About Cottingham

Geographically, Cottingham is located in the county of Northamptonshire, which clearly derives its name from the town of Northampton. This was the chief settlement on the River Nene in Anglo-Saxon times. Formerly known as 'Hamtun', the town was renamed Northampton after the Norman invasion in 1066 to distinguish it from Southampton.

From at least 1066 until around 1841, the country's parishes were split into administrative districts called 'Hundreds'

In 1086, Cottingham lay within the Stoke hundred which was subsequently merged into the Corby Hundred.

In 1901, the civil parish of **Cottingham** was located in the rural district of Kettering and the parliamentary borough of Northamptonshire. The ecclesiastical parish was recorded as 'Cottingham (church of St Mary Magdalene)'.

The postal address for Cottingham has changed through history too. In the 1954 Post Office directory it is recorded as Cottingham, **Rockingham**, in the 1890 Kelly's Directory as Cottingham, **Uppingham** and in the 1903 and 1914 Kelly's Directory as Cottingham, **Market Harborough**.

For address purposes only, Cottingham is now recorded as being in Market Harborough, Leicestershire.