



## *Sutherlands*

Sutherlands was a private house rented by the Red Cross and operated by them as Berks 50. It opened 2nd November 1916 and closed 14th February 1919. As well as the house it also used an annexe of a neighbouring house belonging to Mr Leonard Sutton. It treated 1330 patients. The commandant was Mrs Childs and the medical officers were Dr Hastings Gilford and Dr March. Miss Lawton was the matron throughout.

After the war it was re-opened on 1st March 1919 on the request of the Ministry of Pensions to provide facilities for disabled Soldiers and Sailors who had been discharged but still needed caring for. It offered 35 regular beds plus four emergency beds. Up to the end of October 1919 it had cared for 169 patients, performing 54 operations.

It was operated by the Berkshire Red Cross with Mrs Phipps-Hornby as Commandant. The surgeon was Dr Hastings Gilford and the anaesthetist was Dr MacFarlane. The rest of the staff were two sisters, three VAD nurses, two cooks and a housemaid with Miss Phipps-Hornby acting as quartermaster.

Mr Leonard Sutton whose house was to the north of the hospital made his garden available to the patients.