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- Historic five-bedroom, Grade II listed semi-detached home
- Two ground-floor kitchens
- Two upstairs bathrooms
- Two separate loft spaces
- Period fireplaces and original features throughout
- Three versatile reception rooms
- Separate utility room and downstairs WC
- Cellar comprising two useful rooms
- Attached workshop to the rear
- Rear garden with lawn and patio, plus parking for up to five cars

Rich in character and history, Old White Horse is a distinctive five-bedroom, Grade II listed semi-detached home on Watling Street in Hockliffe. Period fireplaces and original features run throughout the property, complemented by an unusually versatile arrangement of accommodation, including three reception rooms, two kitchens, an attached workshop and a cellar comprising two useful rooms.

Forming part of the former White Horse Inn, the house has a fascinating past. Bedfordshire Archives dates the building to the late 17th century and records its association with the Gilpin family. The author Daniel Defoe is believed to have been a frequent visitor. The former inn was offered for auction as part of the Hockliffe Grange estate in 1917 and later became a boarding school in 1933, adding further chapters to its remarkable story.

Today, its five bedrooms, extensive living accommodation and wealth of period detail offer an opportunity to own a home with an individual character and a tangible connection to the village's past.



Old White Horse is a distinctive five-bedroom, Grade II listed semi-detached home, combining a wealth of period character with an unusually versatile layout. Original features and multiple historic fireplaces run throughout the house, giving the interiors a strong sense of individuality.

The ground floor offers three reception rooms, providing plenty of scope for relaxing, entertaining and family life. Two kitchens are complemented by a utility room and a separate WC, while an attached workshop at the rear provides useful space for hobbies and practical projects. Upstairs, five bedrooms are served by two bathrooms. Two separate loft spaces and a cellar comprising two useful rooms further complement the accommodation.

Both entrance doors are positioned along the side of the house, approached via a driveway which leads to the rear garden. Extending around the back of the house and workshop, the garden is predominantly laid to lawn, with a patio offering space for outdoor dining and seating. Parking is provided for up to five cars, with space for three vehicles on the side driveway and two more at the front.





Situated on Watling Street in the Bedfordshire village of Hockliffe, Old White Horse occupies a setting steeped in history. With its Roman origins, Watling Street helped shape the village's development as a stopping place for travellers, supporting numerous inns and hostelries over the centuries.

The house forms part of the former White Horse Inn, dated in its listing description to the late 17th century and granted Grade II listed status in 1952. Historically associated with the Gilpin family, the inn is believed to have counted author Daniel Defoe among its frequent visitors.

Offered for auction as part of the Hockliffe Grange estate in 1917, the former inn was subsequently divided into two homes. Its varied history includes conversion into a boarding school in 1933 and use as a Tommy Gun range during the Second World War, before returning to residential use.

The 1917 sale catalogue also records a carved beam depicting two figures beside a table and bearing the date 1566. Although this does not establish a Tudor construction date, it adds an intriguing detail to the story of this individual home.





Floor Plans



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