

## THE OLD STONE COTTAGE

Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield

This Old Stone Cottage was providing a home for Sutton Coldfield residents probably well before 1787. In 1841, John Adams' family were selling tea and coffee and baking their own bread there. Previous research shows that it continued to be the Adams' family home until the early 1900s when they ran a shop in Reddicap Hill and used the cottage as a storage space.

The Sutton Coldfield Municipal Charities owned the cottage. In 1979, they sold their freehold to the current tenant, the Walsall & District Co-operative Society. In 1991, the Co-op, in turn, sold to Kenmare Estates Limited. Their tenant, Mr E. Smith, was using the site for car maintenance in 1992, but in 1993 Kenmare (on behalf of the Co-op) applied for planning permission to convert the derelict cottage into a Chapel of Rest.

The Co-op were successful in their application and in 1998, the Co-operative Funeral Care company commenced trading from their converted building. The business only lasted twenty years, because in 2019 the building was empty again. Work has been carried out to excavate the side and rear high ground but, in 2024, one can see that the cottage has been reduced in size, presumably to the dimensions it had before as a "listed building".

The following photos, from Keith Jordan's collection, reveal a rather sad story. It is to be hoped that in the future someone puts forward plans to bring it back into use once more.



Artist's impression (1841)  
(Original in Sutton Coldfield Library, Ref RH26)



1992



1998



2010



2019





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