

Over Windmill Hill

Beyond Prospect Farm [details in the Vicarage Lane section] , Windmill Road takes in the two late C20 developments before passing Heygate . This was the route to many of the farm fields , to Oglethorpe , and to the nearest station which lay near St Helen 's Ford , where Rudgate crosses the Boston - Tadcaster road.

On the hilltop lies the Windmill and Mill Farm [see the farms section in Volume 1] , and progresses to the forgotten corner of Bramham --- forgotten , that is , by many who suppose it to be a part of Clifford . Here lie Clifford Mill [just in Clifford] , the cottages around, and the modern Mill Wheel House in whose garden rests the old wheel.

Before you reach this corner lies Willowgarth , a cottage among the willow beds which flank the road . Seemingly old , the cottage does not appear on the estate maps of the early C19 , though this was perhaps because it was not part of the Bramham Park Estate property.





This is the field on which Prospect Bank was built in 1970 . Formerly , it was part of Prospect Farm , which can be seen on the left . It was often used as a place for village celebrations and fetes [as here , about 1900] , and , for some time , was a cricket field.\

Behind the crowd , on the right in the background , can just be made out the gable end of the cottages situated where Vicarage Lane meets Back Lane.





The view from Windmill Hill towards Clifford , which could be seen for the first time for many years , after the plantation of conifers was removed in 1996 by the owners of Bramham Old Hall . As deciduous trees were afterwards planted , this view will gradually disappear. The farm , centre , now a livery stables , on the main road to Clifford , was also rebuilt in hacienda style in 1996. The lower photo, taken from Gallows Hill above the junior school , shows the same area from the other side.





willowgarth cottage 1996