

## Rear of 9 Swan Street – the dovecote and stables of the old Swan Inn

Location – number 9 is on the north side of Swan Street, about 60 m from High Street. The listed buildings lie behind number 9, at the bottom of a cobbled yard. The rear of these buildings have their elevation in the Courtyard. Marked on Town Trail at #6. Grade II Listed.

### PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE PRIVATE COMMERCIAL PREMISES

The Swan Inn is believed to date back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century, but now only some outbuildings constructed in around 1780 still exist. The main part of the Swan Inn was located on the corner of Swan Street and High Street, on the site of the present NISA shop and its neighbours (Olivia-Jaye Boutique and Bawtry Shoe Company) are located. The Swan was one of Bawtry's most important and largest inns; it would have been similar to The Crown in size. The surviving buildings comprise what used to be a dovecote and adjoining stables; they are now commercial premises.



*The remaining buildings of the Swan Inn viewed from Swan Street*



*The dovecote and its adjoining stables, the only remaining parts of the Swan Inn*



*The dovecote in around 1900*



*The Courtyard elevation of the dovecote and stables, the only remaining parts of the Swan Inn*

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century the owner of the Swan moved to Scrooby Top to establish a new coaching inn there; by being a few miles further south on the Great North Road he believed he could win more business by intercepting northward heading coaches before they reached Bawtry. His inn at Scrooby Top was not a success.



*The inn at Scrooby Top - now a private residence*

### **Historic England Listing Details**

SK69SE BAWTRY SWAN STREET (north side) 10/36 Dovecote and stables to - rear of No 9 Swan Street (forming premises of M. A. Morris and of J. H. M. Butt Ltd) GV II Dovecote and stable block, now store and commercial premises. c1800, altered. Red brick in English garden wall bond, sheet asbestos roof. 3-storey, 1-bay dovecote with narrow, 2-storey side bays forming links to 2-storey wings which project forward (that on right by 3 bays, that on left by a + bay). Dovecote: central, boarded stable door and overlight beneath shallow wedge lintel; square window opening on left and bricked-up opening on right with low segmental arch. 1st floor: bricked up central window with projecting sill and wedge lintel. 2nd floor: band beneath lunette with deep sill and C20 casement window. Dentilled band beneath gable with blind oculus. Side bay, set back on left, has inserted garage doors below an iron casement with glazing bars and wedge lintel; attached wing on left has a C20 casement and gabled end and has a doorway in its short right return. Side bay, set back on right of dovecote, has garage doors beneath 1st-floor loading door. Wing on right (premises of J. H. M. Butt Ltd): altered ground floor openings on its left return set beneath a central loading door flanked by C20 casements all with wedge lintels; dentilled eaves and hipped front end to roof. Interior: stable beneath dovecote has cobbled floor and 3 round-arched feeding-rack recesses; dovecote is lined with brick nesting holes. Originally formed part of courtyard buildings to the Swan Hotel (demolished). Addition to front of right-hand wing not of special interest.

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

The dovecote and stables that originally formed part of courtyard buildings to the Swan Hotel are now commercial premises. These buildings form an attractive 1 bay dovecote with narrow 2 storey bay forming links to 2 storey wings which project forward. Although there have been a number of C20th additions including casement windows, the original form is still discernible.