

# Pubs & Inns

Remarkably, Quorn has supported more than twenty pubs and inns, several of which have been in existence for hundreds of years and still thrive today. Some were once old coaching inns whilst others started as local beer houses.

Before Quorn had any public buildings or halls, inns were often used for inquests, auctions and meetings.

## **1+2 Royal Oak and White Horse, Quorn Cross.**

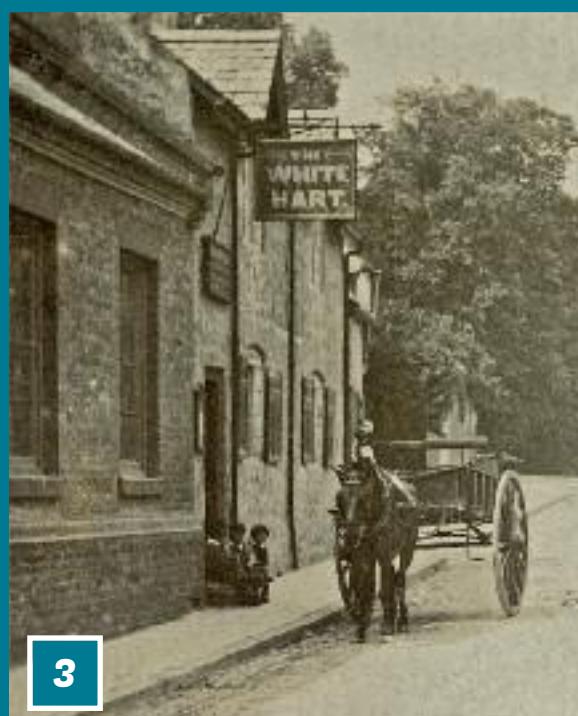
The Royal Oak started as a beer house in the 1830s, but the White Horse is an old coaching inn dating back to the 1700s, with parts of the building being significantly older.

**3 White Hart, High Street.** Thought to date from the 16th century, the first references to the White Hart are in the 1700s. The photo from the early 1900s shows the old doorway.

**4 King William IV, Leicester Road.** Located where the Quorn Country Hotel is today, the building was said to be 600 years old when it was demolished for road widening in 1956. The 'King Bill' opened after the 1830 Beerhouse Act, which allowed a householder to buy a two guinea (£2.10) licence permitting them to brew and sell beer (but not liquor). Many new public houses were called the King William IV after the reigning monarch.

**5 Pig & Whistle, Station Road.** Originally a shop, it became a public house in the 1890s and was converted to a residential property in the 1970s.

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## **6+7 Mill House Inn and Crown & Cushion, Leicester Road.**

In the photo (early 1900s), landlord Silas Cross with his wife and daughter are standing outside the Mill House Inn (to the left of the archway). Next door (with a canopy) was the Crown and Cushion which closed in the late 1860s.

**8 Apple Tree, Stoop Lane.** Originally a beer house, first mentioned by name in 1850.

**9 Bird in the Hand, Meeting Street.**

**10 Blacksmiths Arms, Meeting Street.**

Started as a beer house in the 1840s.

**11 Blue Ball, Station Road.** Located on the site of Bradley's shop.

**12 Bulls Head.** An important coaching inn dating back to the 1700s, now 18 High Street. In 1939 the name and licence transferred to what is now the Quorndon Fox.

**13 The Hurst/The Chequers, Loughborough Road.** On the site of the Co-op.

**14 The Monk, Station Road.** A modern bar/restaurant.

**15 Scott's Wine Bar, Leicester Road.**

A modern wine bar.

**16 Swan with Two Necks/Bulls Head/Quorndon Fox, High Street.** Originally an old coaching inn.

## **17 Three Crowns, now 33 Meeting Street.**

The licence was transferred to the Manor House Hotel when it opened in 1899.

**18 The Wheel.** A beer house on Leicester Road, corner of School Lane, run by the Bates family of wheelwrights.

**Others not shown on the map below:**

**The Boot.** Appears to be another name for the Royal Oak, used in the 1880s.

**Bull in the Hollow, previously the Needless Inn/Buffalo's Head and Garland.** Located on the A6, on the edge of the parish, near Loughborough, this inn closed around 1880.

**The Manor House Hotel, Woodhouse Road.** Opened in 1899 as part of the Great Central Railway development.

