

Address - 1 Main Street, Fishguard, Pembrokeshire, SA65 9HG

National Grid Reference - SM 958209 37042 Easting 195829 Northing 237042

Designated Grade II Listed Building reference 12302 – listed 24/11/1978, amended 07/01/2002

Building is in the Fishguard & Goodwick Conservation Area

A long narrow building constructed of rubble masonry with timber floor and ceiling joists. The roof is constructed of timber A-frame trusses (principal rafters) supporting 95mm purlins that hold 63mm common rafters in place. On top of the common rafters are sarking boards then slate on the exterior.

There is a basement, ground floor and first floor. The basement walls at their thickest are 900mm to the base of the ground floor walls with the rest of the building having 600mm thick walls. Each level is one open space apart from the first floor which has a separate toilet and bathroom.

The property's main use has always been a shop of some form dating back to the late 19th Century when it was built as a drapers by William James. After this it was a dress maker, a department store (Ocky Whites), a boutique clothes store, decorating centre and more recently a gift shop selling crystals and fossils. Until August 2022 the building had remained empty for 14 years. The primary listing of the building is for its elaborate shopfront with fascia between fluted console brackets, the fascia has a built-in awning. There are fluted pilasters either side of a central deeply recessed entry between fine curving plate glass shop windows each with slim framing shafts and curved spandrel brackets. Large plate glass windows flank the entry passage. It has a glazed door etched with WJ for William James and a carved scrolled pediment above.

It is believed that there have been several builds resulting in the current property size. To the northern end there is an adjoined smaller property that was separated within the last 10 years and sold on. It is possible that this was of earlier construction and the building has been added to resulting in the current shopfront on Main Street. There is evidence of a blocked-up door at the rear of the ground floor shop that would have linked the two properties prior to their separation. There is also evidence of older staircases now removed, one central opening linking the first floor to ground floor to basement and one at the rear linking the first floor to the basement.

Unfortunately, due to modernisation over the years most of the original features have been lost internally. There has been some tongue and groove wall and ceiling panelling uncovered and I believe this still runs throughout the walls of the building but now covered with fibreboard, plasterboard and gypsum plaster.

Single glazed sash windows are in place but none of these are original. It is believed the existing windows were installed around 20 years ago.

Whilst further internal modernisation will take place, the exterior shopfront will remain the same other than colour.











































































































