

## 6. Ash House, Bell Villas



Ash House is a brick-and-slate two-storey building in English Garden Wall Bond immediately to the east side of the Methodist Chapel and opposite the Grade II former smithy – now a Chinese Restaurant. It is slightly later than the original chapel, having been built between 1842 and 1858, according to the Tithe Map records. [1] It was originally erected as a dwelling house with an attached shop, as it appears at the present day. It is a typical example of one type of local vernacular building (almost certainly using local bricks) in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century. It now houses an estate agent's premises and two other small businesses.

[1] ] "Ponteland; One Thousand Years of History". ISBN 0 9510381 0 9  
Leslie Almond/Ponteland Local History Society. 1984. p. 16.