



THE MOUNT SOMERSET

Mount Somerset House Information - Formerly Henlade House

Henlade House is a Georgian building on Stoke Hill looking due north over Henlade and Thornfalcon. It is built of stone and brick underneath the render. At times it was covered with creepers and ivy.

Henlade House was built between 1805 and 1815 for Robert Proctor Anderdon and his nephew and heir John Proctor Anderdon by an unidentified Italian architect who designed it with large windows and ceilings.

Robert Proctor Anderdon was a member of the Board of Agriculture, and one of the leading experimental farmers and landowners of his day. His nephew John was an officer serving with the Duke of Wellington, and he commanded the City of London Militia at the battle of Waterloo.

The kitchen wing is older than the main house and could have been part of the old house or a farm house. The west wing was altered and extended by Henry Murray Anderdon (who was Secretary and later President of Somerset County Cricket Club for many years) in about 1900. The Gate Lodges and Stable Block were built, by John Edmond and James Hughes Anderdon in the 1870's, of red brick and ham stone with flat red plain and club or diamond tiles, the stables with its clock tower was described as a "Monument to Victorian Craftsmanship".

During the last War, the House was used by the Brampton Down School for girls that were evacuated from Eastbourne.

After the death of Captain and Mrs Henry Anderdon in 1985, the house had to be sold out of the Family.

The house is a Grade II* listed building. Its notable features include the octagonal hall and sweeping stone staircase, with mahogany handrails. The kitchen wing is older than the main house, and was probably part of an earlier one. The Victorian gate lodges and stable block with clock tower were added in the 1870s; the west wing was extended in about 1900. It became a hotel in the 1990s, and the original name - Henlade House - was changed to The Mount Somerset.

In the 90's it was turned into a Country House Hotel and is now known as the Mount Somerset.

Eden Hotel Collection purchased the Hotel in November 2011. Other properties it owns include: Mallory Court in Leamington Spa; Buckland Tout-Saints in Devon; the Kings Hotel in Chipping Campden; the Arden Hotel in Stratford-upon-Avon; and Brockencote Hall hotel in Worcestershire.

Sir Peter Rigby is the founder, CEO and Chairman of the Rigby Group, which contains Europe's largest independent IT company, SCC. He started the founding company in 1975 and today it is one of the biggest privately owned businesses in the UK. He is also the owner of the Eden Hotel Collection, along with several other ventures.