

KILDARE, Station Road

In the late 1800s coal merchant, Thomas Birch, set up in business in Station Road where Wolseley's builders merchants are today. He built his house named Kildare (the white house in the foreground of this picture) at the top end of Station Road. In 1905 his executors offered up the whole property for sale which boasted a double coach house and stabling for seven horses, forage and harness rooms, cart sheds, and a meadow. Birch also owned the four pairs of cottages, next to Kildare.

Kildare was used by the Auxiliary Fire Service during World War II



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