

Brownings

Below is an old photograph of Brownings seen across the ford. Watercress can be seen growing on the left of the small footbridge. Between 1881 and 1951 the Smith family lived at Brownings. Samuel Smith and later his son George 'Depper' Smith gave their calling as 'cress growers' and 'cress cutters' in various census returns. It appears that they operated two small beds in the grounds of Brownings. The family also started to grow watercress in Kings Pool in about 1900 through an arrangement with the Parish Council.



The ford was also used for watering cattle.



The house on the right shown in the photograph below was divided into two cottages. It later became derelict and were pulled down. It was replaced by a modern house, 'Yew Tree Cottage'. The same yew tree shown in the photograph can still be seen in the garden of Yew Tree Cottage

