

Chesham Bois Heritage Trail

The Old Schoolhouse



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formally Downash c1970

The Schoolhouse was built between 1841 and 1846 on part of the common donated by the Duke of Bedford, who also made a gift of £60 to establish the school. The original schoolhouse was built for £150 and was also the home of the schoolmistress, Miss Rance.

By 1873 there were 62 pupils. An adverse inspection report forced the community to relocate the school.

The building was auctioned in 1894 and bought by Dr Frederick Walker Mott. He renamed it Downash after a large ash tree on the corner which was felled in 1941.



To find out more :
Come and meet us on the Amersham Museum stall at the

Chesham Bois Village Fete
Saturday 14TH June 2014

<http://amershamhistory.info/welcome/trail/>

