

What is Aston Hall built from?

1. Name the different building materials you can see on the outside of the house and write by the side what each has been used for?

| Material | Use |
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| <i>e.g. lead</i> | <i>to hold the window panes, to cover the turrets, tops of the drain pipes</i> |

2. Imagine cutting the house in half through the clock tower. How would the two halves look?

3. Describe the shape the roofline makes against the sky.

4. Which shape of windowpane do you think would have been used when the house was first built?

5. Look closely at the bricks and estimate their size:-

a. the length _____

b. the width (look at the ends showing) _____

c. the depth _____

6. In what way do these bricks look different to modern ones?

7. Estimate the thickness of mortar holding the bricks together.

8. On plain paper, or in the boxes on the next page, sketch one or more of the following:-

a. the whole East front b. the roof line c. the main door and its surrounding decoration d. different styles of window pane

Sketches of the outside of Aston Hall

