

## Greenacres: The Old Police Station, Lindale: A House History

*On the corner of Kendal Road, in Lindale stands Greenacres, a former cottage owned by Myles Taylor's Charity. In 1866 it was reported to be dilapidated and incapable of repair. In 1882 tenders, for £308, to build a police station in its place were accepted. It became Lindale's Police Station, until 1957, when it was sold for £1450, and renamed Greenacres. Since then the house has changed hands 10 times, none to Lindale people. In 1987 it became a Guest House, and was converted for self-catering. In 1957 Lancashire County Council built The Police House on Grange Road, Lindale. Bill & Beryl Hawkesworth bought this house in January 1996 and changed its name to The Coppice.*



Early references to Greenacres are elusive. It is known that the cottage was owned by the **Myles Taylor's Charity** 'in the Chapelry of Lindale'. An **1839 application** (on 30 October by William Hall and Reverend Henry Ransome, Clerk and Incumbent and Order of 21 January) refers to 'a messuage or dwelling house, barn, outbuildings and meadow land', which is likely to be Greenacres. In addition the schedule refers to 'a cottage at Skinner Hill

and a piece of land, let in allotment, for gardening purposes'. (It is known that Myles Taylor's Charity has land currently used as allotments, and has property at Skinner Hill).

On 27 February 1866 three Trustees of the **Myles Taylor's Charity**, 'John Tomlinson Hibbert of Hampsfield Esq and William Hall of Witherslack Yeoman and Reverend William Robinson Morris, Incumbent or Perpetual Curate of the Chapelry of Lindale (William Morris did not reside in the Chapelry)' made an Order. In 1866 John Hibbert made an application for a **Rebuilding Cottage Loan**... 'a cottage belonging to the said Charity, situate in the Manor and Chapelry of Lindale, has fallen into a state of dilapidation, and is incapable of efficient repair and restoration'. Secondly 'an offer has been made to the Trustees of the said Charity in the event of their erecting in the place of the said cottage a building **suitable for the purposes of a police station** to take a lease thereof for the term of 14 years'. A report was made in relation to the premises in 1882. Plans were prepared by John Redman of Grange-over-Sands. Several tenders, amounting to £308 were prepared. **In 1882 it was recommended accepting the tenders.**

From **1882 to 1957** the house operated as **Lindale's Police Station**. Little is known of past Lindale policemen. Police appear not to be listed in directories (Bulmer 1914 does not list any police). **Grange Red Books** list PC Brierley as Police Officer for Lindale from 1932-6. In 1938-9 T Brierley, now presumably retired, was recorded at Bayview, Lindale. In 1939 T Parrington was listed at the Police Station, with PC

Prescott 1940-41. From 1947-49 H Herdman was listed at the Police Station, Telephone 113. In 1953/4 no Police Station was listed. In 1956/7 Frederick Jones was the last policeman to live in the house.

In **1957** 'a dwelling house formerly used as the Old Police Station' was **sold for £1450**. A **1958 search** for James Dixon, plumber, Broughton-in-Furness listed four Trustees of Myles Taylor's Charity; Thomas Symonds Tomlinson Lindale, Gentleman; Sarah Annie Tyson, Windy Ridge, Grange-over-Sands Housewife; Herman Lee, Bayview, Lindale, Retired Shoemaker, and James Dixon Hill Top, Newton. In **1958** William Edward Smith of Stonelea, Lindale, 63 years old, Clerk to the Charity, agreed that the property did belong to the Charity. In 1959 Town and Country Planning Acts, planning permission was granted for 're-siting of access and erection of shed for hay'.

In 1959 a search application was made for **Richard Millar Clark, Old Police Station, farmer**, for 'Greenacres, Lindale, formerly known as the Police Station. In 1962 a mortgage was granted to Richard Millar Clark, Old Queens Arms, Newton. A Conveyance of 10 April 1958, drawn up by Gatey, Heelis and Co, Ambleside and Windermere, noted that the Trustees were authorised to sell from 15 November 1957 for not less than £1450. A mortgage was also drawn up for 1.227 acres at Drapes Close adjoining the Tow Top Road.

From 1962 the house changed hands frequently, greatly increasing in price each time. On 12 January **1962** by a conveyance, drawn up by WH Heelis & Son of Elterwater, RM Clark Esq sold to **Doris and Edgar Glover for £2200** 'all that messuage and dwelling house with the out offices and appurtenances thereunto...'. On 13 June 1962 **Doris Glover sold to John Richard Scholes, Kendal for £2650**. A memo of a Conveyance dated 1966, notes that John Richard Scholes and

Annie Scholes sold 'of the other part of the garden' to Wilsons (Lindale) Limited. On 21 April 1970 Mr & Mrs JR Scholes, (Mr Scholes now described as retired Grocer) sold 'the house, garage and outbuildings' to **Percy Harris, Esq, Kendal for £4,500**. On 10 March 1978, Percy Harris sold to **Peter and Sheila Hickson, Windermere for £19,250**. An aerial view of 1981 shows the main house, outbuildings behind, surrounded by green space.



On 13 December **1984** Peter and Sheila Hickson sold to John & Edith Jones for £48,000, signed by Edith Carr, later Jones, of Southport. In 1987 Power of Attorney for John I Jones, to Ian Robert Evans and Michael Hedley Hill was witnessed in Southport. Mr & Mrs JI Jones sold to Mr & Mrs Joseph and Anne Elizabeth Danson, Preston for £75,000. On 5 November 1987 an application was made for use as a Guest House, and the house was extended, to five double en-suite bedrooms.

In 1997 Ray & Barbara Pettit of Evesham bought the Guest House from Mr & Mrs Danson for £250,000. In 2006 it was sold to Phil & Sue Broomfield of Colchester for £435,000, and operated as a Country Guest House. The house is now converted into two self-catering units.

In 1957 Lancashire County Council built the Police House on Grange Road, and Police Constable Fred Jones moved there. In 1960 he was promoted to Sergeant and moved to Denton in Manchester. A 1984 newspaper article recorded his early

retirement, and he recalled being busy as the village policeman at Lindale, as he was on 24 hour a day call, and his wife had to act as unpaid receptionist taking telephone calls and messages. He died in 2009. Research into past policemen in Lindale continues.

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