

## Early Fabric in Historic Towns Project Southwell

### 54 King Street (Carpet Connection), Southwell, Nottinghamshire, NG25 0EN

**Grid Reference:** SK 7022 5406

**Initial Survey:** 04/03/2014

**Listing:**

English Heritage Building ID: 242393  
(also included in listing ID 242391 46 -54 King Street)  
Grade II  
Date Listed: 09/02/1973

Nottinghamshire HER Record 3.70.111

**Maps:**

It appears on the 1841 Tithe Map [1] as part of plot number 26.

**Description of building**

No 54 King Street is brick-built with gable end facing NE onto the King St frontage. It is a slightly skewed rhomboidal, single unit, two rooms deep with three storeys. It forms the northern end of a range of shops to which it is attached, although there is a clear straight joint between No 54 and the adjoining building, and at the first storey level there is a clear gap of less than 2 cms. There is a single storey twentieth century extension at the rear. The main building has a simple pantiled gable roof with the gable end facing the street. It is brick built, the frontage being Flemish bond and the side wall an irregular bond of inferior brick. There is a string course of inverted chamfered brick at eaves level which houses a lead gutter and cornice at the gable roof line of similar inverted chamfered brick. This arrangement creates a simple decorative pediment. Some of the header bricks within the pediment have a vitrified appearance which seems deliberate to create a decorative effect. There is a small chimney stack in the south-west corner of the roof, reaching half way from eaves to apex.

The ground floor frontage is painted brick with two modern large shop windows with a central glass door facing the street and, on the side wall, a small head-height window at the top of what appears to be a filled in doorway - the worn stone threshold indicates this could have been a main entrance and a course of darker brickwork suggests an earlier alleyway or lean-to. The plinth below the shop windows is faced in Mansfield stone and the NE side wall is rendered to a height of 3 to 4 feet. The corners of the side wall are not square and have rounded brickwork which extend up to the eaves. The shop front has large iron hinges on the outer sides of the windows and hooks on the left hand side, evidence of earlier shutters.

The second storey street elevation has two 6/6 vertical hung sash windows with rubbed and gauged brick flat arches, symmetrically spaced either side of a modern hanging sign. High up towards the rear of the side wall is a modern non-opening window with a simple brick flat arch lintel. One window remains on the rear gable.

There is a single non-opening window in the centre of each gable end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> storey roof space. Both windows have rubbed and gauged brickwork lintels. The shop front window is 9 paned in a rectangular opening, the rear window is 6 paned in an arched opening.

**Interpretation:** Late C18th/ early C19th built gable end onto King St frontage with probable origins as commercial property (shop). Phase 2 extension to rear to increase accommodation.





Plate1: No 54 King Street – View of north corner, viewed looking south-west.



Plate2: Shop frontage showing eaves level string course, pediment cornice and rubbed and gauged brick flat arches , viewed looking south.



Plate 3: Rear elevation viewed looking almost north.



Plate 4: Tithe Map 1841 – the westerly wing of plot 26

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