

Lloyds Bank (formerly Ship Inn), The Square



The Ship Inn was out-competed by its larger rival, the Anchor, whose 'sour' landlady Mrs Keen, subsequently bought then closed it in the late 1700's. After renovating it with a New Georgian front, iron railings and a pretty garden it enjoyed a new life as a desirable gent's residence. From 1895 it was occupied by several doctors, including in 1909, Dr Shelmerdine and later Dr Gossop, before becoming Lloyds Bank in 1964.

Listed Grade II Formerly the Old Ship Inn, now bank and offices. Early C19, early C20. Rendered walls, plint and stone cills. Hipped roof of low pitch with tiles. Two-storeyed symmetrical treatment of the two main facades, the north front of 1.1.1 widely spaced windows, with a slightly projecting centrepiece; sashes in reveals, the west side being three sashes within a classical framework (C20), and a plain doorway within a classical- half-glazed porch. The west elevation is similar, with a central half-glazed porch (C20), having a side doorway. At the rear the building is irregular, with some sections of stone walling, but mostly sashes windows.

BELOW AS 'SHIP HOUSE' IN THE 1920S



THE BUILDING WAS RE-ROOFED IN 2005: THE PICTURE BELOW SHOWS THE (TRUNCATED) LATE MEDIEVAL ROOF SURVIVING UNDER THE EARLY 19TH CENTURY ONE, IN THE SECTION PARALLEL TO THE PORTSMOUTH ROAD

