

Former Temperance Hotel, 149 St Mary's Road, Market Harborough

Ref: MH/003



Construction Date: 1890

Architect: TBC

Original Use: Hotel

Current Use: Offices

Ward: TBC

Reason for Inclusion

Historic Interest

The building has likely links to Thomas Cook and the former Temperance, which was a major societal movement in the 19th Century, Thomas Cook who lived in Harborough was a prominent national figure and with strong links to Leicester and the wider county.

Temperance hotels were established close to railway stations as a means of promoting the temperance movement.

Architectural Interest

Grand 2 storey building with attic rooms, prominent end chimneys and dormer wall gable windows on front elevation. Red brick with stone detailing and deeper red brick for window surrounds, welsh slate roofs with oversailing eaves with decorative gutter brackets.

An attractive landmark building on a prominent corner and a gateway feature when approaching the town from the railway and the east.

Associative interest

- Links with Thomas cook and other buildings in the town.
- Group value with the Railway station, and nearby warehouses and workers cottages.
- Part of the 19th Century development of the town.
- Use of red brick – although possibly not local.