

HISTORIC HEART OF GAINSBOROUGH

39 Lord Street

Description

This little 18th century building is grade II listed and has two storeys beneath a steep pantile roof. The elevation is rendered with two multi-paned sliding Yorkshire sash casement windows to the first floor and a wooden cornice. At ground level the shopfront appears to retain a substantial fabric from a 19th century frontage with a central entrance flanked by plain pilasters and parts of projecting moulded cornice. The building is grade II listed.



History



In 1876 this shop was run by T H Roberts who sold confectionary and groceries. By 1903 it was taken over by George Jackson Morris who traded from here as a confectioner until 1958. This image shows the shop in the early 1900s with a 'cigars' sign above the shop window. Its neighbours were the White Lion public house, and Wilmott's butchers, which can be seen with the chopping block in the street outside its door. When the White Lion was demolished in the 1920s, this little shop survived relatively unchanged.

Anne Batty took over in 1962 as a grocer and number 39 remains in the hands of the Batty family, selling fruit and vegetables today.

Planned improvements under the Townscape Heritage Initiative

- Investigate underlying roof structure and repair/relay the clay pantile roof including lead flashings to adjacent property. Re-bed and point ridge. Allow for a new timber soffit and fascia at eaves level.
- Replace PVC rainwater goods to front elevations with cast iron.
- Remove banner signage and provide new blind canopy with appropriate signage.
- Provide traditional hand painted signage to fascia.
- Overhaul shopfront, replacing signage and door with items of traditional design to match central entrance shopfront shown in historic photographs, removing modern timbers and recreating projecting cornice above shopfront.

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