

36 Main St. Kirkby-in-Ashfield

Harry Johnson Award for Conservation, 2002

Budget: £100,000

Completion: Autumn 2000

This Grade II listed house situated within the Kirkby conservation area, is dated 1738 over the main door. It is a good example of a typical hall farm house, with an end-on orientation to the road. Three elevations are built of stone with stone mullioned windows, but the street end was re-constructed in rendered brickwork when it became the local post office.

Although there were several later additions and much internal 'upgrading', many of the original features of the house were concealed including window openings, beamed structure, some lime-ash flooring and original fireplaces. An early timber stair with fretwork balusters has been revealed, in addition to a vaulted brickwork cellar, indicating an earlier 17th century date for the house.

Following an initial condition survey, specialist details and specifications were provided for

masonry and timberwork repairs as well as replacement of modern windows with new sash to appropriate period design. In addition, a sensitive upgrade was undertaken to enable modern living conditions, the main concern being re-instatement of original features and openings including removal of later extensions.

Services Provided

Jeffrey Keays Associates provided specialist consultancy services for the upgrade, repair and restoration of the house, including negotiations with local authorities and English Heritage.

Images

- 1 Restored E. elevation following demolitions.
- 2 Laying of new lime ash floor over reeding.
- 3 Date stone over original farmhouse entrance.
- 4 Restored W. elevation following demolitions.
- 5 Timber stair with fretwork balusters.

