

Building Report
Habberley Street, Kidderminster
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Habberley Street North Side in 2010

Including the number of rooms (including the kitchen) as stated on the 1911 census



Nos 13-15
5 Rooms in 1911
Built between 1851 & 1859

Nos 16 (5 Rooms in 1911)
& 17 (6 Rooms in 1911)
Built pre 1837

Nos 18
Built between 1859 & 1861
19 Built pre 1837
Both 5 Rooms in 1911

No 20
6 Rooms in 1911
Built pre 1837



Nos 21-23
4 Rooms in 1911
Built in 1880/1881

No 24
6 Rooms in 1911
Built pre 1837

No 25
7 Rooms in 1911
Built pre 1837

No 26
5 Rooms in 1911
Built pre 1837

Introduction

This work was carried out as part of The Historic Kidderminster Project. The research included scrutiny of Kidderminster Rate Books, censuses and visits to the County Record Office. Habberley Street is situated in the North of Kidderminster the first turn on the left off Crane Street which is the first turn on the left off Mason Road which is in turn off Mill Street, the main road out of Kidderminster through Franche to Bridgnorth.

Habberley Street South Side in 2008



Nos 2 – 4 Habberley Street
South side of the street nearest to Proud
Cross Ringway
Built pre 1841 (plus No 1 which was
demolished with the redevelopment)



Nos 6A & 6B Habberley Street
South side of the street
Built post re-development in about 1990

Nos 5 & 6 Habberley Street
South side of the street
Built pre 1841



Nos 7, 7A & 7B Alma Court
Habberley Street
South side of the street
Built post re-development about 1990



No 8 Habberley Street
South side of the street
Built pre 1841



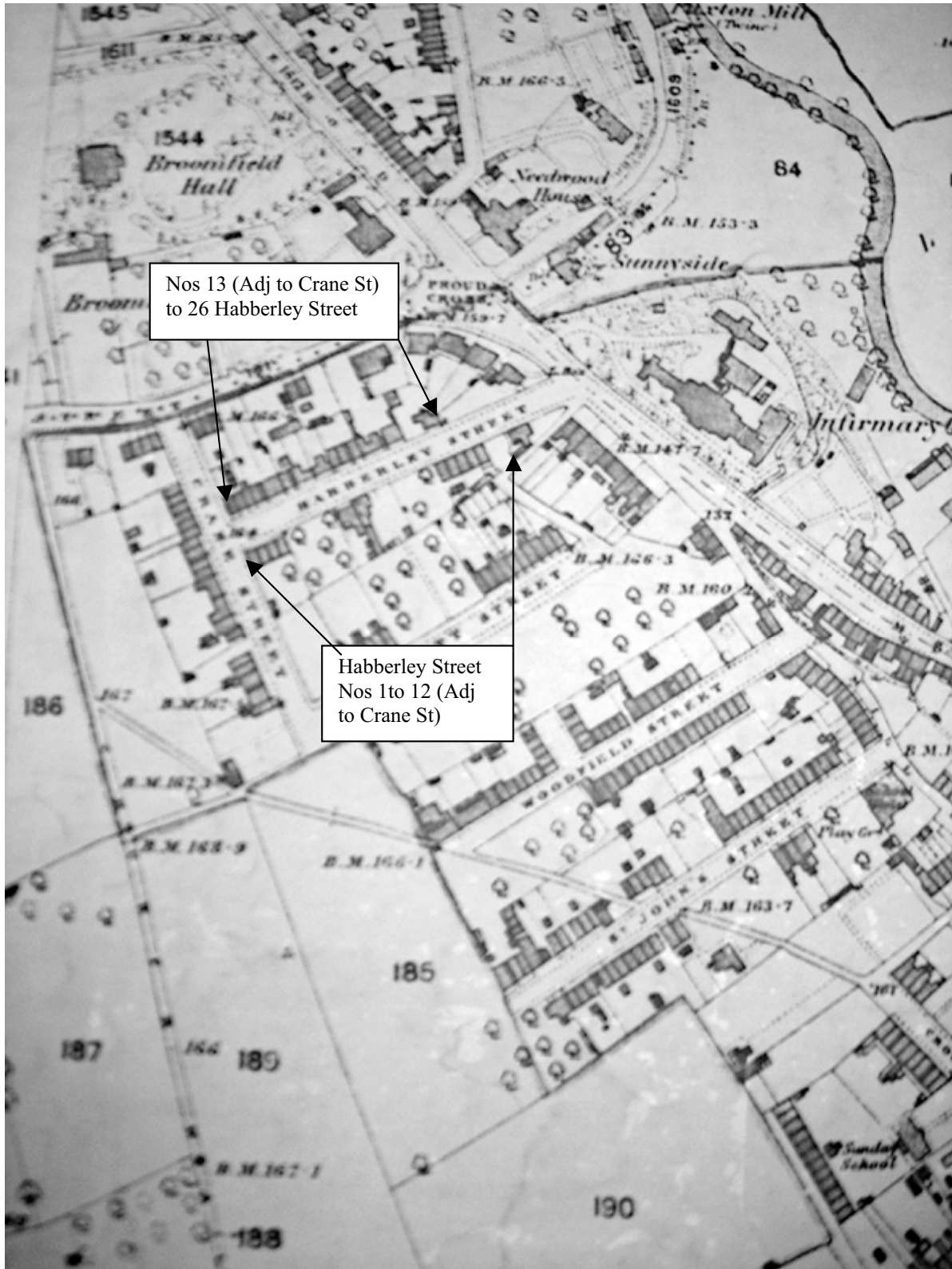
Nos 8a, 8b, 8c & 8d Habberley Street
South side of the street
Built post re-development about 1990



Nos 9 & 10 Habberley Street
South side of the street
Built between 1851 & 1861



Nos 11 & 12 Habberley Street
South side of the street butting on to Crane
Street



Nos 13 (Adj to Crane St)
to 26 Habberley Street

Habberley Street
Nos 1 to 12 (Adj
to Crane St)

Habberley Street is shown lying in the middle of the 1884 Ordnance Survey Map of Kidderminster Ref Map No 120 at Kidderminster Library. Map shows the current and unchanged numbering of the houses since the 1800s. Habberley Street is shown as it was prior to the siting of Proud Cross Ringway in the redevelopment of that area in the 1980s. It came directly off Mill Street and was the only street in this area at that time that did.

Results

A. Kidderminster Rate Books

No.	Name of Occupier	Number of Votes	Name of Owner	Description of Property rated, namely, whether Lands, Houses, Tithes impropriations, appropriation of Tithes, Coal Mines, Saltpetre Underwoods	Name or Situation of Property
	William Slater		In Land	House and Garden	near Proud Cross
	James Nicholls		d	Shop and Yard	
	William Binns		d	House	
	Samuel Farwell		William Binns	House	
<u>Coventry Street</u>					
1820	Mary Peatley		David Jones	House and Garden	
1821	John Hallam		In Land	House and Garden	
1822	Charles Goodman		d	House and Garden	
	Miles Cole		Charles Goodman	House and Garden	
	John Hunt		Thomas Howell	House and Garden	
	John Cox		d	House and Garden	
	John Christie		d	House and Garden	
	William Cole		d	House and Garden	
1823	Mr Pinches		In Land	House and Garden	
1824	Mr Jones		d	House and Garden	
1825			d	House	
1826	John Tharrett		Mr Pinches	House	
			d	House	
	Andrew		d	House	

The Rate Book of 1837 records the first entry on the page above as Proud Cross for William Slater who actually lived in Habberley Street on the 1841 census. He owned a house and garden numbered 21 on that census, and also owned land in Habberley Street. No 21 eventually had to be renumbered to 24 with the building of 3 houses which were shown as being built on the 1881 census. The 3 houses being built at that time are Nos 21-23 in 2007.



No. 24 Habberley Street (previously No 21 in 1841-1881) the home of William Slater, which was probably one of the first houses to be built in the street about 1837.



No. 25, (No. 22 in 1841) and No. 26 (No. 23 in 1841) were also built at the same time around 1837.



No 20 Habberley Street built at the same time as the previous 5 shown. They are all double fronted houses with lower roofs than later houses.

B. The Censuses

- i. 6th June 1841 District 11 ref HO 107/1208/5 -listed as Habberley Street

The 1841 census shows William Slater, a clerk, in Habberley Street where he was still living in 1871. It also shows William Edwards, a builder, who lived there followed by his widow until after the 1901 census.



Nos 16 & 17, of which 17 appears on the 1841 Census, and No 16 was added later.



Nos 18 & 19, of which No 19 appears on the 1841 Census and No 18 was added later.

We know that these houses were the ones on the 1841 census and some in the rate books, because the same occupants were in some of them several censuses afterwards.

The 1841 census lists 9 houses occupied and 1 uninhabited totaling 10 in one section of the census, plus 2 further houses in a different section . Of these 12 houses, we think that 6 were on the north side and the other 6 on the south side.



One of the houses on the south side was occupied by Christopher Hebblethwaite who appeared in the 1841 Kidderminster rate books in a property listed as beerhouse, bakehouse and garden. This must have been No 7 and possibly 8, which was the Alma Inn (formerly The Last). No 8 in 2008 obviously had a house attached as the left hand side brickwork was added in later years (probably 1980s redevelopment of the Proud Cross ringway) after the Alma pub was re-developed.



We think that there were 4 further houses of which we deduce that 2 were Nos 5 & 6 which are a terrace with lower roofs like the other houses in the street. The other 2 we are not sure about but were probably in that area and re-developed in later years.

- ii. 30th March 1851 District 11 Ref HO107/2038- listed as Proud Cross

For this census, the enumerator referred to all the houses in this area as Proud Cross. However we know that certain people were there in houses in Habberley Street both before and after the 1851 census.

We do not think that any further houses were built in these 10 years.

- iii. 7th April 1861 District No 17 Ref RG9/2079 – listed as Habberley Street

For this census, there are now 12 houses on the south side including The Alma Pub which is listed as such. This means that 2 further houses plus Nos 9-12 were added at some time between 1851 and 1861.

On the North side of the street there are now 11 houses. We deduce that Nos 13-16 and No 18 were added between 1851 and 1861. We think that, according to Broadfields map of 1859, Nos 13-16 were added prior to 1859, but No 18 was added between 1859 and 1861.

- iv. 2nd April 1871 District No 15 Ref RG10/3035 – listed as Habberley Street

There was no further building development in the street in the last 10 years.

- v. 3rd April 1881 District No 17 Ref RG11/2902 – listed as Habberley Street

On this census the enumerator has recorded between schedule No. 146 and 147 that there are 3 houses building on the north side of the street. These must be Nos 21-23 as numbered in 2008.



Nos 21-23 Habberley Street, (on the north side of the street), were built in 1880/1881. They may have been built under the Alma Land Club scheme which had been instituted in 1878.

These constitute the last houses to be built in Habberley Street which has remained the same until the redevelopment when No 1 was lost from the south side of the street at the Proud Cross ringway end. Also The Alma pub No 7 was redeveloped with Nos 7A, 7B, and 7C but its adjoining building No 8 remains but shows a newly constructed brick retaining wall. There are also new houses built on land between No 8 and No 9 which are 8A, 8B, 8C & 8D.



Rear of Nos 2-4 Habberley Street on the south side of the road.



Rear of 21 Habberley Street



Rear of Nos 23 & 22 Habberley Street



Rear of 24 Habberley Street



Rear of 25 Habberley Street on the North side of the street

The houses were renumbered after the 1881 census to accommodate the 3 new houses built between the old number 20 and 23. On the 1911 and most recent census there are 26 houses in total. They now are numbered 2-12 on the south side, and 13-26 on the north side.

