

HERITAGE STATEMENT

Atherington House is one of four dwellings within the building previously known as Ford Place. Ford Place is believed to have been built by William Garway, apparently in the 1640's, and the oldest part of the house, the present southern block, is of two storeys with attics, with a moulded brick plinth, prominent brick keystones to the windows, a bracketed cornice, and tall chimneys decorated with blind arcading. A wing running northwards from its east end and a single-storeyed extension east of that are believed to be almost contemporary. Additions in the angle between the two main ranges were made at two stages in the 18th century, and all the windows were renewed and many of them altered, apparently in the mid 19th century. Original panelling, chimneypieces, and a staircase survived in the early 20th century when the house was let, but were later removed. In 1952 the building was completely remodelled for division into four dwellings and Atherington House forms one of the four dwellings created in the 1950's and occupies the rearmost c14 feet of the original house. A single story extension and garage were added to the south elevation at this time, with a second single storey extension to the south added in c1984. A uPVC conservatory was added, it is believed in the early 1990's.

Whilst Orchard House, Southdown House and The Lodge were listed in 1958, Atherington House was listed much later, in 1994, which is believed to be the most recent amendment to the listing for the previous Ford Place building.

The entry on Historic England's listed building schedule is as follows:

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

List Entry Number: 1233927

Date first listed: 05-Jun-1958

Date of most recent amendment: 23-Sep-1994

Statutory Address: ATHERINGTON HOUSE, FORD LANE

Statutory Address: FORD PLACE, FORD LANE

Statutory Address: SOUTHDOWN HOUSE, FORD LANE

Statutory Address: THE LODGE, FORD LANE

County: West Sussex

District: Arun (District Authority)

Parish: Ford

National Grid Reference SU 99684 03655

Large L-shaped house, now sub-divided. The interior may contain some C17 work but the exterior is C18. Two storeys and attic. Four windows facing west, four windows facing north. Modern dormers. Red brick and grey headers with some panels of squared knapped flints. Brick stringcourse. Eaves cornice with heavy brackets. Hipped tiled roof. Glazing bars intact. Porch in angle of the L.

I am keen to maintain my property in a good state of repair and the re-pointing work is to keep the building watertight and prevent any damp entering the main walls. The west wall is affected by the prevailing winds and suffers most from weather and there is some evidence of mild damp ingress on the second storey of the west wall. Weather and bee damage to both east and west walls means the existing lime mortar has degraded and needs to be addressed and renewed.