



All Change on the High Street

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Shop 7 **Salisbury Antiques Market** 37 Catherine Street, Antelope Chequer

The Antelope chequer runs from Milford street in the north to Trinity street in the south, and from Catherine street in the west to Brown street in the east. The Naish map of 1751 shows a passage between buildings on the west side (now numbered 35 and 37) becoming a pathway running east across to Brown street. In the 17th century The Antelope Inn bestrode the passage, and included 35 and 37 and two ranges of buildings with rendered walls and slate covered roofs which appeared to date from around 1830 and were partly demolished in 1973. While the north range was being demolished a number of trusses and other timbers were found which appeared to date to the 15th or 16th century. It is suggested that the Inn gave its name to the chequer. The passage between 35 and 37 was called Antelope square. Around 1830 a Carriage Factory sat east of Antelope square and beyond the factory Antelope yard ran partly north, but mainly east to Brown Street. During the 17th century the space behind the Antelope Inn was probably used as stabling for the horses for the coaching inn. One local resident recalls a pony and trap still being stabled behind the Brown street houses in the 1960s. Buildings in this section of Brown Street were demolished in the 1960s and most of the area now forms Brown Street Car Park.

While 33 and 35 have been substantially rebuilt more recently, number 37 has not had the same treatment and offers a glimpse of an earlier interior style with steep staircases between floors, old timbers and a side entrance providing access to the yard.

By 1875 the PO directories show William Devereux's, a draper and milliner, in no.37, followed in 1889 by Blomfields, a draper, milliner, boot and shoe shop, and in 1912 by Dunsfords, a draper, glover and dressmaker. In 1925 it is listed as Pearmain and Maitland, motor engineers and was occupied by Southons carpets by 1931 who stayed there for over forty years. It first became an antique market in the late 1970s, and was renamed Salisbury antique market in 2003.

