

Many of the inns, particularly the larger ones, were used by the local community as meeting and business places. Advertisements and reports from Jackson's Oxford Journal indicate that the White Hart and The Crown were the most popular venues for business meetings and sales in the 18th Century.

The Crown

1761	July 6	Serious flood damage had occurred at Waterstock on June 27-29. A meeting was held at the Crown to discuss measures for prevention
1787	July 9	Nine-inch wheel wagon with hoops, made by Chas Mottley and Thos Sheldon, of Wheatley, by order of Mr. Eaves, of Denham, Bucks, to be sold to the highest bidder. Mr. Eaves had not paid for the wagon
1788	Apr 14	Auction of maiden oak timber from Coombe Wood and White's Closes, next Wheatley Fields
	June 6	Richard Griffin, landlord of the Crown Inn, advertises that the Post Office has been moved from the White Hart to the Crown
	Nov 25	Auction of timber and firewood: 275 elm, ash, sycamore, walnut

The White Hart

1764	Feb 13	Turnpike Trustees met to choose a treasurer to succeed the late Wm. Ives
1770	Apr 30	Turnpike Trustees met and increased the tolls
1778	June 23	Turnpike Trustees met to put into execution recent Act for repairing and widening roads from Wheatley Bridge to Enslow Bridge and from Wheatley Bridge to Magdalen Bridge
1783		The Turnpike Trustees met regularly at the White Hart, about six times a year
1784	Mar 2	Messuage and blacksmith's shop and garden, occupied by John Pittway at West End near turnpike road, to be sold by auction at White Hart (Mr Hall, landlord) by John Wyatt
	Mar 11	Farm utensils, three wagons, and household furniture to be auctioned by J. Holiday
	Dec 6	All household furniture and effects of John Rose, butcher, of Wheatley, to be sold by auction for the benefit of creditors
1787	July 2	Household furniture and stock-in-trade of James Vaughan, haberdasher and grocer, of Wheatley, to be sold by auction by J. Holiday, for the benefit of creditors
	Oct 1	Sheep, lambs, beans, cocks, oats, hay, owned by Mr B. Burrows, of Stanton St. John, sold by Daniel Basley
1788	June 6	Post Office transferred to Crown