

## **COCK HOUSE AND GRISEDALE COTTAGE**

The building now known severally as Cock House and Grisedale Cottage was built in 1809 on the waste of the Manor to serve as a village workhouse and overseer's cottage. The workhouse was used to give employment hand finishing cotton when the mills on the Ribble could not work because the river was too low.

The Poor Law Act of Amendment 1834 closed down such small village schemes and centralized the workhouses. After this at various stages the workhouse part - now Cock House, became a Post Office, a village shop and teashop. There is very little direct evidence about any of this because unfortunately in the building's rather chequered history the older deeds have been mislaid. It is a listed grade II building and the oldest institutional building in the village.