

ALDRIDGE TRIANGLE BY JOHN ALDRIDGE

At the junction of Crown Lane and Watlington Road is a plot of land known as '**The Triangle**'. This was one of the areas used as a gravel pit when the village was responsible for the maintenance of roads within the parish boundary. This has been used for many years by Walter Bennett of the dairy nearby, until I bought it from his widow in 1952. For many years I stored building materials here in connection with my business and then gradually filled the whole area up to road level with rubble and excavations from various sites. In 1977, I had the surrounding hedge and dead elms grubbed up and burnt. The land was levelled with a bulldozer and about 60 tons of top soil spread over the surface and seeded with mixed grasses. In 1979, I gave the freehold to the village with the Parish Council as Trustees to be used as an amenity area. The Parish Council planted some trees and maintain the area commendably.