

## From the archive: Knaresborough

The Group has recorded some twenty-five buildings in the town of Knaresborough, about fifteen of which are timber-framed; a selection is shown below. Although simple common rafter and king-post roofs are known, a particular type of roof truss is predominant. According to Harrison and Hutton in *Vernacular Houses in North Yorkshire & Cleveland*, page 166-7, this roof type typically dates from the 17th century and has “side purlins strutted from the tiebeams with struts that are usually boldly curved. This form is so common in Knaresborough that local people regard it as “the Knaresborough roof”. A handout from a YVBSG walk around Knaresborough led by Barry Harrison in 2011 can be downloaded from the Members’ Area of the website.

Lorraine Moor



Kirkness Cottage, 35 Briggate (YVBSG 0038). A small timber-framed house, possibly mid 16th century with truncated principal rafter roof.



46 Market Place (YVBSG 0515 and 1873). A timber-framed building with gable of king-post form with V-strutting indicating a late 16th or early 17th century date, although internal features suggest a mid 16th century date.



16 Market Place (YVBSG 0262). Part of a row ‘new-built’ in 1625. Timber-framed, stairs with splat balusters. Mid 18th century shop window.



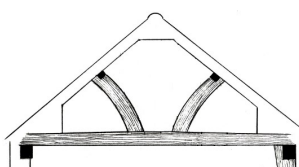
19 Market Place (YVBSG 1096). Part of a row of six shops said to be ‘newly built’ in 1611. Originally timber-framed and of two storeys, raised to three storeys with lofts in the late 17th century.



47 High Street (YVBSG 0397). This apparently late Georgian house contains the remains of a late medieval timber-framed house. Inside is a splendid ogee-arched doorway. Evidence exists of an infill of limestone chips between posts.



Old Courthouse (YVBSG 0201). A well-documented building standing within the walls of the castle, dating from the 14th century onwards.



A ‘Knaresborough roof’



Commercial Hotel, High Street (YVBSG 0180). The early 19th century façade of this complex building hides the remnants of a timber-framed building including a beam decorated with early 16th century painting. A hollow-chamfered and broach-stopped cross-beam probably date from the late 16th century.



St John’s House, Church Street (YVBSG 0039). Probably 16th century with stone walling on ground floor and timber-framing above. King-post roof with V-struts. Large gritstone fireplace inserted early 17th century.



11 Castlegate (YVBSG 0163). Early example of post-timber-frame construction. Probably c1720 and designed as a shop. First floor reputed to have been used as a cockpit.