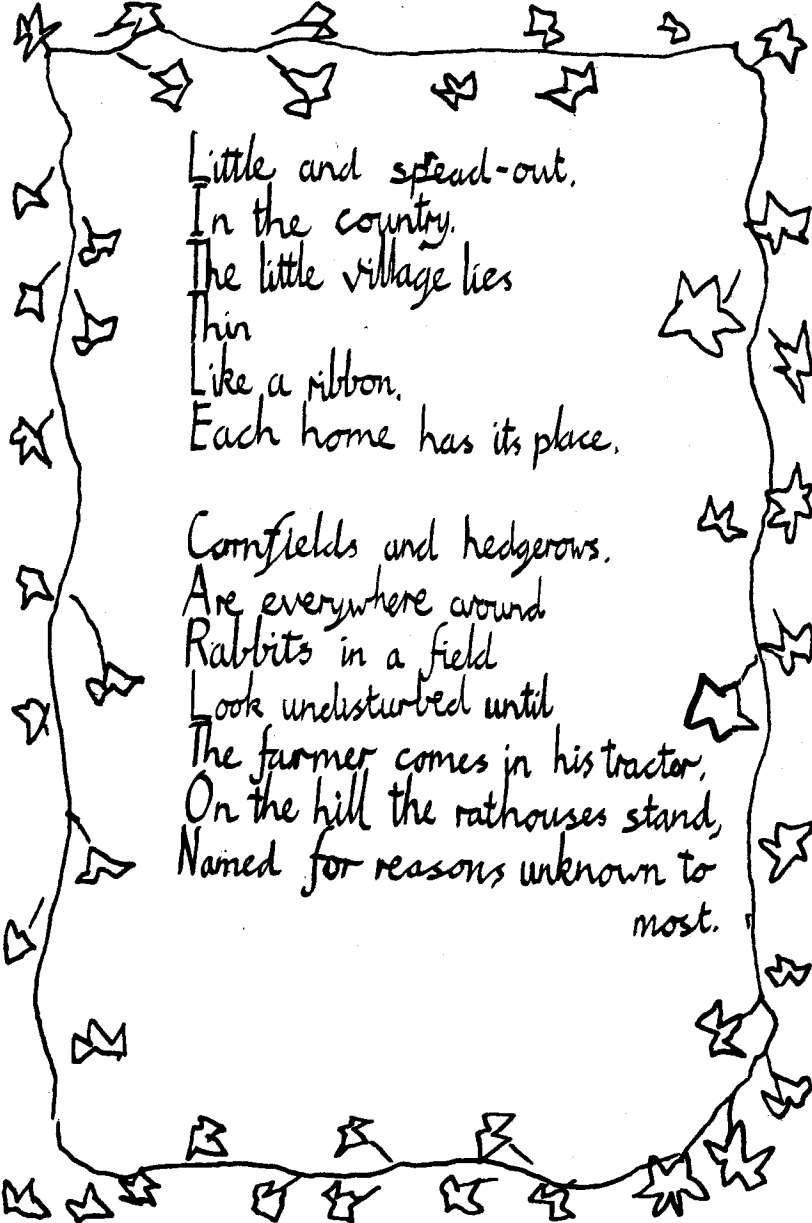




18.

Continue along Bathley Lane until you get to the place where you started. You may think Little Carlton is a lovely village and just perfect but there are several disadvantages such as no shops or a post office. Also there are many dangers caused by the main road. For many facilities you have to go Newark or the neighbouring villages. There are advantages to living in Little Carlton. There is no vandalism. There are also fresh eggs and air if you need them. Lots of lovely landscape and great community spirit; that's little Carlton.





Little and spread-out,  
In the country.  
The little village lies  
Thin  
Like a ribbon.  
Each home has its place.

Cornfields and hedgerows,  
Are everywhere around  
Rabbits in a field  
Look undisturbed until  
The farmer comes in his tractor,  
On the hill the rathouses stand,  
Named for reasons unknown to  
most.



We hope you  
enjoyed the  
Village Trail of  
Little Carlton.

