

## Holland House

Not far from Kings Garage, towards the Church is a private dwelling called "Holland House" that was once a shop. **Benjamin Holland** was probably the first shop keeper here and is mentioned in the village records as paying window tax in 1809 on thirteen windows. His son Ben may have had the shop after his father had died.



By the middle of the 1850s **John Short** was living in Stickney and ran his grocery and drapers business for the next twenty years from these premises. Later moving from here to a newer shop just along the road .

**Henry Alliss** took over the house and grocers shop until 1896. There is an entry in the church accounts of 1879 for buying "Lamp Glasses" from Alliss, presumably for the oil lights. The business changed hands again and this time **William Dixon** became a shopkeeper for the next ten or twelve years before moving to New Bolingbroke. He and his family also provided music at village functions with his popular Dance Band.

The shop stood empty for a few years after but was used occasionally during WW1 to hold Whist Drives and dances to raise money for the war effort. By the early 1920s the **Cartwright** Sisters had acquired the building and had reopened it as a Grocers and Drapers store once more. They both retired in 1954. The **Whydall** family took over and finally closed the store in the early 1970s.