

THE WOLF HUNT HOUSE

18 High Street, Mansfield Woodhouse

Edwin Tyne Rouse established his tailor's business at The Wolf Hunt House in 1878. It was still there until 1965 ran by Mr S. T. Rouse.

The Army Stores and Beth Wilson's wool shop was based at the Wolf Hunt House in the 1970s until Mr and Mrs Wilson's retirement in the 1980s.

Mrs J. Abbott ran the Robin Hood Gallery at the Wolf Hunt House for a short time after that. For several years Tony Hewson ran his management accountancy at the Wolf Hunt House.

A Stitch in Time was based there in 1993.

Country Cradles was there.

The Tile Inn occupied the shop in 1999.

A firm called 'Cash King' occupied the building in 2012.

Kitmaster Supplies were at the property in 2016

Forever and More, a wedding accessories shop, was there in 2021.

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The Wolf Hunt House as we see it today dates from the mid-18th century with alterations made in the 19th century.

But the cellars form part of the original house on the site which was built some centuries before.

When wolves roamed freely around the heavily wooded area of Sherwood Forest, it was an area rich in livestock, both domesticated and wild, sheep, cattle and deer. These animals were easy prey for a pack of wolves.

As far back as the mid-13th century there is a record of a wolf hunter in Mansfield Woodhouse, one Alan de Lorimer, who held as part of his job, a bovate** of land at Mansfield Woodhouse called Wolf Hunt land. His job included warning the local people that wolves were in the vicinity by the blowing of a horn, setting traps to catch the wolves and then slaying them specifically by bill hook and spear (not by bow and arrow). ** A bovate of land is the amount of land that could be kept in cultivation by a single ox.

The first date mentioning a messuage, which is a dwelling house, held as part of the job, was about 1339.

Sir Robert Plumpton inherited the house, land, and job in 1432.

Sir John Digby acquired the Wolf Hunt House in 1677.

In 1801 the Wolf Hunt House was the property of Mr S. Housley.