

With grateful thanks to John Eley for the following information and reminiscences:

Getting adequate water for farming was a problem; John remembers the regular collection of water from Snightend. Nibley House has 2 wells, one in the yard and one at the Old Lodge, which has gone. The village had several others, including in Innocks and outside the White Hart. There was a problem in the dairy if water was needed at the same time as all the Listers' men wanted a wash, as the level of water in the well at Nibley House was at the same level as the reservoir used to feed the Listers' supply!

The main public pump was outside the White Hart and was probably only fed from a stream. The supply was very unreliable, and there is a 1937 newspaper report of the water drying up. The supply was inadequate for farm use, and was probably only intended for domestic use. Mains water arrived in 1946; a reliable water supply meant that the village could expand, and straight away the Swedish houses were built.

John Eley's grandmother was a licensee of the Black Horse, and his mother was born there.