

## Heritage Statement for 8 King Street, Leek Staffs, St13 5NW

No.8 King Street lies within a continuous three storey terrace of brick construction between Broad Street and Albion Street close to Leek Town Centre.

It lies within the Leek Town Centre Conservation Area and as a result any householder planning application should be supported by a Heritage Statement to identify the affect of any proposal on an asset and assess any impact on it's setting. This should be undertaken in a way which is proportional to the asset and the degree of proposed impact.

The properties are of individual interest as the majority are typical of Silk Weavers garret houses distinguished by their weavers windows, however when the conservation officer visited the property when we purchased he believed that no6/8/10 to have been built for management of Albion Mill.

Further south on King Street abutting the Albion Mill there is a terrace of five cottages which are grade II listed. Of note in the listing is that the original windows on the King Street return of the larger Albion Mill, may have had cast iron fixed sashes, some of which appear to have survived intact at the time of listing

King Street has generally been well preserved and remains a good example of the weavers cottage terrace. The plan configuration is narrow frontage double pile with a half basement. Construction is of solid red brick, Flemish bond with blue brick headers, Welsh slate roofed and the original windows of sliding sash timber

The front elevation directly onto the pavement of King Street has conventional vertical sash window openings with stone sill and heads. To the rear a paved yard lies between a two storey extension probably over the original single storey outrigger with a further single storey mono pitch lean to, there is access for No 10 across the yard then a garden which extends by approx. 20m

All the windows of the property underwent renovation in 2010 by heritage company Ventrolla, but have subsequently deteriorated. The proposed work entails replacement of the sash timber window to the front elevation, with new sash timber windows and returning the sills back to stone. As part of the renovation the 2 over 2 configuration of the window panes will be returned to the original eight over eight. The windows will be fitted with lead weights as the original and local contractor Lymewood Architectural Joinery have been contracted to carry out the work , as their work and windows have been approved in at least 5 other properties on King Street including a property in the listed section of King Street

We would like the windows to be painted in Farrow and Ball Railings, as this is the colour of the front door and tones well with the blue brick headers, we believe that the replacement of the windows to the front elevation will not impact but enhance the character and architectural value of the street which the conservation area seeks to protect