

before repair

Grade 2* mid 15th century timber framed dwelling in City of Gloucester



Front elevation supported on temporary steel frame



Typical view of internal wall frame and floors



Mock up of bargeboard

66 Westgate Street is one of the few intact timber framed dwellings left in the city of Gloucester. It was built on a major route into the city, close to the west gate and a minutes walk from the cathedral. It was designed as two dwellings, each with a shop and workshop on the ground floor with living accommodation above, but in the 18th century was linked into one unit and refashioned with sash type windows replacing mullioned windows and the frame concealed behind a pebble dash render. In the 19th century the shopfront was replaced again but the original pattern of the building was still retained behind this facade.

It had been taken into ownership by the city council but its condition became so perilous that it was shored up by steel work externally and was left empty, and at risk, for tens of years.

Nick Joyce Architects LLP carried out a detailed structural appraisal and feasibility studies for its reuse, but it still failed to attract interest from Building Restoration Trusts or developers so was eventually acquired by Nick Joyce himself and restored. It is now a thriving local cafe with living accommodation above.

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