

Early Fabric in Historic Towns Project

24 King Street, (part of Gossips with no.26) Southwell, Nottinghamshire

Grid Ref: SK 7015 5400

Initial Survey: 26/03/2014

Listings:

English Heritage Building ID: 242387

Grade II

Date Listed: 09/02/1973

Nottinghamshire HER entry: 3.70.105

Maps:

According to the 1841 Tithe Map and Apportionment Book (plot 17) [1] this property was owned by James Simpson and occupied by Henry Charles Little. It is described as a house and shop.



Description of building:

Gossips Café, established in 1986, is housed in two buildings, nos 24 & 26 King Street.

No 24 is a 3 storey brick built building 2 rooms deep with its gable end facing the street. The ground floor has a modernised glazed café front with a central entrance with large single paned windows either side above which are three decorative airbricks. The second floor has a central projecting oriel bay window with evidence of two older segmental arch windows now bricked in. The third floor has a central sash window with curved segmental lintel. The brickwork is laid in Flemish bond with a few random courses and the frontage is colour washed.

The slate roof is steeply pitched with a single tall modern chimney stack on the South-West rear corner. The coping bricks are dentilated with a small overhang 2 courses thick consisting of thin bricks for their length.

The rear of the building has bare random courses of old 2 inch wide bricks many badly worn. On the right of the building is a modern raised doorway approached by a flight of stairs. The ground floor has a modern sash window flanked by ventilation grills, the second floor a 12 light sash window with a decorative tile lintel and on the third floor a central modern casement replacing an earlier wider window.

Interpretation:

An 18th century or earlier building with many later alterations now merged with No 26 to form a café.



Plate 1: Rear of 24 King Street, viewed looking north-west.



Plate 2: Plain dentilated header bricks on the front gable, viewed looking east.



Plate 3: A 2 inch brick on the rear wall, viewed looking north-west.



Plate 4: Decorative air bricks above the café entrance, viewed looking south-east.

(a)

(b)



Plate 5: The bare, random courses of old 2 inch wide bricks many badly worn on the rear wall (a) compared to the colour washed front brickwork in Flemish bond with a few random courses.

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According to the 1841 Tithe Map and Apportionment Book (plot 17) [1] this property was owned by John Leek and occupied by Thomas Leek and others. It is described as a house and yard.

Description of Building:

This is a single unit building, three stories high and two rooms deep. It is orientated north-east to south-west. The building is of brick but the frontage is colour washed white. There is a string of denticulated (dog-toothed) bricks in the eaves. The south-west gable is of stretcher-bond brick and the frontage comprises five courses of stretcher-bond alternating with one of headers.

The roof is gabled but at 90° to no. 24 and the pitch is very shallow, especially when compared to no. 24. The roof is slate-tiled. There are no chimneys. On the south west cable the wall is denticulated horizontally just behind the front fascia.

On the ground floor, at the left of the building, there is a gated passage leading to the rear topped with a rough brick segmental arch with tapered mortar joints. To the right of this is a centrally placed square non-opening window with six panes, three above and below. Above it a modern display board with a wooden protection above. To the right of this is evidence of a bricked-up doorway with a painted wooden lintel.

On the first floor there is a centrally placed, tall, rectangular window with vertical sash, six panes above and below with a projecting black-painted sill. Above the window is a keystone lintel.

On the second floor, in line with the lower windows, there is a square vertical sash window with three panes above and below. Again there is a keystone lintel above the window and a black painted sill below.

The rear of building is built of brick of different types. The ground floor appears to be built from modern bricks with a window that has been filled with breeze-blocks. To the right there is a modern timber door with a rough brick segmental arch with tapered mortar joints over. The passageway from the front is open at the back capped with a timber lintel. The ceiling of the passage way has rough plaster between the exposed timber joists with an iron hook in the southern most beam. Separating the ground and first floor there is a course of long bricks.



On the first floor there is a modern casement window above the passageway and to the left a larger, square horizontal sash window, six panes above and below. On the second floor directly above the larger window is another, smaller, horizontal sash window, six panes above and below. Mounted on this window is a metal bar to allow the use of a rope to haul up goods. All three windows are capped with rough brick segmental arch with tapered mortar joints.



Plate 1: First floor sash window with keystone lintel, viewed looking south-east.



Plate 2: Gated passage leading to the rear topped with a rough brick segmental arch with tapered mortar joints, viewed looking south-east.



Plate 3: The rear of the property, viewed looking north-west.



Plate 4: Beamed passage with iron hook, viewed looking north-west.

Plate 5: The 1842 Tithe Map, 24 King Street is no.17
and 26 King Street is no.19



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



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