

**104/102 Stade Street Hythe CT21 6DY**  
**Grade 11 Listed Building**  
**Historic England**  
**H.E. I.D. 1068925**



This grade 11 listed building is of Georgian design. Originally the building was constructed as two separate dwellings, No 102 Dukes Lodge and 104 Dolphin House as is the case today. This is evidenced by two front doors at either end of the property.

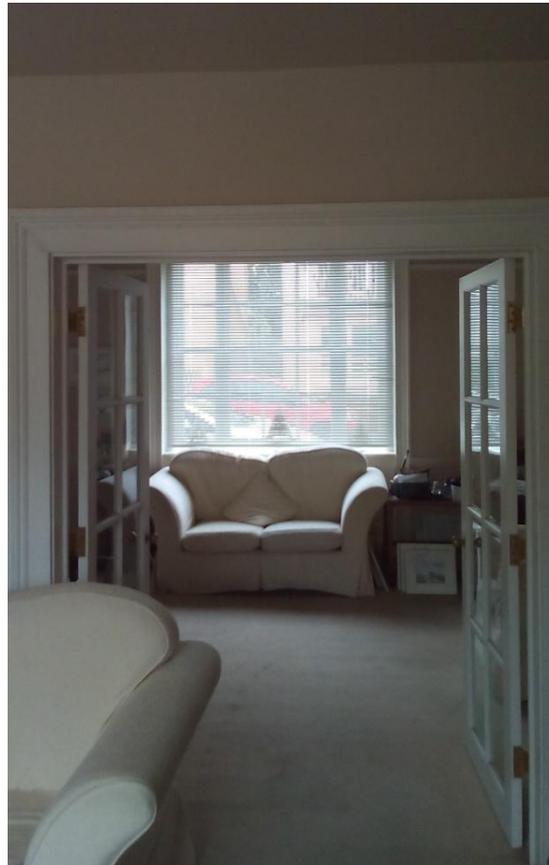
The structure is of brick and stone. The brick construction is of Flemish Bond a method and style that was common in Georgian structures and the stone is Kentish rag-stone. It is assumed that the bricks would have been locally sourced as the building pre-dates the advent of the railways.

The symmetry of the building reflects the Georgian design. The street view gives the impression of a squared off front. This geometric quality is achieved by the presence of a parapet at roof level which hides a Kent pegged tiled hipped roof.

The two original front doors have been bricked in at the base to form windows with fanlights typical of Georgian design.

Two new front doors to the left and right of the building respectively open into newly formed corridors leading to extensions at the rear and this is the case in both properties.

The original rooms are symmetrical the ground floor consisting of a reception to the front leading to a similar sized room to the rear. This is replicated on the first floor. Both properties have cellars which have an ambient temperature of around 11 degrees centigrade and are well maintained and free of any damp. Originally the cellars could have been kitchens. This feature would have been in keeping with many domestic houses within the Georgian era.

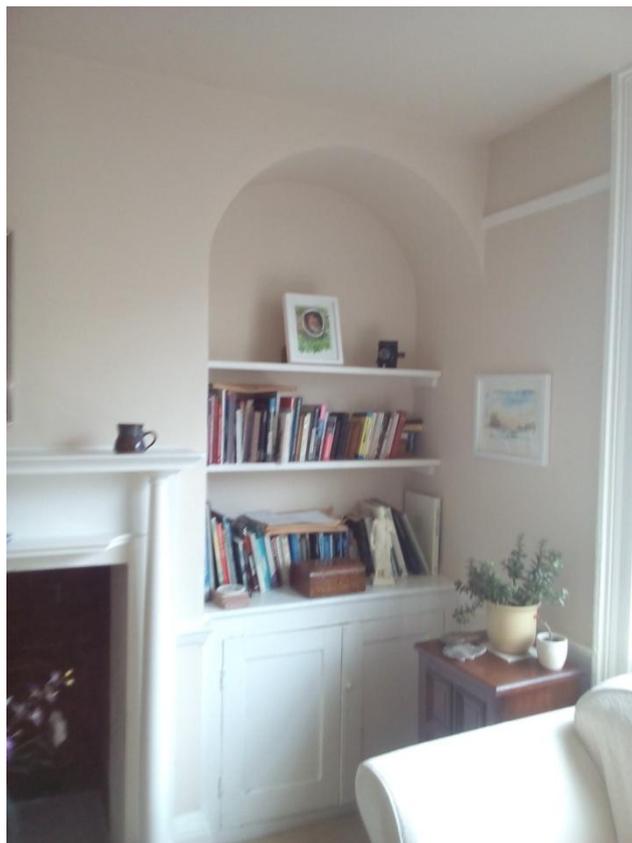


*No 104 Dolphin House from rear reception looking through to front reception*

During the life of the building it was converted to a detached house. There does not seem to be a modified entrance in the centre of the property, so access to the house at that time would have been, one assumes, by either one or other of the side doors.

The interior party wall was altered to create a passage between the two houses and this is evidenced by alcove filled in recesses in the current building, created when later on the building was returned to its original state as two semi-detached houses.

It is believed that The Duke of Wellington was loosely connected with No 102. The nearby Hope Inn was a Mess and the story is that the Duke lodged at No 102 and attended a conference there .<sup>1</sup> Due to the strategic military importance of Hythe during the Napoleonic wars, its association with small arms and the fact that he was Lord Warden of The Cinque Ports, indicates a possible presence in Hythe by The Duke from time to time, but there is no corroborative evidence to say that he lodged at No 102. The house now bears his title.



*Alcove No 104 front reception*



Front Door of Dukes Lodge No 102

The 1842 tithe map of St Leonards Hythe records the owner of both properties being George Finnis

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