

## ROUNDAABOUT VERWOOD

# PAST and PRESENT

### Westworth Farm Cottage



The old photo shows Frederick Arthur Poolman outside his cottage at Westworth.

Cottagers could make use of the large gardens to provide food for their families and sometimes for sale.

Progress of crops provided a common talking point amongst the men.

Westworth is in the parish of Edmondsham but its lands reached right down to Eastworth with which in mediaeval days it was known by the name of "Horsych". This settlement was then a Manor, quite separate from Verwood itself. In 1867 it was farmed by William Sweatman and contained arable land, pasture, woods, meadows and an orchard as well as a withy or reed bed.

Westworth Farm is itself hidden from the road on a track to the left of the road to Alderholt but a farm cottage belonging to the estate was situated on the right of the road. For many years it was occupied by Mr Frederick Arthur Poolman whose prize vegetables were regular winners at Verwood Horticultural Show. His son Frank said knowingly that he was a carter and had access to manure!

Afterwards the cottage stood derelict until it was completely restored and rebuilt into a luxury home. Westworth Farm has in recent years undergone extensive restoration and reconstruction resulting in the addition of new homes on the site.

Unfortunately the farm cottage was badly damaged from a fire in 2015 but thankfully it is now back to its former glory as a beautiful home as the series of photos right illustrate.

