

Listing of Buildings in 1962

It appears that in 1962/3, the Red Lion building on the Green was the subject of a planning application by Birkenhead Brewery. The company wanted to erect a new public house on the land occupied by and at the rear of the building. This would have meant demolishing the historical building, which dates back to 1631.

As a result, Cheshire County Council's Amenities Sub Committee proposed to make a building preservation order. This was supported by Neston Urban Council.

This information comes from a press cutting found at the back of a picture of the Red Lion, which may have been painted in 1890, when Joseph Maylor was the landlord (below). Many thanks to Mark Dickenson for this information.



The press cutting has the date 1963 on it at the top. However, the Red Lion was formally listed on 27th December 1962 as a Grade II building. It is described as being built in 1631, originally as a pair of cottages.



On the same date, several other buildings in the village were listed:

- Ashtree Farmhouse on Hadlow Road (Grade II). This is noted as early 17th century. Later, the buildings which were cowsheds and a barn (to the left in the picture) were also listed.





- The Farm, opposite Hadlow Road (Grade II). At the time, this included the site of the National Westminster Bank. The listing states that it was built in 1616.



- Willaston Mill. The listing states that it was built in 1800.



- The Old Hall (Grade II*) This is described as a fine Elizabethan house.



- Pollard Inn (Grade II)

Other sites listed at the time but no longer seem to exist were Corner House Farmhouse, on the West side of the Green and Smithy Lane Farmhouse, on the East side of Hadlow Road.