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despite cottages being around for a very long time indeed they are still being built today and many people take a fancy to them and decide they want to live in one of them. Some people choose to look at [Sussex cottages and even travel on vacation to one but none of this actually explains why the term cottage came into existence. so here is just a bit more information on that all important word, cottage.](#)

the term comes from the middle ages and it comes from housing agricultural workers and their families. it would seem that cotter is the word it comes from. Back in the day a cottage would not simply refer to the one building that we know it does today but perhaps a whole farmhouse and yard as well although these would be very small farmhouses and not the kind that the rich would own. back then the larger properties were called the messuages. So to sum that one up, in the middle ages a cottage would refer to a house as well as a barn and usually a fenced piece of land also. so the word most likely comes from the word cot or cote which of course stands for hut.

In the late 18th century you will see the same kind of cottages we are familiar with nowadays cropping up like the miner and weaver cottage types. Of course this is the British meaning for the word cottage and if you were in the USA it would mean something very different indeed. well in Northern America it would seem that cottage means more of a summer residence rather than anything else.

All in all it is worth taking that visit to [west Sussex cottages because they are great properties and well worth a stay at if you have the time and money!](#)

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