



## **Salem View (off Storeton Road), Oxtun**

Unless you had ever needed to visit one of these houses on **Salem View** you might never know that they exist at all. Tucked away down an unmade and block-ended lane off **Storeton Road** – now one of Oxtun's everyday busiest roads – they are one of those *secret places* in Oxtun that can be only be discovered if you care to look for them.

They were probably built (as best as can currently be determined) in mid-Victorian times, given that they do not appear on the Oxtun Tithe map of 1847, but Salem View (sometimes given as *Salem's View*) is listed in 1860's Local Directories. Not intended to be the homes of farm labourers or quarrymen (as many *cottages* in Oxtun were) they generally became the homes of tradesmen and what might today be called *white collar workers*. Often, the families of joiners, builders and book keepers can be found to have been living there – and, occasionally, a retired *gentleman*! This image of Salem View is certainly early Edwardian although, today the scene is easily recognisable.

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