

Swains Lane Lodge and gates

Grade II listed 10 June 1954

This was built sometime in the mid C19 as a lodge house to the newly created carriage drive that snaked its way up from Swain's Lane (now known as Lime Avenue) to Elm Court – a house now demolished but which was then the residence of the celebrated architect of his day James Pennethorne, a close friend to Waterlow. Whether the house was designed by Pennethorne is not known. The Lodge House became the residence of the Superintendent of Highgate Cemetery.

Historic England describe it thus: 'Gothic style. Entrance with hoodmould and traceried panelled door. Square-headed windows with hoodmoulds and arched lights. Battlemented parapet. Gabled right hand return with single storey extension having three-light canted bay window. Tall, enriched terracotta "Tudor" chimneys.' The entrance itself is flanked by elaborate cast-iron gates and railings sitting between stepped pillars. The gates sport gilded circular foliated designs and roundels.