

INFORMATION FROM BATTLE TOWN CARD INDEX

The card index was started by Kenneth Clark, assisted by Herbert Newbery and Mrs Gladys Young. It covers the High Street, Mount Street, Upper and Lower Lake, that is, mainly the conservation area. It was intended to be a record of alterations to buildings and changes of occupancy. The main sources of reference were the photocopies of directories of Battle kept in the local county library. These were available for 1910-1938 and the index is noted as almost complete for this period. Prior to that occasional lists for the mid 1880s and one for 1797 were consulted. During the 1914-1918 war lists of residents were still compiled. No information was published from 1939-48. The original aim was to have a complete record for the twentieth century.

Headline findings were noted as:

- Women in the early twentieth century followed expected occupations: Misses Schnorr ran refreshment rooms; Miss Shuckford a school; Miss Charlotte Dobell a basket maker and confectioner; Mrs Jeffrey and the Misses Pepper dressmakers.
- Noted names: Edward Cruse in 1903 was secretary to the Battle Gas Co. and also Battle Abbey Estate Clerk; Ticehursts were Registrars, Clerks to the Guardians and Rural District Council; the Sheppards held offices such as Clerk to the Magistrates and Coroner for the Rape of Hastings.

No. 6 High Street was rebuilt in the 1920s; no 36 was re-built in the 1930s, no.75 was rebuilt after being flattened in WW2.

Sources of Information

Post Office Directory 1862,1870, 1878; WT Pike's Directory 1886-7, 1919, 1922-1927; WT Pike's Blue Book 1913,1914,1915; Parson's Directory and Year Book 1910; WT Pike 1916; Parson's 1917-1918; Kelly's Directory 1918; Yellow Pages (YP); Thompson's Directory (T); Sussex Express and County Herald (SE & CH); Bygone Battle by Alwyn Guilman (BB); Rye, Battle & District News (RB&DN)

NB The information on the original cards has been copied into this document, its accuracy cannot be guaranteed nor is it a complete record of all occupants of or uses for each address. It may, however, form a useful guide for further research. Entries for private individuals post 1940 have been removed in accordance with Data Protection regulations.

Address	Date	Occupants	Information
1 High Street	1886-7 1903-1938 1939-1958 1960-1968	John Jenner and John Schnorr The Misses Schnorr Refreshment Rooms Alfred James Schnorr Tea Rooms Pilgrim's Rest Tea Rooms	Timber framed house built around 1420. It has a middle hall of two 13.5ft bays and a two storied wing to the south. A first floor was out in the hall in the 16C with a chimney being built at the same time, with a great fireplace. This floor was removed in 1932 restoring the hall to almost to its original condition by Sir H Brakspear when he rebuilt part of the Abbey destroyed by the fire.

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			The "Old Almonry" was occupied by several families. Under that part occupied by James Jenner, several pigs were kept (enquiry June 1850)
1a High Street	1940-1950	Miss Duke Tea Rooms	
2 High Street	1862 PO 1880s 1886-1887 PD 1910-1913 1915-1918 1919 1923-1931 1931-1932 1933-1940	John Leaney (Tailor) Mr Clark, Coachman to the Duchess of Cleveland W G Wren Miss Emma Shuckford Children's school Mrs F Gower Mrs Milstead Wm Smith Mrs Smith Misses Cruse	2, 3 & 4 High Street 17C altered in 18C
3 High Street	1862-1887 PO & PD 1903 1906-1962 1988-1992 1993	Wm Bannister Vet Surgeon Mary Ann Bannister Refreshment Rooms Arthur Edward Legg Clematis Crafts The Perfect Present	Private House from 1944 Interior renovated 1988
4 High Street	1862, 1870 PO 1886-1887 PD 1913-1964 1966-1994 1995	George Vidler, Plumber & Glazier Thos Vidler Plumber, Glazier & Painter Mrs F E H Vidler Antiques Shop Tea Shop and Craft goods	Also known as Milestones
5 High Street	1886-1887 1910-1914 1917-1934 1935-1938 1939-1966 1973-1975	Roger Duke Surgeon Mrs Ellen Kendal G Newbery G Collinson Tea Rooms The Tudor Tea House Wingate Properties Ltd	AKA Wynton and Tudor House 1993 Beauty Slimming and Aromatherapy Centre moved to Mount Street

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	1991 1992 1992-1993 1993	The French Connection (Property in France) French Property Services Beauty Slimming and Aromatherapy Centre Dawson Harden and Tanton Estate Agents	
Passageway Kenward Sq Cottages	1925-1927 1929-1932 1929	T Sheather Motor Engineer (see also 74 High Street) District Surveyors Office Neil R Bull	Between 5 and 6 High Street
6 – 7 High Street	1788 Post 1788 1797	The New Inn The Eagle Inn John Alderton Victualler	Coaching Inn see A Tour into Sussex by John Byng 1788
6 High Street	1862 PO 1870 PO 1886-1887 PD 1903-9 1910 1924-1968 1985-1986 1994	Thos Ticehurst Land Surveyor Ticehurst & Sparks Coal Coke and lime merchants also London. Walter Nicholas Miss Emma Shuckford Middle Class Girls School see 2 High St A C Burton MRCVS Frederick Charles Sheppard and Son Battle Abbey School Office Sheppard & Son (Brackett)	? rebuilt in 1920s - H Newbery Sheppard accountant to UDC 1931-1933 & Battle Parish Council 1940-1974
7 High Street	1862 PO 1886-1887 PD 1903-1914 1915-1920 1921 – 1922 1953-1964 1960-1962 1964-1969	Stephen Hughes Lodging House Miss Michie Ladies' School Freeman Hardy & Willis Shoe Shop Hollington Steam Laundry Rec Office British Red Cross Society London Valet Service Corrall & Co Coal merchants Rickett Cockerell & Co Coal Merchants	Manageress 1913 & 1914 Miss L Fowler Moved from 92 High Street. Manageress Mrs Mowies Hon Sec F H Wayne Were at 66 High St

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	1966-1974 1979-1994 1981	Golden Arrow Cleaners Sketchley Cleaners Abbey Gifts	
7 – 8 High Street	1931 – 1948	James W Barrow Antiques	
7a High Street	1933-1937	The Artists Shop Frank Slade	
8 High Street	1862-1870 PO 1886-1887 PD 1911 1924-1940 1940-1990	Kenward & Son Linen Draper and silk merciers Alfred Unwins Draper F A Matthews House furnisher J W Barrow cabinet maker and upholsterer Boots the Chemist	See also no 7 1931-40 Interior repainted March 1987
8 – 9 High Street	1911	F A Matthews House Furnisher	
9 High Street	1911-1934	General Post, Money Order and Telegraph Office	J T Dunn Postmaster. Moved from 20 High Street
9 – 10 High Street	1886 -7	Christmas Bros Butchers	1980s newly built PO. New PO counter opened 13 9 82
10 High Street	1780 1862, 1870, 1878, 1903 1913-1916 1917-1918 1918 1920-1923 1924 -1925 1926-1928 1929-1930 1932-1969 1972-1974 -1976	Mr Slatter Butcher Charles Ben Gausden Butcher Pepper & King Bakers and Confectioners W King Baker Battle Bakery R J Carswell Tailor A Holland Hairdresser A G Harris Hairdresser J B Errey Hairdresser Eden Florists Drug Store Cut Price Shop	1903 In Gausden's Butchers, there was a slaughterhouse a copper for boiling offal from which the stench was an annoyance to the whole neighbourhood. Also pigsties and heaps of foul and foetid matter producing an intolerable stench. Pepper & King previously at 5 – 6 Mount Street King Baker moved to 38 Mount Street 1918 1918 listed as Battle Rural Food Control Office 1919 Listed as above S E Elliott Executive Officer Errey Hairdresser see 80 High Street

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11 High Street	1797 1839 1851, 1859, 1862 1870-1887 1903 1913 1914 1915-1917 1918-1920 1921 1922-1925 1926-1934 1935-1940	The Eight Bells - William Beney? Henry Alderton John Davis John Pelling Woolgar William Henry Sharp W A Young J Brown W H Monk E H Graham Walter Mead Richard Snow W H Lane V E Sprules	In 1797 called "The Eight Bells". Supposed to have been rebuilt either 1800s (Ken Clarke's notes) or 1880s (A Denny's notes). By 1839 it was called "The Star" and was a coaching Inn for the Royal Mail. In 1980 on 12 May the name was changed to "The 1066 Inn" Exterior repainted June 1988; 23.2.1979; 15.2.80 – 4.4.80 Extension to left hand side front Feb 1989
12 High Street	1862-1870 1878-1903 1910; 1911 1913 PD 1914-1918 1919-1935 1936-1937 1938-1940 1948 1950-1953 1956-1979 1984-1990 1991 1992 1993 1993	Charles Dobell Charlotte and Sarah Ann Dobell Basket maker and confectioner Charles Dobell basket maker and confectioner J Matthew watchmaker J Mathis watchmaker Mrs Mathis watchmaker Mrs D G Oliver watchmaker Mr George Ponten Grocer Evans Grocer County Grocers Ltd Burstow & Hewett (& no. 13) Alliance & Leicester Building Society Empty Taylors Gift Shop Abbey Gate Property Management Hallam Associates	

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12a High Street	1956-1964 1966-1968	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (East Sussex Agricultural Executive Committee) Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	No No. 12a 199-1971 & 1974.
13 High Street	1862 PO 1886 – 1887 PD 1903 1910 1910 1911-1983 1910-1923 1919 1932-1934 Feb – Aug 1985 20.9.1985 – 1992	John Shaw Corn Store Thorpe Bros wholesale bootmakers Thomas Shewring Drug Store Mrs Saunders Thomas & Gipps Auctioneers Burstow and Clements Auctioneers Walter C Harris, Asst Overseer, Collector of Taxes and Rates Red Cross Society Mrs D Penfold Foresters Estate Agent Durnford Ford Solicitors	John Shaw worked at the Black Mill on Caldbec Hill in 1858, The Mill was burnt down in c1871/2. (BDHS 1953). John Shaw not listed in 1870. Thorpes see also No 14 Auctioneers established 1870 Sydney Clements lived here, HS Burt 1921 Red Cross Soc moved to 7 High Street 1921-2
13a High Street	1940 1986	William Frederick Knibbs Thorpes	Exterior repainted June 1990
14 High Street	1862 1910-1915 1916?-1918 1919-1921 1922 -	Thorpe & Son Shoe Manufacturers B A Thorpe Bootmaker B Thorpe & Co Bootmaker B Thorpe & Co Bootmakers & Repairers B Thorpe & Co Ltd Retailers	See also 73 High St 1870 George Thorpe started shop in 1813 employing 37 men. Bygone Battle photo 88. 1900-1966 Alfred Harry Sinden manager Exterior repainted June 1990
14a High Street	1970-1974	B H Thorpe & Co Ltd	
15 High Street	1828 1862-1870 1886-1887 PD 1887-1911 1913-1917 1918-1920 1921-1940 1948.1950,1953	“The Lion Inn” Chas A Goodwin Walter Leney Brewer Armstrong & Stephens Brewers Bailey & Co Brewers Ballard & Co Ltd “The Brewery” Mrs Hay Dr R W Brough MB Ministry of Food	18C and early 19C “The Lion Inn” Manager Thos Muzzell Moved to 12a

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	1956 – 1968 1973 – 30.6.1976 1970-1972 1972-1978 1980 -	Co-op Ltd Abbott's Pantry Pretty Maid Delicatessen Harp Heating Phillips Man's Shop	
15a High Street	1926-1928	Neil R Bull Dist. Surveyor	
Passageway Battle Brewery/Old Brewery Yard	1828 1887-1911 1936-1938 1939 1938-1953 1930-1956 1940-1956 1950 1956 1956 1968 1986 ?	Charles A Goodwin Mr Bailey C Holland Builders works ARP Office & stores Harry Judd Upholsters Works G W Harmer & Sons Builders "Toc H" Masseuse Jenner & Simpson Corn Merchant Store British Legion (Women's Section) Battle Pottery L Clifford Builders Norman Lee Motors	Bygone Battle photo 107
16 High Street	1862 1870 1886-7 1903-1910 1911-1921 1922-1923 1924 1971	London & County Joint Stock Bank London & County Joint Stock Bank London & County Joint stock Bank London & County Banking Co. Ltd. The London County & Westminster Bank Ltd The London, County & Westminster & Parvis Bank Ltd Westminster Bank Ltd National Westminster Bank	John Grove O'Neill Manager James Hallaway Asst Manager J Rogers Manager Charles Headland Manager. Photo 108 Bygone Battle 1913 Manager W N Sheffield 1918-1921 S H Elvey Manager Manager S H Elvey Managers Westminster Bank Ltd: 1924-1928 S H Elvey; J G T Green 1929-1933; 1934-1937 L F B Marriott; 1938-1948 L Windle Alteration to east side of property Jan to Mar 1987; Exterior renovations May 1990, June 1994.

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17 High Street	1878-1887 1910-1930 1910 1931 1932-1934 1935-1940 1938 1948 1966 1984	Mrs Lawrence private residence R B Allwork Mrs Allwork W J Sargent Antiques P W Fells Tea Rooms Miss Manning Tea Rooms Priory Guest House Guest House Priory House Restaurant Priory House Restaurant and Hotel	Large three storied house dated 1700. Front plastered with moulded string course at first floor level. At the eaves a wooden entablature with egg and tongue ornament enriched brackets and moulded cornice. Middle doorway has moulded architrave and flat hood carrying a balcony. Upper windows have moulded architraves and projecting frames, that to the balcony has a scrolled broken pediment. In the tiled roof are dormer windows with pediments and behind the ridge is a heavy square chimney stack of brick with panelled faces and a moulded cornice. On the front of the cornice is fixed the date 1700 in large metal figures. Inside chief feature is staircase except for lower flight now removed rises to the top floor. Stair of well type with 2 inch turned balusters and plain square newels with moulded caps and turned pendants. (Vict. Hist. p.99 1937 ed.) Possibly built as a bank. Exterior re-painted Apr –May 1987. Interior renovations May 1990. Closed for trading Nov 1993.
18a High Street	1937 – 1989 May 1990	Watchmaker Battle Goldsmiths	
18 High Street	1862-1887 1903-1911 1913 1915-1940 1948-1958 1966-1973 1984 1985 1994	George Till – General & Furnishing ironmonger, bar iron oil and colour merchant. Wm Charles Till Ironmonger Wm Till & M Crang Tills R Day Tills Douch Greengrocers Craft Collection Ma Cherie Sue Ryder Charity Shop	Tills of Battle Ltd. Opened by Thos Hammond about 1700. From Thos Hammond the business was passed to Wm Hammond and then to his son-in-law C Lawrence. Lawrence took his son-in-law George Till into partnership. After George came W C Till who turned the business into a ltd company in 1912.

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18b High Street	1966 – 1968	Battle Electronics Services	
Passageway between 18b & 19			
19 High Street	1862 1886-1887 1903-1914 1915-1923 1940 – 1991 1991 – 1992 1992 (Nov)	Walker & Soan Blacksmith J Soan Blacksmith Charles Nottidge Medical Practitioner. Charles Hunt, Baker, 1913,1914 Baker & Confectioner Charles W Buckwell Solicitor William C Till Ltd Bexhill Lighting Clements, Household linen and fancy goods.	18/19 High Street – Interior refurbishment 1991. Tills ceased trading 7 Dec 1991. Part of shop then became Bexhill Lighting. Exterior renovation in August 1992.
Rear of 19 High Street	1992-1994 1992 1993 – 1994	Bolts Buckets and Brooms Crafts and Dried Flowers, Mr Day Koko – clothes Battle Locksmith	
20 High Street	1862 1871-1910/11 1911 1914-1973 1974 – 1977 1979 1990 1990-	Miss Elizabeth Boorman Milliner and Dressmaker (see 30/31 High St) John Thomas Dunn Post Office and Tailor E H Nash Butcher and Fishmonger A Holland Butcher Baxters butchers (moved to 64a High St) Kandies (moved from 64 High St) Godwins Raggs Boutique	Early 17C building much altered. Eaves have moulded cornice of wood. Side passage has exposed ceiling joists in the upper story much of the old framing of the front has been exposed inside. Post Office moved to 9 High St in 1911 Holland Butchers also at 17 Upper Lake Early Nov 1988 re-roofing of front roof. Exterior repainted July 1990
21 High Street	1862 1886-1887 1871 1910, 1911 1913,1922,1940	Mr James Beney Miss Beney S Carrick Bootmaker (see also 60 High St) David Grant Watchmaker William Grant, Watchmaker	

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	1948-1950 1953 1956 1957-1968 1968-1975 1975-1980 17 11 1980	Aylesbury, Watchmaker Ellis, Shopkeeper Jarvis, Confectioner Briant Confectioner and Tobacco, Sports Goods Private Residence Battle Cottage Industries, suede clothing manufacturers Became part of Emeleus Chemists	
22 High Street	1862-1903 1910-1935 1936-1966 1966-1989	William Henry Harold Chemist Karl Henry Emeleus Chemist G A A Emeleus Chemist Emeleus Chemist	Plaster fronted timber framed building of early 17C origin: part of moulded bresummer to former overhanging upper storey still visible. Shop front has 18C bow window. Upper storey 17C staircase like that at Vict Hist p98 1937 edition. Sold 1997 Hurricane damage rear roof 15/16 Oct 1987. Front roof re-done end Oct 1988
22a High Street	1958-1968	Herbert Blythe Hoare	
23 High Street	1797 1839 1851 1859 1886-1887 1910-1926 1927-1928 1929 1930-1935 1936-1937 1938 1939,1940 1956-1974	George Hotel – Buckingham (? Widow?) “The George” Christopher Senior Richardson Mrs Sarah Couchman Joseph Couchman “The George Hotel” H Drucquer F Emery A Petts Chas L Scott L A Allen G S Gooden Vic O’Connell Chas Ed Marsh George Hotel Trust House Forte	18C & 19C Dances for officers – Assembly Rooms (Bygone Battle) Rood repaired 24 11 1978 Hurricane damage to rear roof 15/16 Oct 1987 1991 Interior renovations and extensions at rear preliminary work revealing circular brick structure in the ground which might have been drinking water for houses. Scaffolding at front and new portrait sign.

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	1991	The George Hotel – proprietors Resort Hotels	
Rear of George Hotel, 23 High Street	1938-1940 1948 1950 1953 ??	East Sussex School of Equitation – Mrs D V Candy & Maj R H D Simmons Bexhill and Battle Riding and Hunting Stables Hall & Ramsden Architects and Surveyors Allnatt (London) Ltd Builders (from 35 High Street Barretts Printers (moved to 77 High Street)	
24 High Street	1862 1862 1886-1903 1910,1911 1916-1940 1940 1950, 1953 1956-1962 1964-1969 1970-1974	Denyer & Pankhurst – Steam Thrashing Machinery Props. Wm Denyer Seedsman & Ebenezer Denyer Coal Merchant Henry Brailsford – Dispensing Chemist T Sheather Harness & Cycle Agent R Barton & Co. Corn, flour, hay, straw and seed merchants Quaife Battle Bookshop Battle Bookshop (Tickners) Battle Ltd Battle Bookshop and Library Battle Bookshop	Photo of No. 24 in Museum collection dated 1902 (BHS 6) Window renewed 23 2 1977 Repainted 30 5 1977
24a High Street	1956-1989	Battle Bookshop	
25 High Street	1870 1903 1910-1917	William (?) Longley Barber See also 58 High St and 3 Mount St Hardwick William Sewell Refreshment Rooms Harry Welfare Hairdresser & Tobacconist (see also 1903 50 High St)	Lower brickwork painted white 9 6 1978 Hurricane damage to roof 15/16 Oct 1987 Front roof repaired July August 1988

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	1919 1920-1924 1925-1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935-1938 1970 (Kelly) 1971-1976 1980	George Markwick Mrs J Thomas (see also 26 High St) T Pearce, P Hopkins, Mrs Hicks P Hopkins, Mrs Hicks P Hopkins F C Douch (wireless) Hailsham Radio Co. E A Matthews (Radio) Jenner & Matthews Ltd Radio Paine Electronics TV etc. Langridge Hairdresser In Trim Hairdressers	Photo BHS 6
26 High Street	1862-1870 1886-87 1894-1903 1903 – 1916 1921-1925 1926 1927-1928 1929-1939 1939-1940 1940-1962 1964-1966 1968-1973 1973-1978 1985-1986 1987	Mrs Maria Johnston (Grocer, Glass & China Dealer) B Johnston Frederick Cobb Hardwick William Sewell Grocer & Wine & Spirit merchant, agent for W A Gilbey David Thomas General Shop The Royal Dairy H Message Bredsell Farm Dairies Battle Dairy Olivers Printing Works, Bookbinding & Stationery Miller Dairy Famers Direct Dairy James Woodhams & Sons Walker Graham Estate Agents Walkers Estate Agents St John Vaughan with Walkers Halifax Bldg Soc Estate Agents	“ The Cow Inn” Olivers moved to Lower Lake

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	1989 – 1991 1994 1996	Halifax Property Services Priory James Management Agents Macpherson & Co Accountants	
26a High Street			
27 High Street	1862-1870 1886-1887 1903-1915 1916-1966 1940, 1948 1940, 1948 1950 1952-1966 1968-1986 1986 1992	Wm Parks Plumber & Glazier Mrs J Tyrrell Corn Dealer Robert Barton Coal & Corn Merchant James P Woodhams & Son Auctioneers and Estate Agents Parkinson ACA Chartered Accountant Smith Chartered Accountant Parkinson, Smith & Lucroft Couch & Lucroft Nonsuch Guest House La Vieille Auberge French Restaurant & Hotel Inglenooks	Inn on site from 15C. Fire in 1685, rebuilt in 1688. The Bull Inn Built in 1688. Almost certainly built with stone etc. from the Great Abbey Kitchen pulled down in 1687 by Lord Montagu. The Stone was sold at 4s per load and lead from the roof at 12s 6d per hundred weight. Woodhams were proprietors of Battle Cattle Auction Market. J P Woodhams took over as agent to Battle Estate Office when Edward Cruse gave up this appointment. Nonsuch Guest House & Restaurant 1968-1986 A tall building dated on a panel above the doorway 1688 and mostly of stone said to have come from an Abbey building, probably the kitchen which was pulled down in 1685. Inside is a fine staircase. Front of old ashlar with stone plinth and a string course at first floor level of red and black bricks. Topmost courses are brick and eaves have a moulded cornice of wood with square medallions. Three of four windows in second story have original oak frames and mullions. (Vict Hist p.98) Photo BHS 13 La Vieille Auberge Guest House & Restaurant from 4 Jan 1986

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Passageway between 27 & 28 "Parks Yard" Rear Of 27 High Street		"Bull Cottage" Nos. 5,2,3,4,9 Also House – "Landsells"	
28 High Street	1886-1887 1910-1911 1913-1915 1932-1939 1960-1974 1988 1995	Vinealls Corn Stores Mr Thos Earle Mr Frank Fuller C A Wilson Dental Surgeon Earl (Radio, TV Electronics) Opened as a gift shop under the auspices Earl see 29 High St. Tennias Surveyors	28 and 29 for Sale in early 1989
28a High Street			
29 High Street	1862 1878-1923 ?1924-1930 1932-1934 1935-1937 1938 1939, 1940 1948-1974	Mrs Sarah Taylor, Baker Jesse Dray, Baker "Friar Tuck Shop" Everything Home Made J B Mitchell Watchmaker E J Puxted & Son Florists Dacs Ltd Greengrocers Penfound Greengrocer Earl Electrician & Radio	Photo 102 Bygone Battle BHS 16 1988 turned into a private house. For sale 1989