

Peat Cutters' Cottage, Lindale, a conversion of two cottages into one

Peat Cutters Cottage, at the corner of Sunny Terrace and Back Road, like many others in Lindale, was once two separate cottages. From 1996-1998 these were amalgamated into one cottage.



Pre- conversion plans (see plans) drawn in December 1996 show each cottage, with two adjacent front doors on to Sunny Terrace. Each cottage had three rooms downstairs; a front lounge, with stairs, a central kitchen and a back snug or dining room. Upstairs the plans were similar, with a front bedroom, central bathroom and a back bedroom. A photo of the cottages, **Arbory and Sunny Brow** (wrongly located and named on the architect's plans) had different sized windows and doors, (see photo).

Research conducted by the previous owners, Pam Clay and Margaret Davies shows the earliest records for **Sunny Brow** to be September 1848. The cottage was sold two years later in 1850 to Robert Farrer. Both cottages appear to have been sold for £50, possibly around 1900. Sunny Brow was sold again in 1959 for £825, in 1987 for £35,750, and in 1966 for £57,500.

Records for Arbory are more complete, through only from 1907. From 1955 Arbory changed hands frequently. From 1963 to 1989 the cottage increased in price from £1,275 to £50,000. A visitor with a brochure showed that Arbory operated as a holiday cottage at one time.

Peat Cutters Cottage was believed to have had a peat store at the back, which presumably was the reason for its new name. The water tap and communal privy, for the whole row of Sunny Terrace, was here.

Arbory		Sunny Brow	
		7 th September 1848	William & Mary Coupland to Thomas Hollywell
		2 nd May 1850	Thomas Hollywell to Robert Farrer
25 th February 1907	Agnes Bell, widow of James Bell, Labourer of Lindale made her will		
26 th February 1907	Agnes Bell died. James Bell, her son, a gardener of Greenodd & Rev Thomas Irving of Hawkshead were her Executors. Mrs Hadly was a tenant		Cottages sold for £50 to Elizabeth Bell of Chelsea. A lady's maid at Cheddeston Hall, Derbyshire Thomas Thompson was a tenant. He was a bricklayer
1910	Sold cottage to Jane & John Lester Overstrand Cromer for £50. John Lester has made a will in 1902 leaving everything to his wife. He died in 1919		
1937	Sold cottage to Ellen Thompson	1933-5	Mrs Simpson believed to have lived in Sunny Brow
1955	She left the cottage to her son, a builder + 4 others, to be sold and money divided		
1956	Sold to Ivor Morgan (Sunny Brow) & Margaret Morgan	1959	Sold to Ivor & Margaret Morgan for £825. He died in 1986 & left the cottage to Susan Naughton- Humbro of Gibraltar
1963	Sold to Mary and Else Gale £1,275		
1973	Sold to Derek & Patricia Foskett of Winster Howe £1,925		
1975	Sold to Joseph and Marjorie Proctor of Staveley (a lorry driver) for £10,750		
1977	Sold to ELH Blackburn, Spinster & retired Clerk £12,700. She married widower Clifford Tagg of Grange in 1981		
1982	Sold to Robert & Victoria Scriven (Planning Officer) from Leeds £21,000		
1987	Sold to Peter Wright of Cartmel £21,990	1987	Sold to Charles & Margaret Hawes, teacher and florist & their son & daughter in law £35,750
1989	Sold to Claire & Graham Jones Solicitor & PC of Wakefield £50,000		

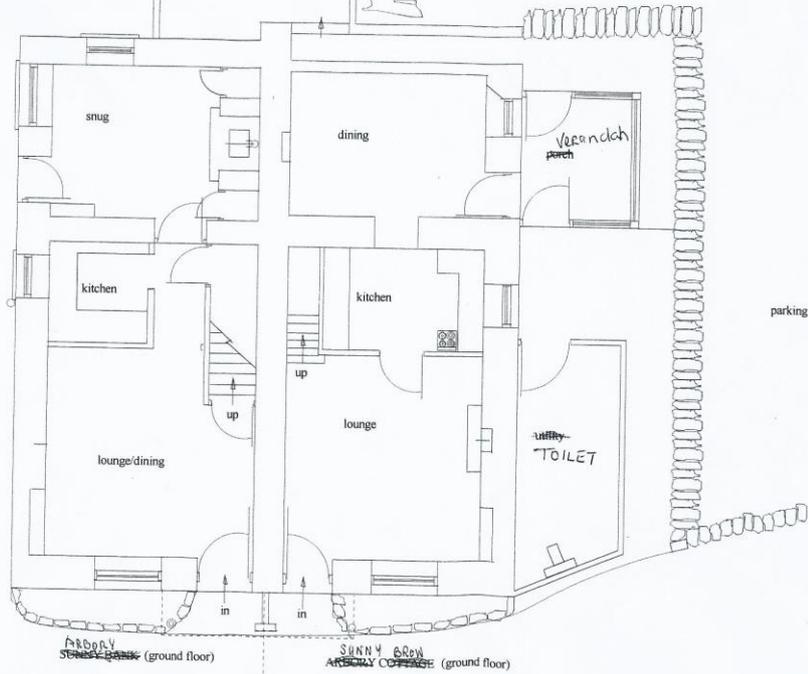
1994	Sold to Pam Clay and Margaret Davies for £55,000	1996	Sold to Pam Clay and Margaret Davies for £57,750
1996-8 Cottages amalgamated into Peat Cutters			

These records reveal a snapshot of house sales in Lindale, their owners, tenants and some occupations. Converting two former cottages into one is a process repeated in many parts of Lindale. The adjacent Meadowside and Seaview Cottage on Sunny Terrace were each formerly believed to have been two cottages. Local knowledge suggests that these cottages were originally fishermen’s cottages, near to sea level in lower Lindale, and that they were in such bad condition that they were essentially knocked down and rebuilt, possibly several times.

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