

Coley Park Farm is believed to have existed for at least 400 years in some form or another. Originally known as Great Coley Farm it was instrumental in supplying farm produce for the adjacent manor house

History

Coley Park Farm was once the location of a grand manor house called Coley House, but commonly known as **Vachell House** whilst it was owned by the **Vachell** family. The house was located just to the west of the farm and close to the Holy Brook stream. It was built around c1550-60 by Thomas Vachell.

Some of the outbuildings of that era still survive, namely the round brick dovecote (1553), laundry, coach house and stables (1610), barn (1619) and some cottages. There are two bridges over the Holy Brook which may pre-date these buildings.

Pictures of the barn entrance as per below



The site was converted to residential use in the 1980 and the Barn, albeit a listed building was changed to include 2 flats no's 3 & 4 with windows and doors added, as per the picture below.



Taken from the web page:

Historicengland.org.uk

BARN AT COLEYPARK FARM, WENSLEY ROAD

The building may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County:

District: Reading

District Type: Unitary Authority

Parish: Non Civil Parish

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

Grade: II

Date first listed: 22-Mar-1957

Date of most recent amendment: 14-Dec-1978

Legacy System Information

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Legacy System: LBS

UID: 39233

Asset Groupings

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List entry Description

Summary of Building

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Reasons for Designation

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History

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Details

1. 5128 SU 7072 13/96 SU 77 SW 17/96

WENSLEY ROAD Barn at Coleypark Farm (Formerly listed as Barn dated 1619 under Coley Park)

II

2. Very large brick barn circa 1619. Brick English bond. 6 bays. Old tile roof patched with others and partly with Roman tiles. Main part has 2 rows of vents to north and central segmental headed entrance flanked by buttresses. Courtyard side to south has projecting gable with segmental arch over lintel and flanking lean-tos. Interior: queen-post roof with 2 rows of purlins on each side, the upper with small windbraces; 3 eastern bays repaired without windbraces. Ventilated panel to east with high lean-to shelter. 'L'-plan south wing slightly later as smaller central gable with weatherboarded tip, partly timber frame with brick. 5 bays, aisled to west. Large shelter to east. Interior, queen-post roof.

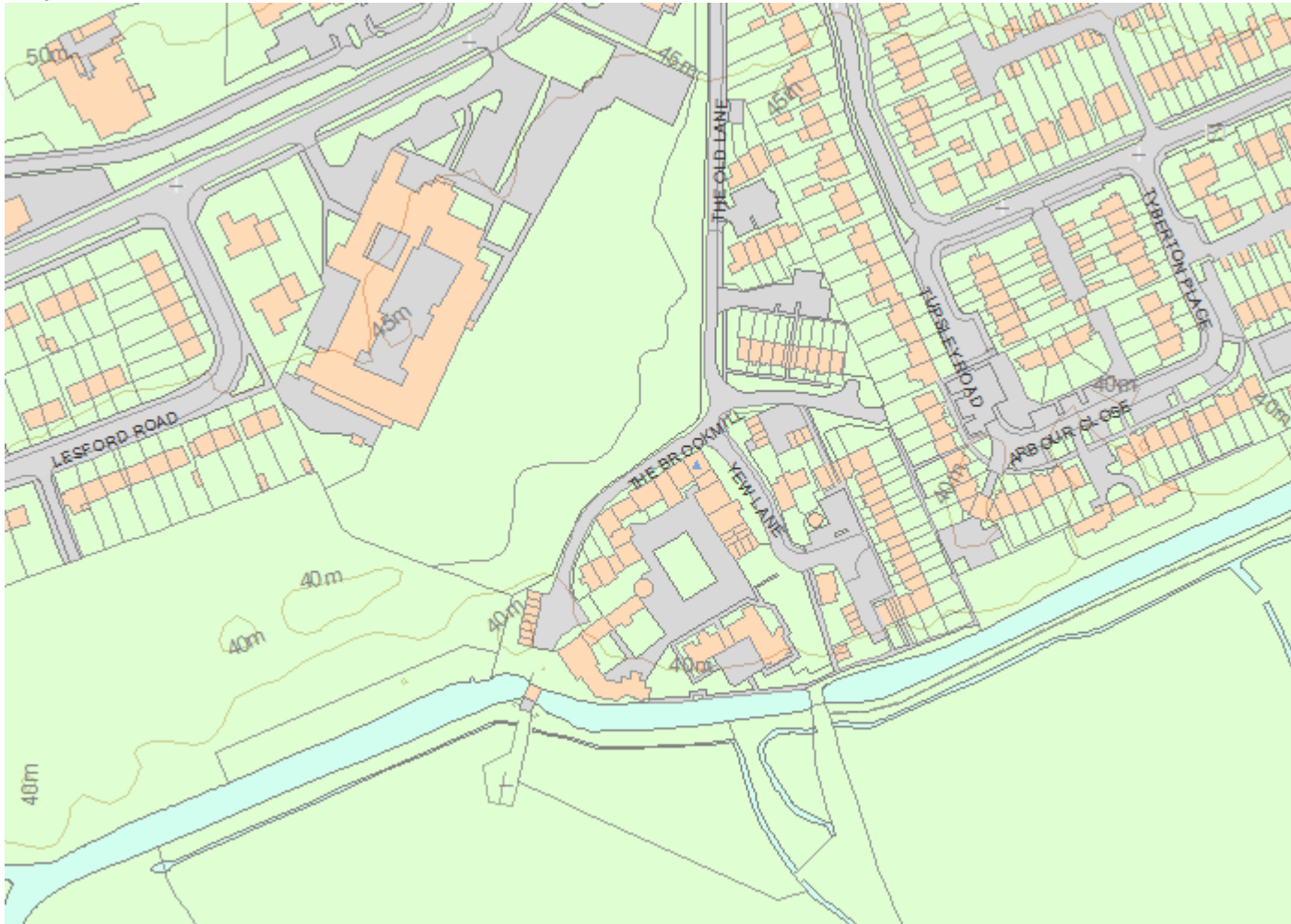
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Map



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NB:

As you will note from the pictures below, the doors are in serious need of repair/replacement especially the left-hand door (tied back with string) this sustained a hole in the high winds last year whereby the panel gave way and another section was pulled away due to the door retainer versus rotten wood, along with rot in the lower portion and rusted metal work.

