

## Early Fabric in Historic Towns Project - Southwell

### 63 King Street, Southwell, Nottinghamshire NG25 0EH

**Grid Reference:** SK 7025 5407

**Initial survey date:** 28/02/2014

**Listings:**

English Heritage Building ID: 242398

Grade: II

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Nottinghamshire HER entry:

3.70.116

**Maps**

No. 63 appears in the 1841 Tithe Map and Apportionment Book [1]. It is recorded as item 64 and was owned by

Thomas Marriott but occupied by John Spencer and other. It is described as a house, shop and garden which will have extended back into where the car park is now.



**Description of Building:**

63 King Street is a 2 unit brick cottage with rendered south facing front onto King Street. It is rectangular but truncated at the rear. It is a one and a half storey cottage with rooms in the attic. It has a steep pitched roof of “Dutch” pantiles with a south-west to north-east ridge line abutting adjoining properties on both sides. A tall chimney with two pots passes through the ridge at the centre. The rear has an out-shut extension with a catslide roof over a brick outer wall and a small yard. Much of the rear of the property as drawn on the Tithe Map now forms part of King Street car park.

The front elevation consists of a single rectangular door with 2 horizontal sliding sash windows, each of 3 sashes with 2x3 panes to the ground floor. Two similar dormer windows are built into the attic space, each 2 sashes with 2x2 panes, all of which slide horizontally. To the rear there is a large single dormer style window, 3 horizontal sliding sashes with 2x2 panes in each. This is situated in the centre of the lower sloping roof. There is an enclosed courtyard at the rear.

**Interpretation:**

The wavy roofline suggests a possibly 17<sup>th</sup> century, single-floored, timber-framed building, but it has been extensively altered in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries; for instance, the rendering to the front wall and the conversion of the roof space into bedrooms, even the window frames have been recently replaced. The 1<sup>st</sup> floor front windows can be made out in a late Victorian photograph circa 1900.

The chimney is unusually tall, probably not the original, and is constructed with uniform bricks in a stretcher pattern. The roof line rises to meet the chimney, suggesting that it has been rebuilt after the cottages either side were added and suggesting that this was originally two separate premises. The ceiling construction in the passage way indicates age. If the cottages either side were built after this cottage then the dormer windows could have been added later to allow more light into the property.

In 1975 there was a duplicate passage way between no. 63 and the present "One Stop" shop. The grey brown door is false, since the passage way has been incorporated into the shop. The passage way to the right, mirroring the one on the left, was built when the cottage next door was added, evidenced by the adjoining wall between the properties. The ceiling of the passage way shows early beam supports with an over plastered reed infill.



Plate 1: The front door and one of the horizontal sliding sash windows. The blocked off false door of the adjoining One-Stop shop can be clearly seen, viewed looking north-west.



Plate 2: A front dormer window, viewed looking north-west.



Plate 3: The central chimney with the rising roof line, viewed looking north-west.



Plate 4: The rear north-west facing view of the roof and rear dormer, the out-shut roof and the passage between 63 and 65, viewed looking south-east.



Plate 5: The beams, reed and plaster overlay in the ceiling of the passage between 63 & 65, viewed looking south-east.



Plate 6: The 1841 Tithe Map of the north east end of King Street showing the location of no 63 King Street [ 64 ]. Notice the much bigger rear yard and surrounding properties.

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



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