

26 Bones Lane

Description

Cottage on northern side Bones Lane. Malmstone blocks with brick trim, shallow pitch slate roof which oversails considerably for guttering. Multi-flue chimney stack central (l-r) but set towards the front (n-s).

Original square plan. Divided into two occupations. 26 has considerable storied additions to the rear; 24 has single-storey lean-to additions.

Internally, visible timbers (joisting and partitions) all very slender and not intended to be seen. Chimney serves hearths at each level and probably bread oven. First floor rooms open to rafter level and corners of square visible.



Comment

This has always been a solid wall build, and is double-pile (two rooms thick). The neighbouring cottage offers a comparison between the earlier single-pile plan and the development of double-pile. The roof pitches are noticeably different and end with gable & half-hip; positioning of the original chimney, against the end of the rectangle; malmstone in rough rather than regular blocks; additions by way of outshots with catslide roofing.

The greatest challenge with double-pile plans was how to roof it. Parallel M roofs included the dreaded central gully; hipped from each elevation could terminate in a flat-top pyramid, or a sunken-well pyramid; 17 Bones Lane has ended up with two gulleys. This has to date to the second half of the 19th century, although it may just appear on the tithe map of 1840.

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Modern addition and extensions

