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The Brewery Inn, The Street, Ashted



The Brewery Inn The Street, Ashted c: 1870

The Brewery Inn appears to have started life around 1800 as a small beer house. A tithe map of 1839 describes it as a "cottage, beer house and grocery shop" owned by Rhoda and William Carter. Under George Sayer from around 1850 until his death in 1880 and subsequently his son, also named George, the combined inn and brewery prospered, the latter being housed in wooden buildings at the rear of the premises. Sayers' Ashted Brewery and its four public houses were leased to the Swan Brewery Co. Ltd. In 1913, they immediately closed down the brewing operations and a mineral water factory was established on the site. In the early 1900s the premises underwent some dramatic changes including an ugly urban public house frontage.



The Brewery Inn The Street, Ashted c: 1920s

This was replaced by the current mock Georgian in the 1930s. It was once part of the Ember Inn chain of pubs but is now in the hands of the Stonegate Pub Company.

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