

2 Church Road (now known as Ardwick House)

This property was originally accessed from the High Street and was known as 1, 3, and 5 High Street. It occupied all the space between the High Street and Back Lane (now Church Road) and was owned by the Rose family for most of the nineteenth century. The first member of this family known to have owned property in Wheatley was William Rose who, in 1751 bought a cottage, house, tenement, garden and backside. In his will he is described as a 'Baconman and Grocer'. His grandson, another William, inherited the property which by then included a stable, cart hovel, pigsty and shop. By 1821 the owner was George Rose (1798-1879) who was a butcher and farmer owning in 1845 two rented houses as well as his home, shop and buildings. His nephews carried on the business. Their premises were known as the Three Elms and the cattle used to be pastured on the Green opposite, before being slaughtered. The slaughterhouse is first mentioned in 1809. In 1911 the premises and business passed to Edward Alden, who continued to slaughter there until 1938. Edward West, the next owner, moved the business but let the premises off as flats. Subsequent owners pulled down the outbuildings and altered the house, and some of the land was used to widen the road.

Three Elms (now 2 Church Road)

1907 Rose Brothers (Owner/Occupier) 1917 Rose Brothers (Owner) John White (Occupier) 1926 Ernest Alden (Owner) John White (Occupier) 1930 Ernest Alden (Owner) Ernest Alden and John White (Occupiers)

The house became known as Ardwick house in the mid 1960's and the owner at that time converted the outbuildings on the east side of the garden and attached them onto the main house. George and Angela Aitchison bought the house in 1964 and it was let for two/three years until the family returned from Nigeria in 1967. The Aitchison family lived there for thirty-three years with their daughters, Camilla and Serena, until after Angela's death, in 1997, and the house was sold to Mickey Quinn, bassist in the 'Supergrass' pop group.

Mickey Quinn rebuilt the garages and added a large music room over the top. This faces east across the garden.