

Data Collection – Street Scene

- Working Group area and leader: Group E, Gillian Smith
- Reference number on area map: 06
- Rectory Close from junction with Grange Lane
- Photos taken 1 Gillian Smith, 2 Jenny Cocks
- Description of Street Scene:

The entrance to Rectory Close is flanked by two Horse Chestnut trees, and runs through what were the grounds of the Old Rectory (still in use up to the 1960s as a Rectory). It was then sold by the local Diocese and the grounds in front of the house were used to build a detached house (RHS) with plastic cladding, and a bungalow (LHS). The Old Rectory RC1 stands at the end of the Close, with two further bungalows built round the corner and thankfully hidden.

The Old Rectory is early C19, an imposing 3 storied house built of brick and still with generous grounds behind it. The house and bungalow built in front of the Old Rectory have absolutely no architectural merit and are a terrible indictment of the planning follies of the 1960s.