

HISTORIC HEART OF GAINSBOROUGH

37 Lord Street

Description

A three-storey brick building of the early 19th Century. The building features two multi-paned sash windows to the 1st and 2nd floors beneath rusticated lintels and a stone sill. At ground floor level is a modern shopfront with brick surround. The building is grade II listed.



History



The shop shown to the far right in this image is first listed in 1822 as a shoemaker's until 1851 when it became a butchers shop owned by John Johnson. We can see meat hanging outside the shop window in this image. The business changed hands many times over the next 80 years but always remained a butchers with the last butchery business run by Stovins, the pork butchers, from 1928 until 1953.

Stovins had previously operated from number 31, shown in this image as the bow-windowed first shop next to the alleyway into Littlechurch Lane. The old painted 'Stovins' sign can still be seen in this photograph above the door of that first shop.

No. 37 re-opened as the Halifax Building Society in 1955, which seems to be when the original shopfront was lost.

Planned improvements under the Townscape Heritage Initiative

- Allow for roof repairs (not visible from the ground), repair projecting timber cornice and relead.
- Repoint eastern gable with lime mortar. Repoint chimneystack and renew lead flashing, reinstate 4 clay pots.
- Replace existing uPVC rainwater goods with cast iron.
- Replace missing glazing from timber sliding sash window and repaint, minor overhaul of all timber sash windows.
- Strip paint from stone sills and lintels.
- Remove internally illuminated signage and banners and rationalise and remove redundant wiring boxes /fixings and fixtures to the frontage.
- Reinststate traditional shopfront on brick stallrisers with a side entrance, to match the original design shown in historic photographs.

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