

Early Fabric in Historic Towns Project Southwell

17 – 19 King Street (Boots), Southwell, Nottinghamshire

Grid Reference: SK 7015 5401

Initial Survey Date: 26/03/2014

Listing:

Does not appear to be on the listed buildings record.

Nottinghamshire HER Entry: 3.70.273

Maps:

This building appears on the 1841 Tithe Map as item 78 [1] and was owned by

Henry Richardson. It was occupied by David Frecknall and others and was described as houses and yard. Prior to being redeveloped by Boots, the shop was Harris's Furniture Store throughout the 1980s and 1990s.



Description of building:

The building was originally T shaped 2 units of one and half storeys originally built in the 18th century and subsequently extended at the rear. More recently it has been a furniture shop (late 20th century) and became a Boots outlet in about 2010. A ground floor side door in the north east gable has been converted to a display window. In the roof there are 2 dormer windows which may be a later addition and seem to be cut into a wooden wall plate. The windows have a different arrangement of panes of glass. Both have a single bottom pane but one has 6 smaller panes at the top and the other has a 2 x 4 arrangement of panes.

It has a slate roof with the ridge line running parallel to the road, i.e. north-east to south-west, the rear slope has an out-shut (cat-slide) slope. There is a central chimney stack but no visible pots. The rear has a brick cornice. There is a part parapet showing on the west gable. The ridge line of the rear extension, probably built in two phases, runs in a north-west to south-east direction at different heights. There is a central chimney and a gable which has a double course of long thin header bricks. There is a modern extension at the west side of the earlier extension which has a felt and tar flat roof and 2 long windows under concrete lintels.

Interpretation:

Obviously this single trading outlet was originally 2 separate dwellings. There is evidence of at least 2 extensions at the rear and the dormer windows may have been added at a later date. They have probably been re-glazed at separate times. It is attached to both properties either side but obviously built at a separate time to the other properties as the roof line does not align up with either side. The building on the south-west end is a 3 storey building whilst the north-east building is the modern library.



Plate 1: The frontage showing the parapet, dormers and shop front, viewed looking north.



Plate 2: The slate tiles, lead flashing of the dormer and wooden wall plate, viewed looking north.



Plate 3: Rear range gable end with header bricks, viewed looking south.



Plate 4: The rear roof with central chimney, viewed looking east.



Plate 5: The rear roof of the front unit showing the out-shut (cat-slide) slope, viewed looking south-east.

Plate 6: The Tithe Map showing the location of Boots, no. 78



[1] Ref: Nottinghamshire County Council: Nottinghamshire Archive: AT123 1b/1c

