

LEICESTER RACECOURSE, STANDS AND STABLING, LEICESTER ROAD

Buildings current use – Racecourse

Architects – Members Stand – Chas. J. Bentley, Public Stand – W.Millican

Built – circa 1884

The property at the race course consists of two buildings: The Dormitory and Mess Block with Stables and The Members stand. The buildings are sited at the north end of the racecourse and were built for the Leicester Club and County Race Course Company Ltd circa 1884.

The Dormitory, Mess Block and Stables. Built of red brick with a hipped slate roof. Set around a courtyard, with three sides being horse boxes and the south side housing the accommodation blocks consisting of (east to west) a single storey storage block, entrance to the yard (double board gates), a rendered cottage with five upper windows and four lower flanking a gabled porch. The majority part of the wall is formed by the Mess/Dormitory block which is three storeys high with oversailing courses to the eaves. The outer wall has minimum windows, with four small low brick arch windows on the first and second floor. Three entrances have been added to the ground floor, two accessed via steps. Windows overlooking the yard are arranged in classical proportions, having 10 bays with 3 graduate low arch windows in each, except bays 2 and 8 which have an entrance on the ground floor. The south west corner of the yard is canted and houses a two story building , originally designed as a feed store. The oversailing brickwork to the eaves is featured all around the compound. The three remaining sides are formed by 60 horse boxes in brick with slate roofing. The stable doors have three light vents above. A later 'temporary' building has been erected in the middle of the yard and an extension to the first floor of the cottage adjoins the dormitory block. In other respects the building shows little outward sign of modification from original plans.



The Members Stand. This is of timber and iron construction with a slate pitched gabled roof and brick plinth, sides and chimney stacks on a north/south axis. It is sited to the north side of the public stands and adjoining the new pavilion. Facing west there is a roof mounted dormer supported on girders continued from ground level. This houses a 'smoking room' and recessed balcony with observation boxes at each end. Below the eaves are carried on

ironwork with diagonal bracing supported by four iron columns. The concrete tiers lead up to four rooms at the rear, all glazed and overlooking the stands. It is glazed at the southern and northern ends of brick. The stands open onto tiered lawns with wood and iron benches of similar age to the building. The rear of the building is clad in weatherboard and is three stores high. The roof of the 'smoking room' is carried through into an east facing dormer with unusual bargeboard and fascia board decoration. Projecting east from the rear of the building is a large wing again of timber/weatherboard construction with slate low pitched roof with steps along the northern side in a gallery, glazed with a single pitched slate roof. This wing was originally kitchens and dining room, now principally for storage. It features large ten light windows.



Age	Yes. The racecourse buildings are over 100 years old.
Architectural	Yes. The Members stand was designed by Chas. J. Bentley of London and the Public Stand by W. Millican of Leicester (who also designed the Leicester Fish Market). All buildings have some notable architectural features.
Group Value	Yes. All of these buildings within the racecourse should be considered as a group and the loss of any of them would be detrimental to the remainder of the group.
Historic	Yes. The original racecourse grand stand, stables and mess hall still stand.
Rarity	Yes. This is the only example of such architecture within the Borough.
Social/Communal	Yes. The racecourse and buildings are still in use today.

OADBY BAPTIST CHURCH, LEICESTER ROAD

Buildings current use – Baptist church
Architects – George Brown of Leicester
Built – circa 1898

The church was built in Gothic style of red brick and stone under a pitched slate roof with decorative red clay ridge tiles. The building is symmetric in plan sitting on an west east axis. Stone dressings are used (eg copings, jambs and string courses). The front fascia has a central bay with a large equilateral arched window with both curvilinear and geometric stone tracery, a rose head and four cinquefoil-head lights below. The drip mould architrave and jambs are all stone. The bay has a stone coped parapet with crucifix finial. The window is set between two composite setback buttresses with stone clad pinnacles and dressings. Either side are lancet windows with brick arches and stone sills. The side of the building features three buttresses in brick with stone copings before the transept, the first bay having double lancet windows and the second and third bay have tripartite lancet windows. The transept windows are three lancets set in brick and stone equilateral arches. To the rear of the transept is a further stone clad triple lancet window. To the rear of the building is a semi-hexagonal apse. Recent additions have been added to the building, particularly to the front of the church that fronts Leicester Road.



Age	Yes. The church was built circa 1898.
Architectural	Yes. The building has numerous architecturally interesting features, such as the large stone dressed arched stained glass windows and red brick and stone buttresses.
Group Value	No.
Historic	Yes. The church has been used as a place of worship for around 130 years.
Rarity	Yes. The building its type and scale stands alone in South Wigston.
Social/Communal	The church has always been in use as a place of worship and also has attached school rooms.

BROOKS HOUSE, 81 LEICESTER ROAD

Buildings current use – residential
Architects – unknown
Built – circa 1870

The property originally built as a residence and named Oadby Hill. It was converted into offices and was home to Hallams Construction for many years. It has recently been converted into residential apartments. The property is built facing east of gault brick and stone, under a low pitched, hipped slate roof. There are axial quadruple stacks, also of gault brickwork with brick cornice and modillions. There is a dentil cornice to closed eaves with concealed guttering. Stone dressings are used for the windows, string course, entrance and plinth. The east facade is comprised of three sash windows on the upper floor, the central being recessed with corbelling to the lintel. These have low arched heads and four corbels beneath the sills. The ground floor has a centrally located stone portico with tripartite windows either side. The entrance is of stone having a portico of two pilasters, two square and two Roman Doric columns supporting entablature with triglyphs and vase balustrade above. The door is double with four panels, the lower being arched, with small sash windows either side and three lights above. Stone steps lead up to the doorway. The south face has a two storey bay with hipped roof and stained glass side window. The north side has three windows on the upper floor, all sash and two arched windows on the ground floor with a central canted bay window with a flat roof and parapet with pierced cornice. The out buildings are situated to the south side. A glass roof porte-cochere is to the left of the facade and dates from 1900-1920. The interior has the original newel post to the staircase.



Age	Yes. The property was built circa 1870.
Architectural	Yes. The property has some interesting architectural features such as the quadruple chimney stacks, stone portico with Doric columns and a glass roof porte-cochere.
Group Value	No.
Historic	Yes. This was one of the earliest estates in Oadby.
Rarity	Yes. There are few example of such property remaining in the Borough. The recent conversion has been sympathetic to the existing building and retained many, if not all of its original features.
Social/Communal	No. These are residential properties.

1- 5 OADBY COURT, LEICESTER ROAD

Buildings current use – Residential
Architects – A S Phipps
Built – circa 1933

No.s 1 to 5 Oadby Court is a collection of four semi detached dwellings and one detached, all Art Deco in style with flat roofs and white rendered walls with parapets. When built the properties were identical in plan, however over the years have seen extensions to the fronts, the backs, the rears and the roof space. The ground floor front consists of a projecting garage on the outer end, with a porch adjoining and living room windows adjacent to the party wall. Above are two bedroom windows with a small three light window in between. The original steel windows have been replaced with aluminium frames. The original featured top hung vents with bars forming a chevron pattern. These are in evidence on number 3, the detached dwelling. Additions to this dwelling include a third floor with balcony and a room above the garage. Number 5 has been extended on the right hand side. The properties are situated within the Oadby Court conservation area.



Age	Yes. The properties were built in 1933.
Architectural	Yes. The properties are Art Deco in style and although have been extended considerably, have kept this design style.
Group Value	Yes. The properties are a collection of self contained unique buildings.
Historic	No. Unknown.
Rarity	Yes. This collection of residential properties is unique within the Borough of Oadby and Wigston. There are very few, if any other examples within the Borough of similar properties.
Social/Communal	No.

MEMORIAL NORTH SIDE OF ELLIS PARK, LEICESTER ROAD

Buildings current use – Memorial
Architects – Unknown
Built – 1897

Built to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, gothic in style, the monument originally stood in a more central position outside St Peters Church, but was moved to make way for the War Memorial in 1921. Each of the fountain's three arches bears an inscription, these reading: 'The fear of the Lord is a fountain of Life; Erected to commemorate the 60th year of the reign of Queen Victoria; Whosoever will let him take the water of life freely', the outer two being from proverbs 14.27 and Revelation 22.17. The middle arch contains an attractive pedestal-mounted bronze bowl into which the water once flowed, activated by a handle at the side where now only the mounting slot remains.



Age	Yes. This was built in 1897.
Architectural	Yes. This is gothic in style.
Group Value	No. This is the only memorial of its type within the Borough.
Historic	Yes. This was built to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.
Rarity	Yes. This is the only memorial of its type within the Borough.
Social/Communal	Yes. This is a monument.

1-3 LONDON ROAD

Buildings current use – Offices.
Architects – Unknown
Built – Unknown

The building is constructed in the traditional style for the area from Red Brick with a slate hipped roof with tile ridges, red brick chimney stacks with oversailing detail and stone window and door dressings. There is a projected string course with decorative brickwork and decorative brickwork to the eaves. The two wings to the right are each set slightly further back and with lower ridgelines, differentiating each of the wings. Property No 1 has a stone plaque above the door.



Age	Unknown.
Architectural	Yes. The property is typical of the area for this period showing red brick with slate roofs and decorative strings.
Group Value	Yes. A terraced row consisting of three properties.
Historic	Unknown.
Rarity	Unknown.
Social/Communal	No.

17-19 LONDON ROAD

Buildings current use – Commercial
Architects – Unknown
Built – Unknown

These buildings are covered with a white render on a black painted plinth. They have pitched slate roofs and red brick chimneys with stone copings and chimney pots. Number 17, to the left hand side, has single storey square six light bay windows to the ground floor with stone window treatments and hipped slate roofs. Between these the entrance door has a fan light above and flat roofed porch, supported by brackets. The upper floor has two light sash windows. The property to the right hand side, on the ground floor has a six light window to the right hand side of the door and a four light window to the left hand side. To the upper floor are two, two light brick arched windows.



Age	Unknown.
Architectural	Yes. The properties are simple in style, but have some nice features and are different to anything else in the area.
Group Value	Yes. A terraced row consisting of two properties.
Historic	No.
Rarity	Unknown.
Social/Communal	No.

THE BLACK DOG PUBLIC HOUSE, 23 LONDON ROAD

Buildings current use – Public House
Architects – Unknown
Built – circa 1787

The Black Dog public house is believed to be the oldest public house in Oadby. The building in its current form was built circa 1787, however prior to this a smaller thatched cottage-alehouse was situated on the site. The building is a traditional design of two and three storeys under a shallow pitched tile roof with white painted chimney stacks. The upper floors are painted white painted brick, with the ground floor blue painted brick on a black painted brick plinth. To front fascia, on the second floor are three brick arched sash windows. The outer two of eight light and the middle one six light. The first floor there are two sixteen light sash winds and the ground floor features recessed canted bay seven light windows either side of a recessed entrance. To the left side of the building on the first floor are four sash windows, the nearest three of eight light and the last of six lights. To the ground floor are two recessed canted seven light windows and to the right hand side of these a small single light window.



Age	Yes. The property was built circa 1787.
Architectural	Yes. A traditionally designed and built two and three storey property with sash and bay windows under a shallow pitched tiled roof.
Group Value	No.
Historic	Yes. Local legend suggests that there are underground tunnels running from St Peters Church to The Black Dog. It is also the oldest public house in Oadby.
Rarity	Yes. Public houses or even buildings of such age are not common within the Borough.
Social/Communal	Yes. The property has always been a public house.

24-34 LONDON ROAD

Buildings current use – Residential and Commercial
Architects – Unknown
Built – Unknown

This row of buildings is covered in cream or white render on a black painted plinth. They have slate pitched roofs and red brick chimneys with oversailing detail and the majority with chimney pots. No. 34 has a parapeted gabled slate roof with stone copings and to the left hand side a protruding bay with extended eaves. The windows and entrance doors have brick arches. No. 24 has a canted bay window with a hipped roof to the first floor above a shop window with decorative architrave. To the left hand side of this are large double doors with strap work allowing access to the rear of the property.



Age	Unknown.
Architectural	Yes. The properties are simple in design but a surviving terrace of this design is unique for the area.
Group Value	Yes. A terrace of six properties.
Historic	Unknown.
Rarity	No.
Social/Communal	Partially yes. Some of the properties have Commercial uses.

GATEWAY, LONDON ROAD

Buildings current use – Gateway.
Architects – Unknown
Age – Unknown

The gateway is adjoining No. 34 London Road on the right hand side and No. 36 on the left hand side and provides access to Long Lane. It is constructed from red brick, with stone copings. The pillars have red brick plinths and were both originally finished with stone balloons, but only one is remaining now. The right hand side includes an archway which was the original pedestrian access point.



Age	Unknown.
Architectural	Yes. Although simple in design, this gateway is unique for the area.
Group Value	Yes. Both sides of the gateway add to the group value.
Historic	Yes. The Gateway provides access to an historic lane.
Rarity	Yes. This is the only example of this type of gateway within the Borough.
Social/Communal	Yes. This is a gateway that is used by members of the public daily.

38 LONDON ROAD

Buildings current use – Restaurant.
Architects – Unknown
Built – Unknown

This is a three storey building constructed from red brick with a tile gabled roof. The front of the building is covered in white render on a red painted plinth. There are red brick chimneys at either end of the roof with stone copings. The second floor of the building has three windows, the outer two being six light and the inner one being four light. The first floor has a similar arrangement of three windows, though larger in scale with the outer being six light and the inner four light. The ground floor has a central entrance with a brick arch and fanlight. To the left hand side of this are two windows, the first having eight light and a shallow brick arch and the second having twelve lights. To the right hand side, is a large twelve light former shop front window. Adjoined to the right hand side of the building is the left hand side of the London Road gateway.



Age	Unknown.
Architectural	Yes. This building shows many architectural features common for the area at the time, using red brick, slate roof and mainly symmetrical window layouts.
Group Value	No.
Historic	Unknown.
Rarity	No.
Social/Communal	Yes. This property is used commercially as a restaurant.

65A LONDON ROAD

Buildings current use – Offices
Architects – Unknown
Built – Unknown

The building is constructed from red brick with red brick and stone decorative string courses. It has a slate pitched roof with stone copings and corbels to the gable ends. There is a central protruding gable with a decorative gable end with stone copings, finials and a decorative stone plaque. There are further stone finials at either end of the roof of the main building. The second floor has three, twelve light windows with stone window decorations. Beneath the central window, on the gable, are two stone decorative plaques. The first floor has three, eight light windows with stone window decorations. The ground floor has three, twelve light windows with stone window decorations. The first floor also has stone cornerstones to the ground floor and a stone plinth. To the left hand side of the building is a red brick protruding gable with decorative brick and stone string courses, a slate roof and with stone copings and corbels. To the front fascia are two four light window with stone window dressings and below a garage door with stone dressing. To the gable end is a single six light window with low brick arch. To the rear is a further wing in red brick with low pitched roof with brick low arched windows.



Age	Unknown.
Architectural	Yes. This red brick building has many elaborate architectural details in stone including, copings, finials, strings, cornerstones, plinth and window dressings.
Group Value	No.
Historic	Unknown.
Rarity	Yes. This building is individual in design and scale for the area.
Social/Communal	No.

66 LONDON ROAD

Buildings current use – Hairdresser
Architects – Unknown
Built – Unknown

The building is constructed from red brick Flemish Bond pattern, with a low pitched slate roof, red brick chimney with oversailing and tall chimney pots and blue brick damp course. The entrance is to the left hand side with fanlight above and stone door treatments. To the ground floor is a central six light sash window with stone window treatments. To the first floor are two, two light windows with stone window treatments.



Age	Unknown.
Architectural	Yes. This property is typical of the red brick properties of this period in the area, including stone sills and window heads.
Group Value	No.
Historic	Unknown.
Rarity	No.
Social/Communal	Yes. The building is currently used as a hairdresser.

68-80 LONDON ROAD

Buildings current use – Residential
Architects – Unknown
Built – Unknown

This row of seven red Flemish bond brick terraced cottages have blue brick string courses, decorative brickwork to the eaves, slate pitched roofs and red brick chimneys with oversailing and tall chimney pots. The ground floor has a canted flat roofed bay window and entrance with fanlight and stone door treatments. The upper floor has a single six light window with stone window treatment. The last house in the terrace, No. 80 has protruding decorative brickwork to the gable end following the line of the chimney stack above.



Age	Unknown.
Architectural	Yes. This terrace is typical for the period in this area and shows interesting architectural details such as Flemish Bond, blue brick string courses and decorative brickwork.
Group Value	Yes. The terrace should be considered as a whole.
Historic	Unknown.
Rarity	Yes. The properties are of simple design, with only a few good design elements, however the street is a good remaining example of its time.
Social/Communal	No.

THE FOX PUBLIC HOUSE, LONDON ROAD

Buildings current use – Public House
Architects – Unknown
Age – Unknown

The building is constructed from red brick on a black painted plinth with half timbering to the first floor. The pitched roof is tile with red decorative ridge tiles and a central dormer with half timbering, bargeboards and finial. There are two red brick chimney stacks with blue brick oversailing and chimney pots. The first floor has three windows, the outer two being four light sash windows and the central one a two light sash window. The ground floor has a central entrance with fan light and stone porch and supporting corbels. Either side of the entrance are six light leaded windows with stone surrounds and decorative arched stone lintels. To the left hand side is a secondary access with decorative stone treatment.



Age	Unknown.
Architectural	Yes. The building has several interesting architectural details including decorative ridge tiles, half timbering and stone entrance porch.
Group Value	No.
Historic	Unknown.
Rarity	No.
Social/Communal	Yes. The building is used as a Public House.