

## Former Station, Kibworth

Ref: KIB/001



**Construction Date:** 1857

**Architect:** Charles Henry Driver

**Original Use:** Railway Station

**Current Use:** Commercial

**Condition:** Good

**Occupancy:** Occupied

**Parish:** Kibworth Beauchamp

**Ward:** Kibworths

### **Reason for Inclusion**

#### Historic Interest

Small station built as part of the Midland Railway London extension from Leicester to Hitchin which opened in May 1857. The *Illustrated London News* of 23 May 1857 described stations on this line as 'ornamental and picturesque' which highlights the level of investment and pride in the extension. Kibworth station also handled goods traffic with sidings able to hold 42 wagons with a brick-built goods shed and a 30cwt

crane. Kibworth station closed to goods traffic in 1966 and to passengers in 1968. The station shows the transformative impact of the expansion of the railways.

#### Architectural Interest

Yellow brick with polychrome brick dressings. Slate roofs. T-plan. Decorative barge boards and cast iron windows. Charles Driver used a simplified Gothic style for the stations on the Leicester to Hitchin Line. He is a notable railway architect with several nationally listed buildings to his name, including Kettering station (Grade II). Good example of a small station with highly decorative detailing within the district. Has group value with the former Great Glen station (GG/002) another small station on the Leicester to Hitchin extension.