

Townscape Heritage Project Northwich

48 Witton Street - Crafty Stitches

The shop you see here was built in 1925. This was at the same time as the two neighbouring shops, 46A and 50 – all three built by A T Ross. Before then there were three houses which doubled as shops, probably built around the start of the 19th century. Until 1890 the building that was on this site was No 52. There have been many changes on Witton Street over the years as buildings either fell down or were demolished mostly due to subsidence and new ones built in their place. So always be careful when referring to building numbers in Northwich.



*Taken in 1892 – showing the three
buildings.*

Various types of shops operated from the three houses including a wheelwright's workshop, a brazier and ironmonger, and a grocer. From 1921-1924 George Hormbrey, the butcher had his shop here. Hormbrey Butchers are still in the town today at 8 Market Way.

When the shop, just as you see here, was newly built, the first occupier was Charltons, the confectioners. It became a wool shop in 1965, when it was run by Mrs Mabel Marsden and called 'Marsdens'. Joan Hubbard used to work there, but in 2006 Joan took the shop over and renamed it 'Crafty Stitches'. Joan is now the co-owner of the premises along with her daughter Louise.



Taken in 1969 when the Constitutional Club caught fire.

Following a recent refurbishment, funded in part by a Heritage Lottery Grant, 48 Witton Street is now in excellent condition, looking very similar to what it would have looked when it was newly built in 1925.

