

From the archive: Scriven

The village of Scriven lies close to, and to the north of, the town of Knaresborough. It has a long history, being mentioned in the Domesday Book, with some surviving early buildings. Scattered around the triangular-shaped green are a number of houses of interest which were studied in the 1970s by Barbara Hutton, Barry Harrison and other members of the Group, resulting in a 13-page booklet entitled *The Houses of Scriven Green* (1979). A scanned copy of this is available to download from the Members' Area of the website (apologies for the print quality, which is not perfect!) and the full reports can be found in our online archive. A selection of the Scriven houses are pictured here.

Lorraine Moor



NYCVBSG 0061: The Old Smithy, Scriven, and NYCVBSG 0409: Corner Cottage, Scriven. Part of a small complex of buildings which also includes a pair of cottages to the rear. Corner Cottage was originally timber-framed, and possibly built as the cross-wing of a larger house.



NYCVBSG 0063: Home Farm, Scriven. A timber-framed house with aisle, perhaps dating from about 1500. The report states that the present stone fireplace stands inside the frame of a timber smoke-hood, which itself was built within an earlier timber smoke-bay. At the beginning of the 17th century Home Farm underwent modernisation. The lower half of the front wall was rebuilt in stone with recessed chamfered mullioned windows, and on the back of this stone wall extending all round the north parlour a handsome pattern was painted on the plaster which includes an incomplete date of 160?. This parlour appears to have been unheated, with no fireplace.



NYCVBSG 0064: Oak View, Scriven. A timber-framed house with smoke bay and 'splendid' roof, encased in brick and stone. Dendro-dated to 1516 and later. The soot on the roof timbers makes it clear that the house was built open to the roof with no upper storey, with an open fire.

NYCVBSG 0410: Park Corner Farm, Scriven (*right*). Partly rebuilt in the 19th century but formerly timber-framed and aisled. Smoke-blackened rafters in the older part of the roof.



NYCVBSG 0095: Pear Tree Cottage, Scriven. Built in the 17th century with timber smokehood at each end, now removed. Kitchen in wing at rear, perhaps added to house shortly after construction. The added top floor may have been a workshop for linen weaving.



NYCVBSG 0065: Roundell's, Scriven. Consists of two separate parts: an 18th century house to the right and part of a much older house on the left. Some carved stones with part of an illegible inscription in gothic letters are built into the front wall, and a shield of arms has been set upside down in the brick wall to the right.



NYCVBSG 0405: Spinney Croft, Scriven. Rebuilt in gritstone about 1800 incorporating part of an earlier house with lower eaves and Magnesian limestone in the walling.