

Grittleton Baptist Chapel

The Street, Grittleton National Grid Reference: ST 86180 80057

A small village chapel tucked away in the heart of Grittleton.

The chapel was opened in 1721 and is a largely unaltered example of an early 18th century chapel with its fittings. There are galleries at either end and a small burial ground alongside.



Details provided by Historic England:

GRITTLETON THE STREET ST 88 SE (south side)

3/55 Grittleton Baptist Chapel (formerly listed as Strict Baptist Chapel) 29.5.85

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Baptist Chapel, c1720, rubble stone with ashlar dressings and hipped Bridgwater tile roof. Rectangular plan with flush segmental-headed windows, 2 tall cross-windows to west side with dripcourse over, four smaller cross-windows to ground floor of east side, dripcourse above and four 2-light upper windows. South end segmental-headed doorway with keystone and short moulded cornice over. A south east cornerstone has scratched 1722 and possibly 1705 dates. Elevations appear to reflect a gallery on east and pulpit central on west wall but interior now has galleries at north and south ends, that to south probably C18, on two turned posts, has fielded panelled front, that to north, possibly C19, is over a glazed-fronted vestry. Original octagonal timber pulpit with fielded panels and turned balusters is reset in front of vestry. At rear south east corner three C18 oak box pews, the rest of the pews are mid C19 deal. Licensed 11.1.1721. The chapel was promoted and supported by the Houlton family of the Manor House. (J.E. Jackson, A History of the Parish of Grittleton, 1843, 21)