

# Whittlesey mud walls

Adjacent to this store lies **1 of 27** surviving fragments of mud wall in Whittlesey.

The mud walls are a special local feature **which date back over 200 years**. They were created as a way to build solid boundary walls without using any bricks, as a result of the brick tax introduced in 1784 to help pay for the ongoing wars against the American Colonies. The brick tax was finally repealed in 1850.

## Did you know?

The mud walls make use of the clay subsoil which overlays the famous brick clay of the area and are similar in construction to cob or wychert walls found elsewhere in England.



*The mudwall at the Black Bull Public House on Market Street before and after it was restored in 2017.*

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