

Back in Time - 19 - Tax Office in Ellesmere Road

by John Rabbitt

Something not everybody knows, there was once a Tax Office in Ellesmere Park. 'Holcombe', 12 Ellesmere Road, was requisitioned during the war and used as a Tax Office. I don't know why Holcombe was chosen, perhaps, like many houses in Ellesmere Park, it may have been a rented house and was a convenient unlet property for the Government to requisition.


I don't know how long it was used as a Tax Office but it was obviously established long enough for the Post-War Tax Credit Certificates to be printed with the Holcombe address. You may notice on the attached copy of a Certificate of Post-War Credit the house number '12' was not included in the address. Post-War Credit certificates were issued during the Second World War as recognition for the higher taxes paid by the public to support the war effort. The additional tax, plus interest, was repaid by 1973 to most of those who had retained their certificates.



12 Ellesmere Road - Holcombe in 2020

Post-War Credit No.
456 / 462 82

2487/- Certificate of Post-War Credit 1944-45



This is to Certify that the undermentioned sum has been recorded in favour of A. Kenbel as the Post-War Credit due for the year ended 5th April, 1945, under Section 7 of the Finance Act, 1941.

J. H. LOOSMORE, H.M. Inspector of Taxes,
(Manchester 17th District),
"Holcombe," Ellesmere Road, Ellesmere Park,
Eccles, Manchester.

£ 9 : 4 : 3

This certificate cancels any 27/4/50 Date
previous certificate issued for 12/4/45

Post-War Credit Certificate

The previous owner of Holcombe, Peter Barnes (past secretary of the Residents' Association), was very proud of the row of concrete slotted cycle supports in his back garden which were provided for the Tax Office staff working at Holcombe (library picture attached). I can also remember Peter showing me labelled wooden storage racks in the cellar, erected to hold file boxes of tax papers.



Concrete Cycle Support

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