



RE. 15 Sytch Lane Wombourne.

The Land which 15 Sytch Lane stands upon, belonged to Greenhill Farm, which was part of the Himley Estate, which was owned by The Earl of Dudley.

A branch line for the railway network was completed in the 1920's which cut off a triangle of land of approximately 2+ acres between Greenhill (Sytch Lane) and Common Rd.

Arthur Wallace Cartwright purchased a small plot from Lord Dudley which he built 15 Sytch Lane on in approximately 1930.

He latter purchased Approximately another 2 acres.

Three more plots of land were purchased, separately, latter, so he owned the triangle of land between Sytch Lane and Common Rd, less the three existing cottages and nailers workshop.

He then built 11 Sytch Lane, for his Son.

Wallace was a Market Gardener and was in partnership with his brother Charles.

AW & CS Cartwright Market Gardeners.

The firm was started in 1919 upon land rented from The Earl Of Dudley, in Wombourne Rd Swindon.

The land behind the house in Sytch Lane was agricultural and was used at one point to fatten bullocks for resale as meat. Latter crops such as Marrows, Runner Beans, Potatoes and Scabious flowers were grown commercially.

A garage was built on the east side of no 15, facing the railway, which I believe was rated as an agricultural store building. Potatoes and Beetroot were grown on the main holding in Swindon and transported there for storage, packing and distribution to the wholesale market.

There was also a separate building constructed of concrete, brick and Anderson air raid shelter sheets. This was used to house agricultural machinery such as a plough and a rotavator.

There was a sperate drive between no 11 & 15 which was the access to the field for tractors, lorries delivering manure, contract lime spreaders etc.

The Business became DC & JW Cartwright in 1966

In approximately 1975 a large garage was built in the field behind no 11 and 15 which was an agricultural store. For many years it was used for machinery and vehicle repairs for the firm's lorry, tractors, land rover and pickups It was also a fabrication shop for self- build machinery. For a while it was used for finishing, storing and he distribution of pine furniture for Penn Road Pine.

After David Cartwright acquired 15 Sytch Lane, he ran a decorating business from there with two vans and stored materials there.

There was also Kennels for retired greyhounds.

Upon the death of John Cartwright of 11 Sytch Lane, the land, garage/workshop and kennels were demolished and the land developed.

From the 1930's the site was used for food production until 2017.

The local area around the properties was used for market gardening, and the cottages had nailing workshops at the top of the gardens which produced nails in the 1800's.

There was a large nailing workshop behind No 7 which was used for car repairs in the 1970's.

I believe that lorries were parked on the patch of land between No 7 and No 11. There was also Woodrim Garage further up the lane on the opposite side to the school.

A school was built in the 1950's and there was no proper footpath or a pedestrian bridge over the railway.

Nearly everyone walked to school at first, but in latter years a lot of children were dropped off by car.

If you counted the vehicles associated with the school and any vans who pull up during the day such as Royal Mail, DPD, Sainsbury's, Waitrose etc, delivering internet goods, then any vehicles used by local business vehicles would only add up to a fraction of one percent.

No 11 and 15 have always had commercial vehicle access.

Kind regards

Peter Cartwright. (partner in DC & JW Cartwright)