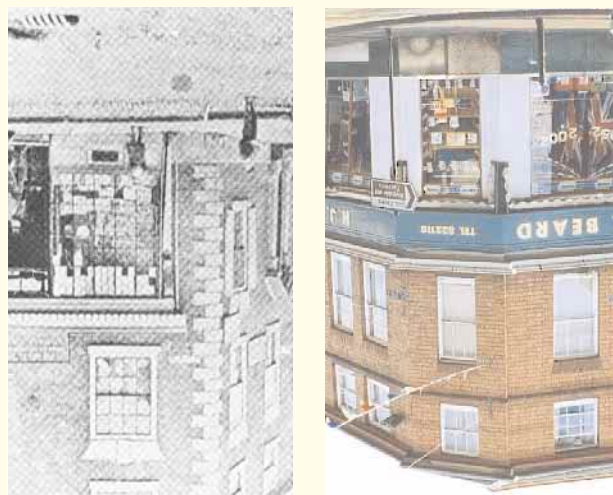




The photograph on the right dates from circa 1880. To accommodate a new entrance at the corner (see below) to alter the 90 degree abutment of the walls in order to rebuild after a fire, it appears the opportunity was taken when the corner of New Street and High Street was



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|------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 2007 | H.J. Beard | Electrical Goods |
| 1975 | H.J. Beard | Electrical Goods |
| 1932 | John Thomas & Co. | Grocer & Tea Dealer |
| 1928 | Peter Bonaccorsi | Dining Rooms |
| 1924 | Mrs Mary Ann Moss | Dining Rooms |
| 1916 | Edwin & Edith Green | Upholsterer |
| 1912 | Alfred P. Micklewright | Furniture Dealer |
| 1908 | Charles Turner | Furniture Dealer |
| 1905 | Turner & Co. | Furniture Dealer |

34 High Street

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|------|------------------|--|
| 2007 | Lloyds Pharmacy | Chemist |
| 1995 | Lloyds | Chemist |
| 1989 | Savory & Moore | Chemist |
| ?? | Quality Cleaners | Dry Cleaning |
| ?? | The Toy Box | Toys |
| ?? | M.A. Grinnall | Sports equipment, tackle, toys |
| 1935 | Mr A.E. Bateman | Tobacconist, sports, toys |
| 1928 | Mr & Mrs Green | Tobacconist, fishing tackle, musical instruments |
| 1905 | C.H. Watson | Clerk to UDC |
| 1891 | Robert Rawlings | Grocer |

32a High Street

In 1932 part of the shop became 32a
1932 Valeting Service Dyers and cleaners



circa 1970 P. Gibbons

33 High Street

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|-------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 2007 | Nationwide | Building Society |
| 2001 | Nationwide | Building Society |
| 1995 | S.A. Lawson | Financial Consultant |
| 1989 | Bradford & Bingley | Building Society |
| 1960s | Peter Wase | Greengrocer & Pet Shop |
| 1940 | William Edward Smith | Greengrocer & Tea Shop |
| 1936 | William Edward Smith | Greengrocer |
| 1932 | Sid Williamson | Fruiterer |
| 1928 | Albert Davies | Greengrocer |
| 1921 | Albert Knowles | Greengrocer |
| 1912 | Ada Elizabeth Hartle | Greengrocer |
| 1904 | Arthur Hartle | Fruiterer |
| 1891 | Sarah Hodges | Greengrocer |
| 1879 | Thomas Hodges | Greengrocer & Carrier |
| 1873 | Thomas Hodges | Seedsman & Fruiterer |

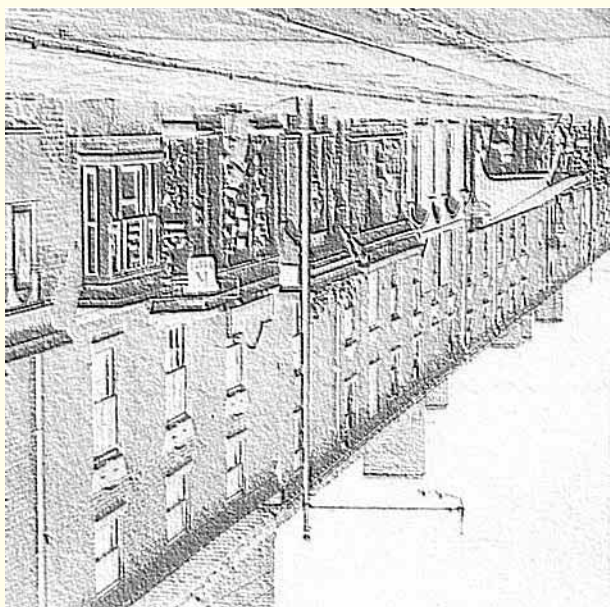


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On the Plan of Stour Port, surveyed by James Sherriff in 1802, the thoroughfare we now know as High Street is identified as Bridge Street. A plan held by British Waterways, undated but believed to be circa 1810, also shows High Street as Bridge Street. Lewis's 1820 Trade Directory lists businesses operating in High Street, therefore the name must have been in use by this time.



Unlocking Stourport's Past

24 High Street

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|------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 2007 | Legs Clothing Company | Clothing |
| 2003 | Legs Clothing Company | Clothing |
| 1997 | Cancer Research UK | Charity Shop |
| 1997 | P.R. Freeman | Estate Agent |
| 1994 | Stanley Barten | Outfitter |
| 1916 | Stanley Barten | Outfitter & Tobacconist |
| 1906 | Stanley Barten | Tobacconist |
| 1905 | G. Ward | Tobacconist |
| 1900 | James John Wade | Tobacconist |
| 1891 | Charles Jefferies | Carpenter |

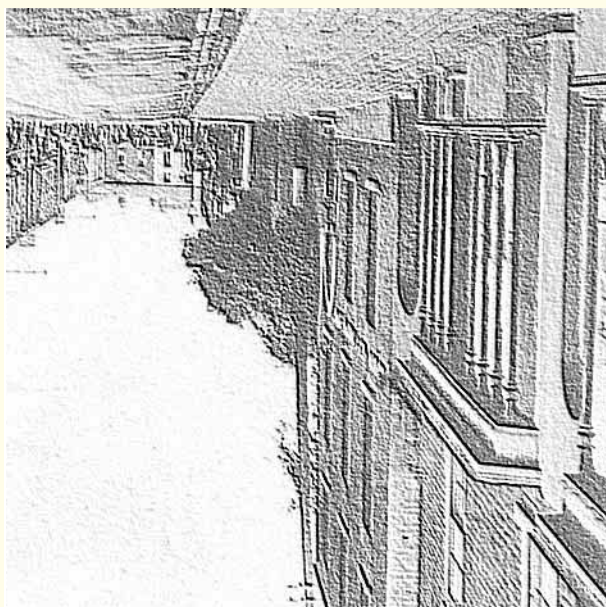
In 1916 Stanley Barten added 25 High Street to make a double-fronted shop.
In 1928 Glover's boot and shoe shop at 23 High Street was also acquired by Stanley Barten.
In 1994 Mrs. Freda Barten retired and the tobacconist part of the business closed.
On 1st February 1997 Stanley Barten outfitters moved to Bewdley Road, Stourport.



The original Stanley Barten shop at 24 High Street.



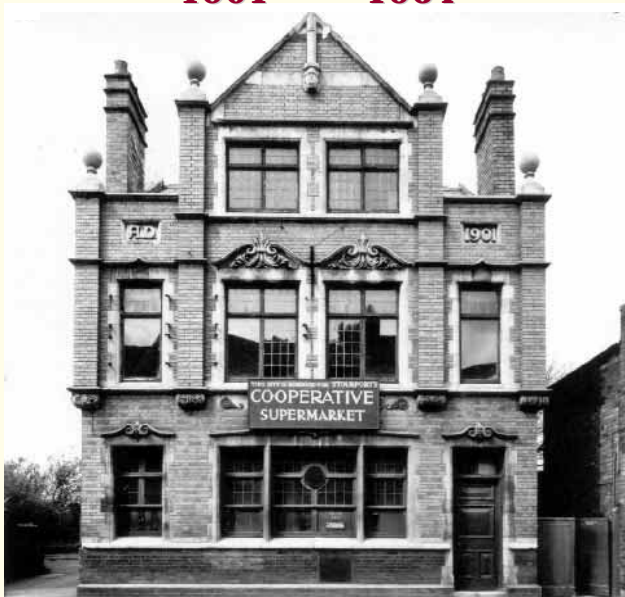
This mosaic still exists in the entrance to 25 High Street. A similar mosaic can be seen in Bewdley at the corner entrance of the shop at the junction of Load Street and High Street.



Information has been sourced from various Trade Directories published between 1820 and 1948. The predominant directory was Kelly's, beginning in 1854, and generally published every four years from 1860 to 1940. Prior to 1900 the Trade Directories did not use numbers to identify individual properties.

Unlocking Stourport High Street

Stourport Post Office 1901 - 1964



Builder Joseph Ward, who lived next door, designed and built this Post Office in 1901. In this photograph, taken in the mid 1960s by County Conservationist Paul Gibbons, the writing on the signboard reads **THIS SITE IS RESERVED FOR STOURPORT'S CO-OPERATIVE SUPERMARKET**. The Co-op Outfitters shop was situated next door at that time; it could be that the intention was to build one large store on the land occupied by both premises. The Co-operative Supermarket did not materialise and, after demolition of the Post Office in 1968, the current Woolworth's store was constructed.

Businesses in High Street in 1820

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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Barge Owner | Plumber & Glazier (three) |
| Blacksmith | Post Maker |
| Brazier | Shoe Maker (four) |
| Butcher | Shopkeeper |
| Coal Merchant | Straw Bonnet Maker |
| Cooper | Surgeons |
| Draper & Tea Dealer | Tailor |
| Dress Maker | Tailor & Draper |
| Druggist & Grocer | Tailor & Habit Maker |
| Gentlewoman | Tea Dealer |
| Grocer | Timber Merchant |
| Grocer & Tea Dealer | Waterman |
| Hair Dresser | Lewis's Trade Directory 1820 |

In the limited space available it has been impossible to produce a comprehensive record of the many businesses present on the High Street over the years. It is hoped that this leaflet will give an insight into the development of Stourport town centre since the opening of the canal in 1771.

55 High Street

2007	Mr Cleancall	Dry Cleaning
1997	Mr Cleancall	Dry Cleaning
1995	(vacant)	
1983	Dewhursts	Butcher
1950s	Boots	Chemist
1924	Walter C. Roberts	Chemist
1921	Thomas Collyer	Dining Rooms
1888	Thomas Collyer	Victoria Coffee Tavern



The 'flat iron' building at the head of Swan Passage in the early 21st century.



The Victoria Coffee Tavern in the early part of the 20th century.

52 High Street

2007	McDonnell	Butcher
2002	McDonnell	Butcher
1995	W.H. Grinnall	Butcher
1991	(vacant)	
1989	W.H. Grinnall	Fruit & Veg
1936	Pearks Stores	Grocer
1924	Neale's Tea Stores Ltd.	Grocer
1921	George E. Neale	Grocer
1912	Harold Cartwright	Fruiterer
1904	W.Sangar (Bull's Head)	Beer Retailer
1900	W.Sangar (Bull's Head)	Beer Retailer
1892	Thomas Watkins (Bull's Head)	Beer Retailer
1891	Thomas Watkins (Bull's Head)	Licensed Victualler



In this late 19th century view the 'Bull's Head' is in the centre. To the right is George Lloyd's hardware store which sold lamp oil, fancy goods and china.

36 and 37 High Street

Two views of the area of High Street now occupied by the 1964 Post Office building and HSBC Bank.



The large building on the left is the Metropolitan Bank, once known as the Mansions, said to have been built by surgeon Richard Jukes (1768 - 1834).

The 1964 Post Office building standing on this site is now the Wyre Forest Community Housing office.



In this later view, the Great War Memorial, unveiled in 1922, can be seen to the left. Visible just beyond is signage for Central Garage, which was situated at the rear of what is now the Wheatshaf car park. The Great War Memorial was moved around 1977 to the gardens at the junction of Vale Road and Mitton Street.

The tramlines in both photographs suggest they date from the period 1898 to 1929, the 31 year lifespan of the tramway which ran between Kidderminster and Stourport.

Top of the Town



This photograph, taken in the early 20th century, conveys a tranquil scene at the crossroads. Left of centre the Tannery chimney stack looms above the rooftops. Workmen are busy at the top of the telegraph pole whilst others converse in groups.

BUSINESSES in HIGH STREET JUNE 2007



30 High Street

2007	Blunts Shoes	Shoe Retailer
1948	Blunts Shoes	Shoe Retailer
1904	William Stone	Sadler
1900	William Pratt	Sadler
1891	Thomas Pratt	Sadler

In 1948 these premises became part of the enlarged Blunt's shoe shop.



This colour view of the eastern aspect of High Street shows the entrance and window of W.H. Stone on the extreme right. Next door, at 31 High Street, Thomas Blunt took over the bootmaking business from Emma Fox in 1904.

1 High Street



Originally built as a private house.

2007	Phipps & Pritchard	Estate Agent
1980s	Phipps & Pritchard	Estate Agent
1932	George Mason	Grocer
1908	Arthur Taylor	Grocer
1890	Henry Riches	Grocer, Wines & Spirits



The proprietor and staff stand proudly outside their shop in the early years of the 20th century.

15 High Street

2007	Mantons	Jeweller
1974	Mantons	Jeweller
1960	Mr Manton	Jeweller
1904	Edward Jones	Boot Repairer
1891	Jacob Jones	Boat Builder



Mantons jewellers in 1974 after the integration of numbers 15 and 16. Note the arch entrance extreme right. (see below)

16 High Street

2007	Mantons	Jeweller
1974	Mantons	Jeweller
1967	Mr Knight	Confectioner
1960	Mr Shaw	Confectioner
1916	John Henry Lashford	Ice Cream Maker
1909	John & Hester Lashford	Ice Cream Maker
1908	Clara Groves	Shopkeeper
1905	Mrs Groves	Baker & Confectioner
1891	Ellen Haywood	Dressmaker



These two shops were combined into one for Mantons in 1974.



In this earlier photograph, the entry behind the horse's head bears a plate with the inscription 'Court No. 1'. These courts were very common in the 19th century and consisted of a group of small dwellings around a courtyard. Similar courts existed in Parkes Passage (Brunswick Court) Swan Passage, Raven Street, New Street and York Street. A court nameplate still stands above the entry between 15 and 17 Lombard Street.



End of World War II victory parade turns into Lickhill Road.