

Ref: Duff House, 13 Maltravers Street, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9AP

The building Duff House as it stands, was built in 1782 on earlier foundations dating back to Queen Anne period.

The name Duff House is in honour of one of its earlier owners, Captain George Duff RN (c. 1 February 1764 – 21 October 1805) who was a British naval officer during the American War of Independence, the French Revolutionary Wars and the Napoleonic Wars, and who was killed by a cannonball at the Battle of Trafalgar which evidently took off his head. Link: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Duff

My family bought and moved into the property in 1955 and have maintained it ever since. I inherited the house in 2018, and have endeavoured to keep all its original features.

Duff House is constructed of brick with a two pitched tiled, valley roof. The front elevation is typical of the late eighteenth century town house, with a central front door balanced by a single window to each side on the ground floor, and three on the first floor. The front door is a good example of the Georgian style, consisting of a demi-lune fanlight with radial glazing bars linked by bell-flower chain swags, below a triangular pediment that is supported by two vertical columns.

Much of the interior is original, including a eighteenth century Robert Adam's style fireplace in the master bedroom. There is also the original bread oven, stone work benches and a deep well.

The victorians, who were fond of high ceilings, lowered one room at the rear, altering its window whilst doing so and adding a rear porch with a balcony.

It is to the rear elevation of the property that I wish to repoint, the present pointing being of a variety of periods and in need of attention. Being a south west facing wall, it faces the full blunt of the weather and has erosion and the beginning of cracks.

Entry Name: Duff House
Listing Date: 26 March 1949
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Source: Historic England
Source ID: 1248100
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Location: Arundel, Arun, West Sussex, BN18
County: West Sussex
District: Arun
Civil Parish: Arundel
Built-Up Area: Arundel
Traditional County: Sussex
Lieutenancy Area (Ceremonial County): West Sussex
Church of England Parish: Arundel St Nicholas with Tortington
Church of England Diocese: Chichester

Latitude: 50.8546 / 50°51'16"N
Longitude: -0.5562 / 0°33'22"W
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OS Northings: 107116
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