



THE MIDHURST SOCIETY

## MIDHURST: WOOL LANE / DUCK LANE

Wool Lane, East side

No 3

(Formerly listed as No 2 and the house adjoining)

GV II 21/70 Listed 18.6.1959

Now one house. C17 or earlier timber-framed building with plaster infilling, the first floor wholly plastered and oversailing on brackets. Stone base. Tiled roof.

Casement windows. Two storeys. Three windows. Forms a Group with buildings in Rumbold's Hill.

Listing NGR: SU8860121497



Extract from the Sussex entries of the **Victoria County History**:

"Farther north [from the Bricklayers' Arms] on the east side of Wool Lane are two

reconditioned cottages with jettied upper stories, one mostly plastered and the other showing some 16th- or 17th-century framing."

Wool Lane, East side

Wool Cottage

Grade II 31/71

House. Restored C17 or earlier timber-framed house with plaster infilling, ground floor rebuilt in stone. First floor oversailing, south half tile-hung. Tiled roof. Casement windows. Two storeys. Three windows.

Listing NGR: SU8860321472

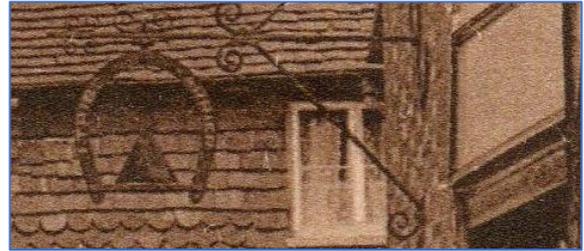


[anecdotal: In 1918 the Rev Tatchell started a Girls' Club in the portion nearest the camera. He bequeathed it to his secretary, Miss Sayer, in 1934. She was still living there in the 1970s. She also owned two houses in Little Ashfield, built by Rev Tatchell. Did he also leave these to Miss Sayer?]



"It was called Rother Wells in the 1970s and was my Fathers' shop. We sold garden, kitchen and pet foods plus horse and chicken feeds etc. There was a big barn at the back where we stored all the stock and sacks of food. The frontage was in Wool Lane and backed onto Duck Lane. When my father sold it it was turned into four cottages. Two at the front and two at the back. Also, the business was called Wittmans, owned by the Wittman family but owned by Bartholomews of Chichester before my Father bought it.

"George Melville and Mrs Maxwell bought the property from my Father and converted it in about 1979 and called that cottage Fleece Cottage because of the connection with Wool Lane. When we lived in the flat above the shop we called it Merino Flat - again the wool/sheep connection." ~ **Lyn Oram**



The bracket is still there, but the horseshoe is long-gone.

**Ken Mordle** thinks it was Stride's the blacksmith out the back.

Wool Lane, East side  
The Bricklayers Arms  
Public House

[for more information see entry under West Street]



Grade II 21/72

Public House. C17 timber-framed building with the timbering exposed in the east half of the south front but otherwise refaced stucco and painted brick on ground floor and tile-hung above on the south front and wholly painted brick on the west front. Tiled roof. Casement windows. Open passage on ground floor of south front containing an old pump. Two storeys. Four windows facing west, two windows facing south.

Listing NGR: SU8860721435

Wool Lane, West side  
Chantry Cottage

Grade II 21/73

House. Early C19. Stuccoed. Tiled roof. Windows with wooden shutters and glazing bars intact. Doorway in reeded architrave surround with projecting cornice and door of four moulded panels. Two storeys. One window.

Listing NGR: SU8858721478



---

Wool Lane, West side  
Burnell House

Grade II 21/74

House. The south half is C17 timber-framed building with painted brick infilling the ground floor rebuilt in stone rubble, now painted. The north half is a C18 addition in painted brick. Tiled roof to the whole. Casement windows. Two storeys. Four windows.

Listing NGR: SU8859021464



Outside is a roof-high Pyracantha, usually playing host to a flock of twittering birds. "The Sparrow Bush".

---



*These photos above, courtesy of WSCC, show internal decorations and the rear view of Wool Lane*



*Photo of Wool Lane in 1934 supplied by Alf Horlock*



*Painting of Wool Lane by James Shearer owned by Matt Dummer*

## DUCK LANE

Nos 4, 6 and 7

Grade II 21/69

One building. Range of C18 cottages of interesting silhouette. Hythe sandstone and Midhurst stone rubble, now painted. Tiled roof. Casement windows. One storey and attic. Seven windows. Seven dormers.

Listing NGR: SU8863621514

[Ronald Boxall was born in Number 3 - "A Midhurst Lad"]

