

Data Collection - Street Scene

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- Reference number on area map: .01
- Street: Village Street from Village Green looking SE.
- Photos taken 15 photos by Gillian Smith
- Description of Street Scene:

From the Village Green looking South along Village Street, on the left hand corner are two old cottages, of brick, Pool House and Pool Cottage. (VG2 and VG1) (possibly formerly of wood with infill, replaced by brick)

Looking down Village Street from point 01, the former Council Houses on the Western side are built on a raised bank are set well back from the road. There are four red Horse Chestnut trees set at intervals along this grassy bank, three mature trees and one planted more recently. The width of the street and the open ground between the road and the former Council Houses gives a great feeling of space. The open grassy area should be retained and is suggested as a candidate for the Local Green Space initiative. Parking of cars on the grassy area should be discouraged. Some houses have “driveways” of strips of concrete leading to their houses, and the houses not possessing this facility should have similar driveways installed, so that the grass itself could be maintained as a general village amenity.

On the East side of Village Street VS1 and VS2 Two Black and White Cottages, possibly C17, with thatched roofs.

Next door a series of conversions of farm buildings VS3, The Barns, which formerly belonged to Langton House (VS4, C19 Imposing Georgian house, next door to the Barns development). The Barns are set around a courtyard with small garden areas in front of the development.

A terrace of four Council Houses VS5 are set between Langston House and the former farm buildings of Dalkeith House, another C19th Georgian house (VS7)

VS6 , Harvest Court, are the converted buildings belonging formerly to Dalkeith House. These are reached under an archway joined to Dalkeith House, and again are set around a courtyard with gardens in front of each house. They have been developed from outbuildings and stables and encroach on the Georgian House and its surroundings.

Village Street then turns a corner, past the garden of Dalkeith House on the LHS and the garden of The Old Rectory on the RHS, past the turning to Finch Lane, and then on the RHS just before the T-Junction into Village Street, is VS8,

The Retreat, a C19th Georgian House, and VS9 is The Old Bakery, a C19 former Bakehouse and shop.

This section of Village Street from the Village Green to the junction with Church Street exhibits a range of buildings from the C17 to the C20. The C20 additions to the street are two modern houses (built probably within the past 30 years) between Pool Cottage and The Olde Cottage, and the two developments of Council Houses described above. The conversions of outbuildings and barns to dwelling houses have been done sympathetically but it does mean that these houses encroach on and detract from the two large Georgian houses on Village Street. Comparing these developments with similar developments of surrounding The Grange, the latter has been developed without encroaching upon the Grange.

The Overall “feel” of this section of Village Street is of a varied collection of houses built over the past four hundred years, with infilling where possible using existing farm buildings. There is therefore a more diverse population than is likely to exist in a more planned environment, and does mean that the population of Harvington does mix together, which contributes to the charm of the village.