

Colton Cottage

1987 – 1994?

Details

Colton Cottage at Thorngate was opened in 1987 as a Cottage Home for children with special needs. It was run by the Anglican Church. As with other Cottage Homes, Colton Cottage was designed to accommodate around eight to ten children in a home-like atmosphere. Colton Cottage is thought to have closed in 1994.

During the 1970s and 1980s the government encouraged non-government care providers to move away from large institutions and develop smaller group residential care for children in need. After the passing of the Community Welfare Act in 1972, non-government agencies were required to sign agreements with the government and to adhere to standards of residential care.

During the 1980s the Anglican Church opened a number of cottages and units in various areas. These included Colton Cottage which opened in Thorngate in 1987 as a Cottage Home for children with special needs.

As with other Cottage Homes, Colton Cottage was designed to accommodate around eight to ten children in a home-like atmosphere which potentially allowed for more individual attention.

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It is possible that the Anglican Church run Colton Cottage at Thorngate was situated in the original Government run Colton Cottage at 13 Churcher Street, Thorngate, which operated until 1982 when it was taken over by the Intellectual Disabilities Services Council.

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