

## 2 and 4 Swan Street

Location – South side of Swan Street, 15 m from High Street. Grade II Listed.

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2 Swan Street (with the door and window either side in drab green in the contemporary image below) was built at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century as a large house. It was formerly Hancock's Ironmongers and an antiques shop, then all of it was an antiques shop, and most recently a restaurant and a travel agency. 4 Swan Street, to the left in the image, was probably built around 1800 as an extension to the house; it is now a barber shop. The buildings are both of red brick, but number 4 is in English bond and number 2 in Flemish bond. In the 5-bay number 2, windows 2 and 4 used to be blind – this is evident in the 1960 image. At the ground floor, the window to the right of the right-hand 3-part window used to be a door.



*2 and 4 Swan Street*



*2 and 4 Swan Street around 1960*

### **Historic England Listing Details**

SK69SE BAWTRY SWAN STREET (south side) 10/37 No 2 and 4 (formerly 5th June 1968 listed as part of No 6, No 8, No 10 Swan Street). GV II Houses now shops. c1800, altered. Red brick; No 4 in English bond, No 2 in Flemish bond; C20 cement-tile roof. 2 storeys and attics, 1:5 windows to 1st floor; No 4 on left being a single-bay infill adjoining No 6, Swan Street (q.v). No 2: part-glazed door and overlight in wooden doorcase flanked by inserted 3-light shop windows; window in position of former doorway on right retains a 3-pane overlight and flat brick arch. 1st floor: brick band; C20 casements with glazing bars beneath flat brick arches to bays 1, 3 and 5 the outer windows widened; bay 2 and 4 have blind windows with flat brick arches. No 4: steps to part-glazed, panelled door on right of a shop window having bowed casement with glazing bars. 1st floor: band beneath C20 casement with glazing bars. Roof has a casement in dormer window over No 4 and 2 roof lights over No 2; rebuilt brick end stack on left. Included for group value.

### **Description in DMBC's Bawtry Conservation Area Appraisal**

The buildings in Swan Street are from 1800 to 1850 and have largely been transformed to shops or offices, with a number of reproduction alterations in the C19th and C20th. There is a mix of houses built in roughcast brick, Flemish bond and English bond brick, whilst all the roofs are finished in C20th cement tile, with the exception of the Dovecote and Stables behind number 9. The street contains a number of splendid 3 storey properties and the width of the plots varies between 2 and 4 bays, giving it a varied and compact sense. Smaller window openings on the 3rd floor are a local interpretation of

Georgian style for such windows at lower levels. Projecting stone sills to sashes with glazing bars beneath flat brick arches is a common feature of the 1st floor design.

The changes to shop fronts generally reflect the historic attention to design and detailing. A 3-light shop window, part glazed door, bowed casement and 16 pane sash are typical features of the shop front buildings in this group at ground floor level. At number 5, which is now a dental surgery, there is a central C20th part-glazed door and old overlight with radial glazing bars in altered doorcase. On left of door a 16-pane sash in flush wooden architrave, on right a later sash with glazing bars in similar surround. Two antique shops at numbers 6 and 8 have a central 6-panel door and overlight with intersecting-tracery glazing bars beneath flat brick arch. The early C19th shop window on left is retained and has a central door flanked by large casements with glazing bars curving in at each end.