

GREETHAM VILLAGE



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Village web site – Greethamrutland.com

~for a wide range of information about the village. If you wish to advertise a business or other activity in the village, please contact Dave Hodson at hodson001@gmail.com

The website is run by Greetham Website Group for the benefit of everyone in the village

The village also has two Facebook Community Groups:

[Greetham in Rutland](#)
(General community dialogue) and

[Items For Sale Or Swap In Greetham, Rutland](#)

Greetham Village - an Introduction

Greetham (Gritty Hamlet) lies in a soft hollow in the gently undulating countryside of Rutland, a County nestling between Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire.

With a mixture of stone cottages, thatched cottages, converted barns, modern detached houses, bungalows for the elderly and supported residences, it is a gateway to England's smallest county and is cut through by the Viking Way, North to South, and the North Brook, West to East. Living up to its ancient name, it boasts three thriving limestone quarries within the Parish.

The first settlers here may have walked in single file and thrown their belongings on either side of their path, as Main Street remains long and narrow a legacy from the past.

Close to the A1 Trunk Road, Kendrew Army Barracks and Rutland Water, the village has altered from being one of a rural agricultural community to one that encompasses tourism, the retired, small businesses employing local labour and professionals that commute to our nearby cities.

“Whilst a village is physically its bricks and mortar, it is the people living in Greetham that provide the *'je ne sais quoi'* which makes it that special place to live. A village with a social 'buzz', where people are able to join in as much, or as little, as they like”.

With approximately 520 people on the electoral role, Greetham is classed as a small village but its residents are big hearted and have the constitution to support its three public houses!!

Visit greethamrutland.com to find Greetham's web page.

Local Services

Accommodation

Camping & Caravanning:

Rutland Caravanning & Camping (site).....01572 813520

Hotel/Overnight Accommodation:

The Black Horse01572 812305

Greetham Valley Golf Course/Conference/Accommodation01780 460444

Ram Jam Inn01780 410361

Adult Education

Casterton Business & Enterprise College01780 752303

Rutland College01572 722863

Catmose College01572 770066

Age Concern Representative: Sue Bamber01572 812882

Book Clubs

One book club is held in the Plough. Ask at location for details.

Buses

Timetables in bus shelter each end of the village

Or Google "Rutland bus times" and go to the www.rutland.gov.uk link.

There is also another bus service:- www.wellandcallconnect.co.uk

Child Care

Rainbow Childcare Centre.

C/o Exton & Greetham Primary School, Exton

Caters for 9 months to 4 years01572 813141

Also out of school care for children up to age 11.

Churches

Church of England St Mary's, Church Lane
(See Page 11 for full detail)

Roman Catholic St Joseph's The Presbytery
Station Rd Oakham 01572 722239

Church of England All Saints, The Vestry,
Oakham 01572 724007

Methodist Oakham Methodist, Northgate
01572 756946

Baptist Oakham Baptist, Melton Road
01572 724990

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Gaol Street, Oakham
(Clerk - Marianne Ransome)..... 01780 460454



Community Centre See page 9

Defibrillator

The defibrillator for the Village is located on the village green in a disused phone box.

Dog warden

Ring Rutland County Council on 01572 722 577

Emergency Services

Water

Anglian Water08457 145 145
Severn Trent0800 783 4444

Electricity

Emergencies0800 056 8090

Gas

National Gas Emergency Services0800 111 999

Garden Clubs

There are garden clubs at Cottesmore and Empingham
Visit www.rutnet.co.uk to find details.

Garages

Greetham Garage (Julian Cardew)01572 812499
Colin Easson Motors Cottesmore01572 812291

Greetham Engineering Society

E-mail Dave at hodson001@gmail.com for details

Health Service

Hospitals

Rutland Memorial.....01572 722552
(Casualty 8.00-5.00pm Out of hours ring bell)
Grantham & District (Casualty 24hr)01476 565232
Stamford & Rutland01780 764151
(Minor injuries 9.00 – 5.00pm weekdays)
Peterborough District (Casualty 24hr).....01733 874000

Doctors

Empingham Medical Centre.....01780 460202
Castle Bytham Surgery01780 410205
(has a weekly delivery service of Medication to Greetham)
Market Overton Surgery.....0844 815 1470
Oakham Medical Practice01572 722628

Markets

Oakham - Wednesday & Saturday (Market Square)
Stamford – Friday (Broad St.) Saturday (Red Lion Sq.)
Melton Mowbray – Tuesday & Saturday
Grantham - Saturday

Medical Herbalist

The Holistic Health Centre Cottesmore.....01572 813888

Mobile Library Van

Visits every other Thursday, see Village Newsletter for details
Or phone the Rutland County Library on 01572 722918

Neighbourhood Watch

This is a Neighbourhood Watch area. Please be alert at all times.
Please help our community.
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator is David Hodson01572 813902
email: hodson001@gmail.com
Our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme No. 33/NR/031 -(quote for insurance purposes)

Newsletter

Monthly – Editor Clare Hitchcox greethamnews@aol.com
The Walnuts, 69 Main Street, or leave 'copy' at Village shop

Newspapers/Delivery

Greetham Village Shop01572 812336

Local Newspapers

Rutland Times (Thursday)
Rutland Mercury (Friday)

Police

IN AN EMERGENCY CONTACT: 999

(to save a life, prevent an injury or for an offence where a suspect is at the scene)
Non emergency calls 101
Oakham Police Station-Public Enq. Desk 0116 248 4733
(Open Mon – Fri 8.30 – 6.00pm Sat 9.00 – 6.00pm)
Anonymously: Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Post Office

Greetham Village Shop
Market Sq. Oakham (Main & Sorting Office)

Pubs/ Food

In the village

The Plough01572 813613
The Black Horse01572 812305
The Wheatsheaf01572 812325
Fish & Chip Van Thursday 6.00 – 6.45 pm
(Visits: Locks Close, The Plough, The Wheatsheaf)

Nearby

The Jacksons Stops, Stretton01780 410237
The Ram Jam Inn near A1, Greetham Rd (Closes at 6pm)01780 410361

Fish & Chip Shop Cottesmore
Lodge trust Country Café Tues to Sat - Market Overton.....01572 768073

Delivery

Pizza home delivery.....01572 723703

Pub Quiz nights See Greetham News for details.

Radio Rutland Radio 107.2 & 97.4 FM01572 757868

Refuse & Recycling

Civic Amenity Site on B668 beyond Cottesmore
Permit Required (Rutland County Council)01572 722577
Greetham Community Centre (Salvation Army only)

Refuse Collection

Black Wheelie Bin Monday a.m. alternates with
Green Garden Waste and Grey Recycle Bins Monday a.m.
Check the Rota with County Council01572 722577

Residential care

Oak House Residential Home, Main Street, Greetham01572 812647
This is where the defibrillator for the Village is kept.
Access is 24 hours/7 days - a list of residents able to use
the defibrillator is kept at the Home.

Riding School Stretton Riding School.....01780 410323

Rutland CC Catmose, Oakham01572 722577

Shops

Greetham – Village Shop/ Post Office / Newspaper deliveries / Hairdresser (Pippa)
Cottesmore – Small General Store/ Post Office, Fish & Chip Shop

Women's Institute Greetham Community Centre 2nd Monday in month – 7.45pm

Local Information and Telephone Numbers

(Local code 01572)

Member of Parliament	Alan Duncan	Local Office:.....01664 563232 Fax:01664 510710 Westminster:.....0207 219 5204
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County Councillor	Roger Begy	Local Office:.....01572 758224 Home:.....01572 812529
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Parish Council	Peter Hitchcox (Chairman) Roy Wicks (Vice Chairman) Roger Begy Judy Chapman David Hodson Judith Roberts Ken Edward
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Mrs. Anne Basden.....01572 812742

Meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday in month at Community Centre or St Mary's Church, depending on the time of year – the public welcome to attend. Agenda and Minutes of meetings published on Parish Notice Board on village green, the village Website and summarised in Monthly Newsletter. The venue for the next meeting is shown in the newsletter.

Conservation Area

Many parts of Greetham are included in a Conservation area. This means that, before carrying out any work on your property, (including satellite dishes or tree work) you need to contact RCC.

For information and advice call the Planning Dept01572 758268

Local Interest

Agricultural Show	Rutland Show Ground, Oakham
Barnsdale Gardens	The late Geoff Hamilton's TV Gardens01572 813200
Herb Nursery	Thistleton01572 767658
Horse Events	Burghley Horse Trials (early September - see local papers)
Outdoor Concerts	Belton House, Burghley House, Grimsthorpe Castle (see local papers)
Outdoor Theatre	Stamford Shakespeare Company, Tolethorpe Hall (see local papers for what is showing)
Museum	Rutland County Museum, Catmose Oakham Castle Note - live entertainment and weekly film shows! See local press
Railway Museum	Rocks by Rail, Ashwell Rd, Cottesmore 01572 813203
Rutland Water	Normanton Fishing Lodge, Cycling, Normanton Church museum, Restaurant Whitwell Sailing, Windsurfing, Rutland Belle boat trips cycling Sykes Lane Dog walking area, children's play area Tourist Information Centre 01572 653026 Eggleton Bird Sanctuary, Nature Reserve
Walks	Viking Way Greetham – Exton and onwards Yew Tree Avenue Clipsham (Topiary) Bluebell Woods between Barnsdale & Whitwell Circuit of Hambleton peninsular Morkery Wood (A1 near The Fox) Stretton Wood (near Stocken Prison) Merry Meadows (see Greetham Rutnet web page) George Henry Wood (Near Stretton)

Three leaflets on local walks are available on the www.greethamrutland.com website .
See "Things to do"

Greetham Community Centre

Great Lane:
Clubroom
Sports Hall
Outdoor tennis court
Badminton, Football, Cricket,
Table Tennis
Indoor & outdoor bowls
Petanque,
Skateboarding.
Meetings, Parties, Wedding receptions



Many functions and events are organized by the Community Centre. Keep an eye on the monthly Greetham News letter for details of these.

Dedicated Booking line (leave answer phone 812389 message and you will be contacted)
Website: See www.Greethamrutland.com

The Community Centre hosts many of the clubs and activities and there is a busy schedule of meetings. A list of current clubs and contacts follows:

Women's Institute

A wide variety of speakers and activities, to take part come along on any 2nd Monday each month at 19.45 hrs

Contacts: Chris Parkin / 813162, Helen McGarrigle / 812804.

Guides

Guides meet on Mondays, in the main hall at 19:00 – 20.30

Contact: Laura Cullen 07803 603669 Lnnawitham@gmail.com

Bowls

Summer Outdoors:- Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Winter, Indoors:- Tuesday and Thursday

Contact Dianne Creasey on 812079

Badminton

Meet on Tuesdays in the main hall from 13:00 to 15:30 Please feel free to just turn up but not always playing each week.

Hall can also be booked to play at other times.

Petanque

Meet on Sundays on the Petanque piste, outside the community centre, from 4.00 pm.(weather permitting). All teams play in the Rutland League which holds matches on a Tuesday evening throughout the summer. Contact the Secretary Pat Evans 01572 813448. There are also Clubs who play at 'The Plough', 'The Wheatsheaf and Greetham Valley'.

Table Tennis Friday evenings Contact Oliver Bird 01572 813050



St Mary the Virgin Greetham

Greetham has a warm, friendly church – open every day- with an active congregation. It holds services every Sunday but as the times vary week by week, please consult the notice in the shop window, on the church notice board on the churchyard wall, or in the village newsletter for the most up-to-date information. You will hear the church bells ringing each Sunday and for weddings. You are most welcome to join us for a variety of different types of services.

The church holds a café style service each month on a Friday evening from 7.00pm. This is suitable for the whole family. It includes live music and is an informal occasion that finishes with time to socialise. A more traditional Anglican monthly Sung Communion Service is also held, led by a choir in which hymns and anthems are sung. This too is well supported and all are welcomed.

Recently, the pews were removed from the back of the church, a floor laid and central heating installed to create an environment which has allowed a wider variety of events to take place: for example, concerts, talks or meetings. It has led to 'Shattered on Saturday' every Saturday morning, when the church opens its doors for coffee and papers. It's a good way to catch up with villagers and start the weekend in a relaxed way.

Each year, the church holds a summer fete that is held at the Community Centre field. It is very well supported by the village with lots of stalls, games, competitions and refreshments. We usually hold a dog show, go-kart race, tug-of-war and archery – great fun! We also have a Harvest Supper in the Autumn and a Carol Service near Christmas.

The current priest-in-charge is The Rev Marcus Purnell" and his phone number is 01572 813031. He lives in Cottesmore and covers the parishes of Cottesmore, Barrow, Greetham, Thistleton, Stretton, Clipsham and Exton with Horn. For any information about Greetham Church, please contact the current churchwardens – details can be found in the porch of the church and on the church notice board.

There has been a church here since Norman Times. There are records of the Vicars since 1237 and Baptisms since 1576.

12th Century

The Earl of Warwick who died on 1123 founded the priory of St Sepulchre. The font has a big capital of the 12th century with large reeded leaves ending in the head crockets at each corner.

13th Century

Early in the 13th century a church was built consisting of chancel, nave and south aisle with a high pitched roof. There are remains of a lancet window in the south wall near the font, where a piece of the old rear arch still exists. The north door shows details, which date from the church of this period. The tower was added during the reign of Edward I. The splendid broach spire – one of the finest in the country was added later.

14th Century

In the reign of Edward III the north arcade was added, the roof lowered and the clerestory constructed and the chancel arch added.

17th Century

The pulpit is Jacobean. The oak carvings lining part of the sanctuary walls have been attributed to the periods ranging from Saxon to Jacobean, to 18th century rustic work. They certainly form one of the most interesting features inside the church, portraying the angel driving Adam and Eve out of the garden, the dove bringing back the leaf to Noah on the Ark, the prodigal son returning to his father, Moses striking the rock, Daniel among the lions and a man sacrificing a bull on the altar.

18th Century

In 1858 the high box pews were replaced by open seating and the west gallery was removed. The vestry was built in the north of the chancel, an extra window placed in the tower and the square wooden window in the south wall replaced by a lancet window. In 1897 the church was restored by Edith Finch of Burley under the direction of Mr J.A. Cossins architect.

20th Century

The date of the original bells is unknown. In 1923 four bells were recast and five were hung. In 1949 the sixth bell was added. The north aisle chapel was furnished and dedicated 'The Chapel of the Risen Christ' by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough on 30th September 1990.

21st Century

The Millennium was marked by the installation of a kitchen and disabled WC facility in the north west corner. The project was assisted by a grant from Rural Churches in the community Service, the work was carried out by Bowman and Sons of Stamford. The church clock was regilded in 2002 to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee and the Silver jubilee of the church organist's years of service.

Local Schools

Age	Catchment area school	Other options
4 to 11 years	Exton & Greetham C of E Primary School	Cottesmore
11 to 16 years	Casterton Business & Enterprise College	Catmose College
16 to 18 years	Rutland College	Stamford, Peterborough

School buses transport local children to catchment area schools. For information about other schools in the county please contact the Rutland County Council.

Exton and Greetham School C of E Primary School



The school is a Church of England (Controlled) Primary School. Following Rutland's Unitary Status in 1997 it is part of Rutland's Primary Education Authority.

Exton and Greetham Primary School has a long history, the oldest entry in the school Log book dates from 1856. The present school was built in 1967 and was extended to accommodate children from Greetham

when their village school was closed. The building is of a modern design and provides excellent accommodation for our children and suits all of our needs. Over the past year we have received considerable major building improvements to ensure that our building remains at a high standard.

We place a high value on establishing close links between home and school so that we can effectively work together to achieve the best for each child. Parents are encouraged to share in their child's progress at open evenings, through consultation with their child's class teacher, by viewing their child's work and through an annual written report. Parents are always welcome in the school. There are many opportunities to share in special events across the year such as assemblies and concerts. We also try to keep you informed about school life through our newsletter and website www.extonschool.co.uk

The Friends of Exton and Greetham School is a well established group, committed to support the school both practically and financially. They have an active plan of social events for everyone to join in with.

Accommodation includes three classroom units, cloakrooms, a hall, kitchen and an administration block. We are proud of our grounds which include gardens, sports pitches and tarmac play areas. In addition to this we have a conservation/nature area, tree trail and 4+ enclosed play area. A free school bus takes the children from Greetham to Exton.

Recently the school has received a 'good' grade from Ofsted and has achieved the

Platinum Award in the national 'Sing Up' award scheme (one of very few schools nationally to achieve this grade). A partnership has been formed with Brooke Hill School in Oakham. This is a large Primary School, ranked as 'outstanding' by Ofsted, which has just gained Academy status. This link will enable us to share expertise and help to widen our sporting opportunities.

A Rainbow Childcare Centre has opened in the school grounds. This provides nursery provision for children from the age of one year. Wrap around care is also offered for children at school from 7.45am until 6pm for 50 weeks of the year. Contact 01572 813141

Secondary schools



Casterton Business & Enterprise College

01780 762168 Casterton Campus
www.cbec.rutland.sch.uk

Rutland County College

01572 722863 Oakham Campus
rutlandcountycollege.com

A Walk around a village – Greetham in Rutland

Greetham (derivation – village on gravel) in the past has been known as *Gretham*, *Greteham*, *Greatham* and *Gretam*. The village is located at the extreme western end of the parish – the parish boundary with Cottesmore is within a few metres of the first house at that end of the village. The eastern boundary includes the Greetham Inn and the Ram Jam Inn (formerly the Winchelsea Arms), both on the Great North Road, and the former Woolfox Lodge airfield. The Domesday Survey of 1086 showed a considerable quantity of woodland here, and some of it remains in the form of Greetham, Ash and Woolfox Woods.

Some 2,200 acres were enclosed in 1763, and shortly afterwards a system of cottage holding was introduced. In 1901 there were 43 smallholders here, each having between 5 and 40 acres. The population in 1801 was 423 from which level it steadily rose to a high of 713 in 1851. Today it is about 600.

The North Brook, a tributary of The Gwash, flows from west to east through the village and then south-east to feed the lakes at Horn. Just before Horn are the sites of the Greetham watermill and windmill. From 1491 until 1550 the manor of Greetham was in the hands of the Crown. It was then granted to John Earl of Bedford who was succeeded by his son, Francis. In 1561 it passed into the hands of John Harington from which time it followed the descent of Exton manor.

In 1623 the manor of Greetham was conveyed to George, Marquess of Buckingham. It then descended with Burley and the Finch family until the land and property was acquired by the Merchant Venturers. All but one cottage is now held by individual owners.

THE MAP

This guide highlights some of the more outstanding features of the village. Numbers in the text refer to locations shown on the map, and although a route is described, they can be followed in any convenient order.

Please note that this map is enlarged from the 15" to 1 mile Ordnance Survey second edition of 1903 and consequently later buildings, extension, alterations and demolitions are not included.

WARNING

Part of the walk is along Main Street which is a very busy link road to and from the A1. The pavements are narrow and not everyone obeys the speed limit! Please be aware of passing traffic and ensure that you are always as far away from the kerb as possible.

THE WALK

From the main entrance of the Community Centre, turn right and walk round to the rear of the building, through a gap in the hedge and then right on to **Great Lane** (*those who only wish to visit the church should turn immediately right onto the footpath which runs along the side of the bowling green. Follow this footpath to Shepherds Lane*).

On the west side of Great Lane are groups of former labourers' cottages. **1** is a stone cottage which was the former village policeman's house. PC Smith lived here in the 1920s and he was the first policeman in Rutland to have a motorbike. **2** is a pair of cottages dated 1853 and **3** is a line of cottages known as *Nine-Chimney-Pot Row*. The name is not quite so appropriate today! **4** is *The Arches*, the former home of Mr. Munns, a headmaster of the school.

A little further down on the right is the turn into Bullfield Close, a small estate of modern houses built on the northern half of Bull Field; this is where the village bull was kept and where Feast Fairs were held. Llamas are now kept in the bottom half of the field. **5** is *Manor Farm Cottage*, originally a small thatched cottage. It was virtually destroyed in a fire and subsequently rebuilt. The end gable and front elevation show that this building has been extensively altered. Stop at the junction with Little Lane and look down Great Lane. To the left is **6** a group of elderly persons' bungalows built on the site of a line of labourers' cottages.

On the right **7** is *Ivy Farm House*, a Grade II listed house of late 17th/early 18th Century. Inside are chamfered beams, and in the nook with a cambered beam and a cellar hewn out of the limestone rock below the house.

Turn left into **Little Lane**.

Immediately facing you is **9** Holly Cottage Farm House – a Grade II listed 17th Century cottage of one and a half storeys. The gable on the front is possibly the oldest secular building work in the village and has been featured on calendars and chocolate boxes. **10** on the right, is *Old Ale House*. Before the turn of the (20th) Century, Greetham had several ale houses as well as its five public houses. Until it was restored, this house had a thrawl (a stone plinth) for beer barrels.

The Grade II listed *Manor House* **11** is on the left, just around the bend. It is late 16th/early 17th century with extensions built in 1800. Originally it was 'L' plan, but an extension on the west side of its front produced a symmetrical front view. The outbuildings have been very much altered and extended to provide living accommodation and garages. Just over the North Brook on the left is the old *Wesleyan Chapel* **12** built, according to its date stone, in 1853. It closed in the 1930s and became a corn store. It is now merely an outbuilding to the adjacent house.

Continue to the end of Little Lane and turn left. This is **Main Street**. The modern 'bungalow' on this corner **13** replaced the stone cottage which was a fish and chip shop just after the war, and there was a fish and chip restaurant in the building behind. It was very popular on a Saturday night when villagers returned on the bus from Stamford. **14** is *Woodyard Cottage*, a Grade II listed building of late 17th century. To the east of this cottage there is the entrance to what was Fountain's Woodyard. This is where George Henton stood when he took his well known photograph of the woodyard in 1914.

15 was formerly an open fronted hovel with a Collyweston stone slate roof, used for storing farm wagons, probably in turn converted from former cottages. *The Black Horse* is **16** on the map. Beyond and slightly behind *The Black Horse* is **17** a line of small cottages, all once owned by Harry Weston, the baker. The right-hand end was his bakery which closed in the 1950s.

Turn left into **Bridge Lane**.

18 is behind Harry Weston's former bakery and this was his flour store. Attached to this is a stone built barn with a pantile roof which was Halliday's corn store. This is where the performing bear was kept when it visited the village. **19** is the site of mud walled cottages which fell into disuse in the early 1950s and subsequently demolished. When the site was being cleared for a new house some years ago, the footings and tiled floors were found.

On the east side of Bridge Lane is *Bryant's Cottage* **20** – a very old stone built thatched cottage. It was occupied by the Bryant family from the turn of the (20th) Century until not so long ago. Behind *Bryant's Cottage* is **21** *Peep-A-Day Cottage*. In the garden, but unseen, is the wooden hut which was the village post office during and just after the war.

On the other side of **Main Street** is **22** *The Wheatsheaf*, a Grade II listed building, which is probably a former farmhouse of late 18th century origin, and the side of the village pump **23** shown on many of the early village photographs.

23A was a patch of grass often referred to as the village green. At one time there was a shed here and this is where the Greetham Brass Band practised in the 1930s. This was also the location of the village pinfold. **24** is now the site of a modern house but there used to be a small quarry here which was the source of the best Greetham stone – known as *Greetham Rag*. The quarry stretched from here to behind the garage site **25**. The garage was built on the site of a courtyard of old stone cottages. The small estate of new houses at **26** is known as Kirk's Close, after a well known village family. The treble bell in the church, cast in 1949, is dedicated to Annie Kirk who died in 1944.

The Walnuts at **27** is a Grade II listed house – the central stone tablet reads SWN 1769. **28** is 67 Main Street, the Old Post Office, Telegraph Office and shop. The entrance was where the front window (it used to be a bay window) is now, and originally it also had steps which protruded into the street. These were removed during the last war to allow large American army and airforce lorries to pass through the village. The Methodist Chapel **29** closed in the early 1970s. It has a red brick frontage and stone sides. Note the date stone high on the gable, the stone plaque which originally had 'Methodist Church' and the two foundation stones laid by Mr. Sharman and Mr. Ellingworth – two very well known names in the village. This building is now used as a garage. When used as a chapel it was very popular as both a piano and a violin were played at services. Next to the chapel is **30** *Old Barn Cottage*. At the rear of this was Daniel Crampton's coal yard at the turn of the (20th) Century. **31** is Garfoot's Yard. Garfoot was one of the village bakers in the early 1900s, closing about 1910. Mr. And Mrs. Garfoot lived in the cottage higher up the yard with wooden clad dormers. His bakery was beyond – now *The Old Bakehouse*. **32**, on the north side of Main Street is *Maindy*, which is Welsh for stone house. When this house was restored, a stone dated 1780 was found under the plaster at the top of the stairs. *Veraty Cottage* **33** is the original Reading Room for the village, donated by Mrs. Finch in about 1910. It contained a billiard table, dart board etc. – catering mainly for men's recreation. **34** is 38 Main Street, the last remaining property in Greetham belonging to the Merchant Venturers.

45 and 47 Main Street, **35** on the plan, is a stone built thatched cottage which was Bill Marshall's house and smallholding, and this is possibly the best surviving example of the many smallholdings in Greetham in the early 1900s. The brick building to the left of the entrance was originally a house but is now used as a barn. **36** is the former *Crown and Anchor* which closed in the 1930's. This was also a smallholding as well as a pub. The cellar door was under the right ground floor window. The entrance steps used to protrude into the road but have now been cut back into the building. The building behind the former *Crown and Anchor* was used for meetings, dances and other social functions. The building to the east, fronting on to the street, was a slaughter house. Horse sales were held in the pub yard up to the First

World War.

The stone wall to the right of the former *Crown and Anchor* **37** is the remains of a former thatched cottage. It was demolished in the 1930s and the two red brick semi-detached houses set back from the road were built in its place.

38 is another former post office. This is where the Halliday family of stonemasons lived. To the side, but set back, is Halliday's and Bland's stonemason's workshop **39**. This building of unique character, ornamented by Halliday with fragments of medieval church stonework from local churches, is Grade II listed. Built by Halliday about 1850, it was owned until recently by the Merchant Venturers. *Hill Farmhouse* **40** opposite the entrance to Pond Lane, is a Grade II listed 'T' plan house of late 17th or early 18th century. The house was formerly thatched and many of the thatched stables attached to it were demolished in the 1970s. The Victorian Barn **41**, with coursed rubble stone walls and fine red brick dressings, now converted into two houses, belonged to *Hill Farm*. It is Grade II listed.

Turn right into **Pond Lane**.

42 is thought to be the site of the village pond which was filled in over 80 years ago. Walk the short distance to the bridge over the stream. On the left, the stone building on the south side of the North Brook **43** has been rebuilt but it was originally a barn where the Salvation Army had their meetings from the turn of the (20th) century to the late 1920s. Across the paddock is *Harry's Cottage* **44** – another of the many smallholdings in Greetham. Most of the other properties in Pond Lane were labourers' cottages, some of which have been demolished.

Return to **Main Street** and turn right.

The property on this corner **45** is *Oak House*, now an elderly peoples' home but formerly the *Royal Oak* public House which closed in the 1920s. Next to it is the only remaining village shop **46** which has been here since the 1920s. The end cottage **47** of this group was always reserved for the headmaster or one of the teachers of the school. It is now part of *Oak House*. Across the street is the *Plough* **48** and behind it there was a bakery and two cottages – now all gone. The baker was a Mr. Ailmore who ceased baking about 1940. There was also a blacksmith's workshop here until the 1930s.

49 The National School, built in 1848 by George Finch of Burley at a cost of £450, and closed in 1971, is now a private house. The brick extension to the school **50** was erected in 1895 to accommodate the infant class which had previously used a converted barn at the *Vicarage*. The lane to the side of this extension and a group of ex-Council houses at the top of this lane are both known as *Tithe Barn Row*, after the tithe barn which stood at **51**. Over the street from *The Old School*, is *Godfrey's Farmhouse* **52**. Next to this is *Godfrey's Barn* **53**, the former farm buildings and crew-yard of Godfrey's Farm.

Turn right into **Church Lane**.

Immediately on the left is the 19th century Grade II listed monument **54** Jacob's Well. It was thought that the well was put here for the water supply for the school (1847). It was a continuous running water supply that came from the Lions head that was fed from a stone trough that stands at the back of the well, this was kept topped up by a lead pipe that came from a fresh water spring in the grounds of Greetham House, Church Lane. From the well up to the church was known as blue boards because the timber fence boards round the well were painted blue, going on from the church up the hill to the main road then became Sheepdyke Lane, though now all of the lane is known as **Church Lane**.

55 is the entrance gates to Greetham House **56**, the only location from which to view the house. It is a Grade II listed three storey house of mid 19th century, built of coursed rubble stone and ashlar, with a Collyweston stone slate roof. On the right is **57** the new vicarage – on the site of the former stone-built vicarage. Continue along Church Lane to the church of St. Mary which is open for your inspection. The church is basically 13th to 15th century with Norman remains. It was restored in 1897 by J A Cousins of Birmingham. There is a guide to St. Mary's available in the church, but the following may be of particular interest:

- The south porch rebuilt in 1673 using materials from the old porch. Note the sundial over the entrance and the medieval mass dials scratched on the east face.
- The outside wall of the nave has a frieze of small heads and also wall monuments.
- The circa 1200 font, restored in 1840.
- The painted hatchment of the Royal Arms of either George I or II (probably dates from early 18th C) in the north aisle.
- The carved panels in the chancel depicting biblical scenes including The Garden of Eden, The Ark, Daniel in the Lion's Den and The Golden Calf.
- The framed cutting from the Stamford Mercury of 1923 hanging in the base of the tower which describes the dedication of the bells recast and rehung as a World War I memorial.

On leaving the church, turn left onto **Church Lane** and then left again into **Shepherds Lane**. With the exception of **59** Barnstone House and **60** Shepherds Cottage that were part of Greetham House Farm, the rest of the properties are all modern. Turn back and return to **Church Lane** and turn right. With the exception of the Grooms House at **60A** all of the properties in this part of the village are modern until **64A**.

61 is The Burial Ground. The lane running to the north from here leads to old lime kilns which closed before 1900. Many of the pits have been filled in.

62 the site of the former medieval Manor House in on private land. Some of the site has now been built over, the western end still exists. The remains of stone walls could be seen here in 1900 but the area is now level. **63** *Springside*, 20 Church Lane, was built on the side of an old cottage which is reputed to have fallen down when a Zeppelin airship dropped its bombs in this area in the First World War. **64** is the site of the former sheepwash. This part of Church Lane was formerly known as Sheepdyke Lane. **64A** are two Georgian Cottages that were enlarged in Victorian times. **65** Originally one of the oldest cottages in the village, now heavily restored. The date stone, now lost, indicated that it was built in the late 1600s. The former home of the Sharman family.

65A smallholders cottage with barn. **66** believed to be the location of the Toll Keeper's cottage. **66A** are formerly workers cottages with a date stone for 1797, **67** are two new houses but there was a cottage and out buildings here known as *Chapman's Yard*. The cottage was a large thatched property with its gable end at the edge of the road, Here was a timber yard with logging pits for cutting timber and a smithy.

68 this house was formerly a village shop belonging to Mr. Sensecall and this part of Main Street was then known as *Sencecall's Hill*. **69** At the rear of what was Sensecall's Shop (now 10 Main Street) and backing onto the grounds of *Greetham House* is a Georgian house which was, in its day, a very important farmhouse with servants' accommodation in the roof space. Now called *The Chestnuts* – the entrance to it is off Church Lane (formerly Sheepdyke Lane).

70 Orchard Cottage 1790s and **71** the site of the old Orchard.

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GREETHAM LOVES dogs – but

Though they're loyal, brave and friendly

There's one thing they cannot do

When Nature calls – as Nature does –

They can't pick up their POO!

We want to keep our village clean

So tolerance is ZERO

Please take a bag! Please take control!

Clear up – and be **our HERO!**

**We are lucky to have lots of waste bins in the village.
Please, please, please use a poo bag and feel free to use
any of the bins to dispose of your dog's waste**

Greetham Dog Watch

Please clear up after your dog -

Even if it poos on the grass verge!!!!

Children and especially toddlers like to run here and contact with dog faeces can cause *Toxocariasis*.

This causes symptoms like fever, coughs or wheezing, abdominal pain, enlarged liver, poor appetite, a rash or swollen glands.

Toxocariasis also affects the eyes, causing swelling around the eyes, or a cross-eyed appearance. Untreated, *Toxocariasis* causes retinal damage, decreased vision or even total loss of sight.

Please clean up after your dog -

Dog faeces are smelly and extremely unpleasant to clear off shoes, etc. It may also cause injury if someone slips on it!.

Please clear up after your dog?

You know that it's the RESPONSIBLE-CARING-thing to do!

Thank you!