

Ufford Heritage Trail

24. Vale Farm

Look through the imposing gates of Vale Farmhouse and you can see the site of the old manor house of the Otleys of Ufford. This was the childhood home of Robert Otley, who became Lord Mayor of London in 1434.



The house you see today was built in the 1500s and 1600s. It is timber-framed with wattle and daub and brick noggin infill, with some Flemish bond brick.

It has a pantile roof but was most likely thatched when originally built.

A Bronze Age barbed and tanged flint arrowhead and a Neolithic leaf-shaped arrowhead with the tip broken, were found during work on the farmhouse in the 1800s and 1900s.

The photograph below shows The High Street around 1930. It was taken not far from Vale Farm, looking north towards Wickham Market. The Mission House is on the left and the entrance to Spring Lane is in the distance.

