

Chipping As Others See It

Here is a selection of outsiders' views of Chipping.



Tom Smith in his "History of Chipping" quotes John Lindley, Abbot of Whalley (c 1350) as describing the place 'in a manner inaccessible to man.'

Corry's "History of Lancashire" (1825) uses the phrase, 'This remote parish.'

Both "The New Lancashire Gazette" (1830) and "The History of the County Palatine and Duchy of Lancaster" (1891) use an identical sentence -- 'Chipping is an obscure and uninteresting place.'

By 1912 Chipping has become, 'This secluded parish.' Victoria County History. Lancashire. Vol VII.

The image of Chipping began to improve by the 1920's. It was described as 'a pleasant village' in "Bulmer's History and Directory of Lancaster and District".

Around 1940, Chipping was 'an old world village' in "Longridge and the beautiful Ribble Valley". This book makes the following interesting comment:-

'Field paths to Chipping are rather difficult to find, still more so to describe. Many people living in the district are not very conversant with them and would find themselves sorely tried in finding some of the 'short cuts' which our grandfathers could probably have found blindfolded.'

"The Roof of Lancashire" (1950) describes Chipping as 'the delightful village.'

Murray's Lancashire Architectural Guide (1955) calls it a 'compact stone village' being in 'unspoilt but rather desolate country.'

Jessica Lofthouse obviously loved Chipping for in "Portrait of Lancashire" (1969) she wrote ... 'sweet and unspoilt rurality, a comely place -- one of our best kept and most beautiful, half as old as time.'

By 1973, in "Lancashire Villages" she added, 'Chipping is perfect and beautiful' and again, 'Everything in Chipping is good to look at.'

Ann Thomas in "History, people and places in Lancashire" (1970) says, '...visitors arrive to enjoy its old-world charm and picture-book prettiness.'

'This attractive stone village' is the description given in "The Real Lancashire" by Kathleen Eyre (1983).

Lancashire County Council's pamphlets, ("Lancashire's Great Outdoors: Walking" and "Discover Lancashire by Bus") designed to encourage people to explore different parts of the county, describe Chipping as one of the 'many picturesque and historic villages' and a 'delightful village with many interesting features'.

Two publications specifically about Chipping use the same word in their description:-

"Chipping: A Village Trail" (1986) says 'Chipping is notable for its many attractive 17th and 18th century houses ...'

and Stuart Crainer in "A History of Chipping" (1985) writes, 'Chipping has become an attractive village supported by the love of others for it.'

