

Aerial view of main village looking south, c1952

Foreground: Bletsoe Castle and Castle Farm within angle of Coplowe Lane and Riseley Road; in middle: (then) High Street and main village; background: Falcon Inn and unimproved A6 road

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Aerial view of village centre, c1952: detail

Showing the village in the last years of the St John Estate. Top left: 7 & 8 Bletsoe on future site of Village Hall; allotments behind what is now Memorial Lane, in front of Top Row and generally on the former Great Green of Bletsoe (recorded 1624); right-hand side of (then) High Street Parish Clerk's Cottage and land later developed with police houses and suburban bungalows. With the exception of the Rectory completely rebuilt in 1834 and the graveyard extension of 1893 the extent of village development appears much as it would have been in 1800.

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