

## Early Fabric in Historic Towns Project Southwell

### 47 King St. – The Wheatsheaf Inn, Southwell, Nottinghamshire

**Grid Reference:** SK 7022 5406

**Initial survey date:** 04/03/2014

#### **Listing:**

English Heritage Building ID: 242404

Grade: II

Date Listed: 09/02/1973

Nottinghamshire HER entry: 3.70.110

#### **Maps:**

The Wheatsheaf appears on the 1841 Tithe Map and Apportionment Book [1] as plot number 66 where it is recorded as house and Wheatsheaf Inn owned by a Mr William Adamson.



#### **Description of building:**

The Wheatsheaf Inn is an L-shaped building. Facing King St. is a rectangular two storey two unit building, with cellar. It is a single room deep, brick building with painted rendering on the front face on which are two plat bands (above the ground floor and first floor windows), curved moulded eaves, a basal projecting black painted sandstone faced plinth, five sash windows ( the central one replacing an old doorway whose boot scraper survives) and a timber doorway at the right ( north ) end. The steeply pitched roof of concrete tiles is an uneven single ridge with raised parapets at both gable ends and two chimney stacks, one central passing through the ridge and one at the left in the gable (west) end. The brickwork on the west gable end is a random mixture of stretcher and header. Underneath the modern pub sign is the remains of an advertisement painted on the brick work.

The north wing facing the modern market place is a two storey brick building with several phases of brick work under a plain concrete tile roof. The entrance has full length glazing alongside the timber door. There are two small windows at ground level above which are two large vertical 6 over 6 sash windows. A modern plain brick single storey extension lies at the north end.

#### **Interpretation**

An early 18<sup>th</sup> century two unit 2 storey building which has undergone numerous alterations and extensions in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. An early 20<sup>th</sup> century photo shows that there used to be a central dormer window in the attic but this was removed during a late 20<sup>th</sup> century roof renovation.

Records show that there has been a public house here since the early 1700s along with cellars, brew-house, outbuildings and a large garden with pigsty [2].



Plate 1: The black painted sandstone plinth along the front of the property, viewed looking north.



Plate 2: The plat band and curved moulded eaves viewed looking north-east.



Plate 3: The side elevation showing the rear extension adjacent to the new Market Place, viewed looking north-east.



Plate 4: The boot scrapper in the plinth shows where the front door used to be, now a window, viewed looking west.



Plate 5: A circa 1920 photograph showing a dormer window in the roof, the central front door and boot scrapper where the central ground floor window is now situated, viewed looking south west.



Plate 6: 1841 Tithe Map showing the Wheatsheaf Inn as plot 66. The area denoted by plot 67 & 72 were demolished in the 1970s to make way from the modern market place.

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

[2] Southwell Inns & Alehouses, Roger Dobson, Nottinghamshire County Council, 2008 p59



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