

# Land Settlement Association

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## Sidlesham Heritage Trail



### LSA Presentation

I will be presenting a 'virtual' LSA seminar to students and staff at Reading University on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 1.00pm. If you would like to join in (and help me answer some of their questions!) let me know and I will send you the link.

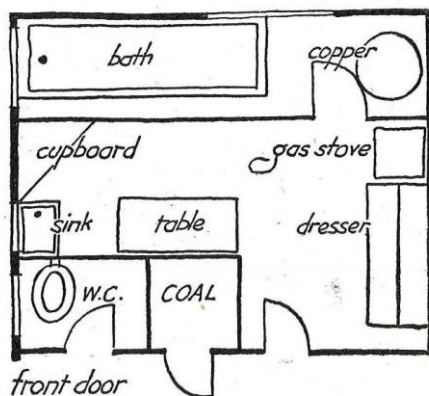
### Sidlesham Heritage Centre

I am always on the lookout for opportunities to celebrate and commemorate the work of the LSA as a significant part of our national heritage . . . . .

Len Doubledam and his son Aart at Little Orchard Nursery (No 74) on Lockgate Road in Sidlesham have kindly agreed to host an LSA exhibition in the windows of one of their glasshouses. A flower stall situated by the roadside has been extremely popular over the years - flowers have cost £1 a bunch for as long as people can remember, although the bunches have got slightly smaller over time!

The exhibition will comprise general information about the LSA and local stories which bring the LSA to life. The display will include some of the materials produced by Julian Bell, the curator at The Weald and Downland Living Museum, for the exhibition which was held at the museum last year.

### Table Top Bath?



Plan 17—Kitchenette in Metroflats

One of the attractions of joining the LSA back in the 1930s was the provision of an indoor bathroom and toilet. Many of the former miners and shipbuilders were more accustomed to an outside toilet and a visit to the local bathhouse. Although most of the LSA houses in Sidlesham were built as semi-detached with a bathroom upstairs, others had a bath in the kitchen.

No 74 has a bathroom in an extension built in the 1960s which suggests that prior to that the tenant's family would have used a bath in the kitchen? I am reliably informed by Rob Goldsmith, the present owner No 60 and by Wil & Becky Wilson at No 45 that both houses originally had a table top bath in the kitchen and a toilet as part of the house, but accessed from the



outside. The bath had plumbing and waste and a wooden cover which doubled as a work surface. A little bit of research has led me to these interesting images!

Pictures courtesy of Goole Museum & East Dunbartonshire County Council



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## Sad News

Both Bert Young & Alf Yellowley have died recently. Bert, one of the stars of our film, was born in Street End Cottage where he lived his whole life (89 years). Alf, from the age of ten, lived at No 73. Both of them embodied the spirit of the LSA and their stories have helped to bring the LSA heritage trail to life.

## Other LSAs

### Crofton (Cumbria)

Crofton LSA as a facebook account.

[www.facebook.com/groups/oldcrofton](http://www.facebook.com/groups/oldcrofton)

Following an enquiry from the BBC, which unfortunately came to nothing, I have helped them tell their story with the names of 150+ ex-tenants and 30+ of their stories., I found the names of 68 LSA Smallholders or trainees on 1939 Census.

### Dalston (Cumbria)

Researching the Crofton LSA has led to three ex-tenants of Dalston LSA emailing me. They are now in contact with each other and I have shared a newspaper article describing how locals objected to the arrival of the LSA in 1936!

### Foxash (Essex)

Foxash LSA has a facebook page.

[www.facebook.com/groups/2509281159287653](http://www.facebook.com/groups/2509281159287653)

Using my 'LSA Story template' I am now helping a group of ex-tenants tell their story. So far we have 237 names, including from 80 from 1939 Census, and 4 stories.

**STAY SAFE    KEEP WELL    KEEP IN TOUCH**

Thank you for all your continued support and assistance with this project.

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