

Society of Chipping

From an early date the Society was lending money at interest to local people, and money was deposited in the Preston Savings Bank. The first person to receive any benefit from the Society's funds was Thomas Seed, who was paid 15s in March 1791 for three weeks sick pay.

Fines were imposed for any breaches of the rules. These included bringing a dog to the meeting or being drunk, cursing or swearing during a meeting. The heaviest fine which could be imposed, was a fine of up to 15s, for any member caught being drunk, working or gaming whilst receiving benefits from the Society. In December 1886 the committee received a letter from "The No Danger Lodge" in Longridge about the conduct of Robert Blezard, who whilst receiving sick benefit was seen in a Public House at 9.15 pm. on the evening of the 26th November 1886. He was fined 5s and a letter of thanks was sent to the Longridge Lodge.

In 1822 the Society had over £900 in their funds, and at a committee meeting in January 1823 it was decided that they would build three houses. In April £190 was paid to purchase a meadow in Chipping, and in the spring work began. The cash book details the work done and the names of the local tradesmen who carried out the work. By August the first house was ready and was let to John Tingle. In October the middle house was let to Alice Ellison and the house at the west end to John Riding. In 1824 a further house was added and John Parkinson took up the tenancy.

In 1834 the Brothers Friendly Society joined the Manchester Order of Oddfellows and became The Independent Order of Oddfellows, Queen Adelaide Lodge of the Slaidburn District.



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