

## Wribbenhall Walk

We all learnt so much about the settlement of Wribbenhall while enjoying a guided walk with local resident, Heather Flack.

The hamlet of Wribbenhall is on the Eastern side of the Severn and was recorded in the Domesday Book as being part of the manor of Kidderminster. Bewdley bridge over the River Severn was built in 1798 by Thomas Telford, erected to replace the 1483 medieval bridge which was swept away in the floods of 1795.

Constituted in 1844 with a population of 1057 and 249 houses, it had several well built houses and some gentlemen's seats. The vicar of Kidderminster lived then in the diocese vicarage, which had a value of £150.

Wribbenhall's architectural streets are more interesting than Severnside South. There is a row of early 18thC terraced cottages, late 18thC and early 19thC warehouses and a number of timber framed houses built in the 14th to 16th centuries. Numbers 5, 7, and 9 Stourport road date from between 1302 - 1324.

Starting from the site of the old tollhouse, now demolished on the Eastside, we made our way round the cobbled passageways of Pewterers Alley. Here there was a thriving pewterware factory; the owner being so proud of his work that the pieces were stamped LONDON. Some of the houses here were Malt houses.

Christ church was built on land owned by Lord Foley, off Whispering Street. All that remains today is the lych gate and a stone cross marking the position of the altar. This church was demolished when it was replaced by All Saints church, which had a burial ground in 1879.

The buildings of the Rope Works have now been converted into beautiful preserved cottages.

The people of Wribbenhall are rightly proud of the conservation of the many buildings situated on the eastern side of the river Severn.

Site of  
TOLLHOUSE



BUILT 1798 DEMOLISHED 1960

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Designed by Thomas Telford



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