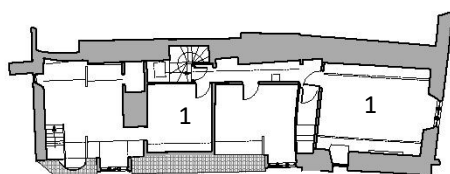
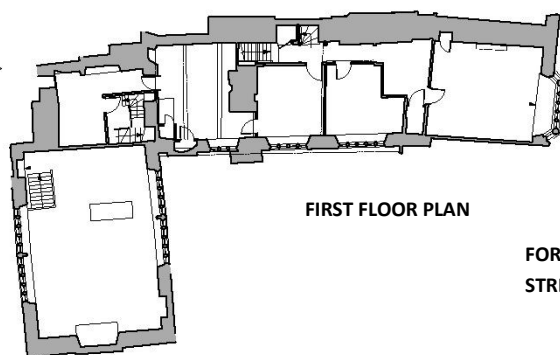




ABOVE: No 9 Fore Street, Chard, with a common entrance through the porch (green arrow).

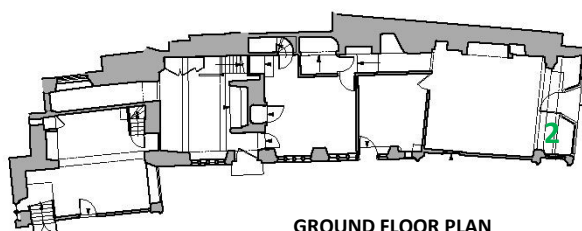


SECOND FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

FORE
STREET



GROUND FLOOR PLAN

Drawings courtesy of Levitate Architects

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

The **Somerset Building Preservation Trust** is a charitable organisation that repairs and restores buildings of historical interest which would otherwise be lost and brings them back into beneficial use within communities.

The Trust promotes higher standards of architectural design through its **William Stansell Historic Building Awards** and encourages the use of apprenticeships to teach traditional skills in conservation.

To learn more about the Trust and its work and how you can become involved with helping to save this most important building visit <https://www.sbpt.info/> and refer to the Somerset Building Preservation Trust YouTube Channel to see Episodes of "Saving No 9".

DONATION FORM

PAYMENT METHOD:

BACS preferred or see website for alternative payment details.

BARCLAYS Bank Plc Sort 20-99-40 Account 60544566 Ref No 9

NAME:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE: PHONE:

GIFT AID DECLARATION

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the Charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other fees such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the Charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given. **THANK YOU.**

SIGNED: DATED:

SOMERSET BUILDING Preservation Trust 'SAVING No 9'

Discovery - The Roof Space Part One



1. The clearance of the asbestos/cement sheet debris

Photo of SBPT Project Co-Ordinator recording the impressive array of specialist vans outside No 9 required for the extensive work in removing asbestos/cement sheet debris from the roof space and inside the shopfront areas of the building.

A team of three operatives and ten days work in demanding, difficult spaces with cumbersome equipment and close monitoring at all times made for an exacting task. Photos P J Stow



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OUR AIM:

... is to Conserve No 9 Fore Street and Connect the wider Community with Centuries of History in the Centre of Chard.

THE ASBESTOS ISSUE

The presence of asbestos/cement sheeting debris had been identified in the early days of the project and later phase funding was finally obtained courtesy of Chard Town Council, to engage specialist contractors GWELLA to remove the items and thoroughly clean the whole attic area to enable safe access for examination and repair.



ABOVE & LEFT:

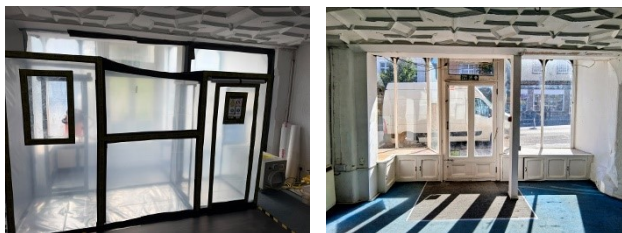
The carefully constructed special air locks and access points into the roof space.

The negative pressure units to draw dusty air through the package of a minimum of six filters; the operatives had to wear full covering with masks and portable air filtration systems whilst in the zones, followed by showers afterwards.

OUR MISSION:

... is to engage with the diverse population of Somerset, tailor the repairs and alterations to this historically important building to suit a communal purpose for the widest benefit and ensure the best quality workmanship to secure the building for future centuries.

WHAT'S INSIDE?



ABOVE: The air lock for the shop front and all now clean!

BELOW: The view of the exposed shop front beams being a combination of massive timbers and later steelwork with random bracketry and a general hotchpotch.



CONCLUSIONS

First glance of the roof structure which is encouragingly massive and of high historical importance... a voyage of discovery to be described in Part 2 of this series of Discovery.



ABOVE: The tantalising first picture of the roof space now finally certified clean after air testing. *Photo by GWELLA*

Thank you Chard Town Council for funding this Phase 2.



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