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**HISTORICAL STATEMENT**  
**104 Beech Bank**  
**WADDINGTON**

**House**

The house is an end of terrace property set within its own garden and boundary walls. It is in a line of three dwellings running NW, close to St Helen's Church a Grade II listed. Built of stone walls and with a pitched roof of blue slate, constructed around 1880. The access is a pedestrian entrance from Bell View Road, opposite the Church.

**Location**

The village of Waddington is located in Lancashire in the Ribble Valley. It is located 2 miles north-west of Clitheroe. Before the 1974 country boundary changes Waddington fell within the boundary of Bowland Rural District of the West Riding of Yorkshire. The village covers approximately 2000 acres of the Forest of Bowland. The population in the 2011 census was 1028<sup>1</sup>.

**History**

The name Waddington is believed to come from the Anglo-Saxon chiefton, Wadda, or Wade, who was implicated in the murder of Aethelred the King of Northumbria in 794 AD. A local battle was fought near Whalley in 798 AD and Wadda's army was defeated but his name lives on in the village and local area, eg Waddow Hall and Wade's Hill.

Waddington was a mesne manor of the ancient Lordship of Bowland comprising of a Royal Forest and a Liberty of ten manors spanning eight townships and four parishes and covered almost 300 square miles on the borders of Lancashire and Yorkshire.<sup>2</sup>

Waddington was originally in the parish of Mitton. In 1220 the advowsan (the right to appoint a priest) was handed over to Cockersand Abbey. On the dissolution of the abbey in the 16<sup>th</sup> century the arrangement ended and the advowsan was returned to the Lords of the Manor, the Tempest family, who endowed the parish church of St Helen, Waddington. The advowsan was sold by Richard Tempest (of Bracewell) to his nephew John Bannester who resided at Waddington Old Hall in 1601. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century the advowson was sold to the Parkers of Browsholme Hall and remains with the Parker family to this date.

However prior to this date, in June 1438, Waddington was constituted as a separate parish from Mitton.

**The Church of St Helen**

The church is Listed Grade II. It dates from 1500 but only the tower survives from that date. The nave and chancel were rebuilt in 1898-1901. The construction is sandstone with stone slate roofs.

**Waddington Hospital**

Robert Parker, born in 1633, built Waddington Hospital to provide homes for ten widows of dalesmen from Waddington and surrounding parishes and provided a Chapel for their use. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century the buildings were reconstructed to provide

cottages for twenty nine widows and spinsters, a house for the matron, a Chapel and offices. The cottages have been modernised on a continuous basis.

#### **Waddington Old Hall**

A historic house in the middle of the village, parts of which are medieval. It is said that Henry VI took refuge there in 1464.

#### **Waddow Hall**

The hall was built in Tudor times originally as a dower house for the Tempest family but later became their principal seat in the district. The Tudor house is now completely hidden behind the Jacobean hall.

The Girl Guide Association purchased the Hall and estate in 1928 and use it as a Training Centre.

#### **Coronation Gardens**

These came into existence on 30 April 1953 when land was conveyed to the Parish Council with the condition that they accepted responsibility for the upkeep of the land which had become neglected. Gardens were planted which are now kept by volunteers. The timing of the conveyance of the land was opportune as the village were considering how to celebrate the Queen's Coronation and the gardens were created.

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