

HARDS FARM - Brickfield

Another site (Field No 1447 on the 1844 Tithe Map below) is to be found to the east of Kerves Lane on Hards Hill. It is listed in the Tithe Map Apportionment as "Great Brick Field". The field was part of "Bourns Hill Farm" and belonged estate of the Eversfields (Denne Park).

The Apportionment Books were drawn up by the Tithe Commissioners who entered against each map reference number the name of the owner, the occupier, the area of each piece of property and its use, and finally the tithe payable.

The historical documentary evidence of the Tithe Map would suggest that this very small piece of land was formerly used for brickmaking, although it is difficult to identify any evidence on the ground. It is possible that when the Tithe map was compiled an error of transcription may have been made since the field adjacent to the site in question is called "Great Brook Field"

