

# The Forge, Passfield

## Listed Grade II



*House. Late C17, with late C20 extension and alteration. Walls of ironstone with brick quoins, 1st floor band, stepped plinth band. Tile roof, hipped at the north end and linked to the lower C20 unit. South-east front of 2 storeys, 2 above 3 windows, with the single-storeyed north extension brought forward to the roadway. Casements, 2 with widened openings. Four-panelled door. Stone plaque inscribed 1602, and lead Sun fire-insurance sign. The extension is of similar form and materials.*

Keats marketing material advertises the Forge as  
'A truly delightful Bargate Stone Grade II Listed Cottage dating back to 1602

Old Bargate quarries shown below were situated behind Passfield Farm - The Cricketers Public House next door was a forerunner to The Passfield Oak; this area is the original downtown Passfield

From recollection the section nearest to the camera is (also) a 20th century conversion from an attached barn. Possibly originally part of the Passfield House estate/farm. Occupied by various members of the Bunch family for most of 1700's until 1833 and then the Toop family, father then son. Not officially identified in Directories as a forge after 1915 but it seems that Mr Arthur of Passfield Farm and Quarry was still using it for repairing machinery. It became a private house in approximately 1976 latest.

By 1993 it had a 23' kitchen-dining room and 5 bedrooms and extremely 'mod-cons' claimed in 1998 as Grade II

