

Ufford Heritage Trail

9. Almshouses

On the south side of Church Lane, a row of three C17th almshouses fronts onto a grassed area with a low brick boundary wall. These were built and maintained using funds left in the will of Thomas Wood, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, who died in Ufford in 1692. Bishop Wood, who was born in London, retired to Ufford, close to where his eldest brother, Sir Henry Wood owned estates (including manor houses at Loudham Park, Eyke and Ufford).

The most notable features of these Grade II listed almshouses are the curved brick Dutch gables at each end. These incorporate massive chimney stacks and there is a similarly detailed stack along the ridge. The roof is steeply pitched and is covered with plain tiles. The front elevation, in red brick with black headers, has a central opening with a brick arch, which forms a recessed entrance porch. The fenestration comprises simple casement windows with leaded lights.



Modernised in 1959, and refurbished in 1990 for two alms persons, they are now maintained by Ufford Charities.