

## **Heritage Statement 15 Garden Street Lewes**

15 Garden Street is an end of terrace house at the corner of Garden Street and Eastport Lane. It is in a conservation area.

It was constructed as part of a short terrace of four in the 1920s following the demolition of a short-lived religious chapel, itself replacing a terrace of smaller houses numbered from 12 to 16 which were in existence in the 19th century. 15 Garden Street is the house on the right in the picture below. The terrace is numbered consecutively in the old style common in central Lewes.



The four properties are arranged as two pairs, 12 being slightly larger than the others having taken up an historic alleyway between the building and the older surviving terrace, numbered 11 downwards continuing up the hill. Owing to the upward slope, 12 and 13 are stepped up from 14 and 15 but within the pairs window levels have been visually matched.

12 and 13 have retained their original brick facade, and 14 and 15 have long been painted in pale colours. Both pairs have retained their distinctive timber decorations to the front elevation, hanging tile panel between the upper and lower bay windows, their external downpipes in a prominent position between the paired front doors and the original window pane configuration and window lighted front doors.

12 has roof lights to the front as do many other properties in the surrounding area. This does not affect the overall cohesion and rhythm of the terrace. All four properties have retained their chimneys. 13 and 14 in the middle have retained what was probably their original slightly crenellated front wall but both 12 and 15 have long had smooth topped boundary walls with just columns at the corners and either side of the front gate.

15 Garden Street is not listed and would not be suitable for listing but is a building which forms part of the rhythm of the local streetscape.