

YNYS MON

BEAUMARS, Castle Street, 12-16 (Old Bull's Head Inn)

51/12/30



May 1978

Nat Grid: 605761

Ref: CA/30

Outstanding Conservation Area

- 11* Built early C17; considerably remodelled early C18 and later. 3 storeys. Ashlared street Parapet. Slate roof. Main section has 4 windows (casements on second floor, sashes with glazing bars on lower storeys). The second window on 1st floor is blind, bearing painted sign of bull and crown and date 1617, probably not before 1800 in present design. Double door (each leaf of 3 fielded panels) in place of R. hand ground floor window. Within porch of somewhat slender column (Tuscan) and pediment Two-pane overlight. Rainwater head on right dated 1766 T.B.

To the right a further 3-storey section the parapet being of even height but with different window levels. Ground floor stuccoed; pebble-dash above. 3 evenly spaced

Windows, larger than those of centre except on ground floor; sashes on lower storeys (grajip bars only on 2nd floor); casements on top floor.

Final r-hand extension of one storey with lean to roof hipped to corner. One sash window with grajip bars. One fixed window with grajip bars on bevelled corner. Early C19 show window with paneled pilasters and moulded fascia.

To the left a 2 storey extension (lean to with high parapet and probably C18 semi-circular rainwater head) One sash window with grajip bars above, and Victorian door and sash window united under fascia below (with 3 pairs of simple moulded brackets).

Rear of inn has 3 gabled extensions of rubble, the left-hand shorter and abutting middle one which has large arched window with dressed blocks to head (modern metal fitting).

The inn was used by General Mytton when besieging the castle in 1645-6 for Cromwell. Samuel Johnson + Charles Dickens both stayed here.

The interior has 2 stairs, one C17 with badly and nicely turned balusters and moulded handrails and stringers, mainly reconstructed from the original, the other of early C18 date with slender turned balusters.
(RCHM 7.)