

## Statement of Significance

38 High Street  
Wickwar  
Wotton-under-Edge  
GL12 8NP



The application relates to the replacement of 2 No windows on the front elevation on a Grade II listed residential dwelling.

The listed building entry states the following:

*ST 7288WICKWARHIGH STREET (west side)*

*9/195Nos. 36 and 38*

*G.V.II*

*House and shop, in the village street. Late C18/early C19. Rendered; double Roman tiled roof. 2 storeys. Two early C20 bow windows with bracketted cornice; glazing bar sash windows on first floor. Central panelled door in a doorcase with pilasters and a broken pediment.*

The property was first listed in June 1984 with a list entry number: 34819

A large number of the properties on the High Street were listed on this date. A few were listed at an earlier date, namely No's 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16, listed on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1975, and the Old Schoolhouse, listed on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1961

This statement has been prepared in accordance with the South Gloucestershire Local Plan, adopted January 2006; South Gloucestershire Core Strategy, adopted December 2013 and Planning for the Historic Environment, September 1994.



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Other historical references were found online, including an article on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010 for the Gazette, which wrote;

“The former antiques shop, on High Street, has recently been restored by local builders Ernie Calder and Mike Mewse and during the project, the friends uncovered two hidden rooms along with tales of its forgotten past.

Bell Passage Antiques occupied 36 to 38 High Street for nearly 40 years but closed when its owner Daphne Brand passed away in 2005. A large warehouse and barn at the rear housed a restoration workshop employing eight antiques specialists but this is not the sprawling property's only former use.

In the late 19th century to the end of World War One the building was home to John Arnold and Sons Brewery, employing many local people who produced beer which was sold far and wide. Horses and carts were said to have been a wonderful sight as they accessed The Bell Entry, a walkway between High Street and the fields beyond, to take water from the deep well in the courtyard.

The shop front was also an off licence in the 1900s selling George's pale and bitter ale, Guinness, cider and porter named after George's Brewery of Bristol, which delivered its own beer to Wickwar.

A doctor's surgery was held twice weekly in the sitting room and it was also once offices for Arnold's Quarries.

During World War Two, the buildings were taken over by Parnalls aircrafts of Yate and turned into a components factory. In 1940, a watch tower was built where lookouts would start the siren warning villagers of an oncoming raid.”