

Cuckoo's Nest Marsden Limited
40 Peel Street
Marsden HD7 6BW

Heritage Statement

Background:

The Cuckoo's Nest Marsden is a charity shop at the top of Peel Street in Marsden. It has been in existence for around 23 years. The role of the shop is to raise money for local community groups and organisations.

It is a perfect example of a circular economy – the people of Marsden donate to the shop, volunteer to work in the shop, buy things from the shop, and benefit from the grants.

Approximately 5 years ago, the building was purchased, as it was up for sale, and The Cuckoo's Nest Marsden Limited was formed to manage the building. The first and second floors are now rented out, and the charity shop is a tenant of the Limited Company. This allows us to keep the rent on the shop low, in order to hand out more money.

The shop frontage is made of wood, and single glazed glass. This is now weathered beyond repair, and needs to be replaced.

Conservation Area:

40 Peel Street lies within the Peel Street Conservation Area, and we are very mindful of the older shop frontages on the street.

The shop next door, 38 Peel Street, has the oldest shop front on Peel Street, and possibly the oldest in the Colne Valley. It is nothing like any other frontage on Peel Street, and impossible for us to recreate.

Planned new shop frontage:

In planning the new shop frontage, we have taken into account Kirklees Council's policy on Net Zero, and our own awareness of environmental problems. It was agreed, talking to customers and volunteers in the staff, that double glazed windows and door would be essential.

We are also aware of materials to be used, and it was agreed that the new shop frontage should be in wood, rather than the (cheaper) alternative of uPVC.

We asked a local joinery company, who have fitted other windows on Peel Street, to design the frontage for us, as they would be best placed to understand the importance of keeping continuity on Peel Street (despite some shops!).

The plans they drew up are the most in keeping with our existing windows, bearing in mind that double glazing needs more support than single glazing, and so the wooden uprights need to be of a simpler design.

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