

Building:	House	Significance:	B
Address:	22 Park Street, Abbotsford	Melway Map Ref:	2G J1
Building Type:	Residence	Construction Date:	1870
Architect:	Unknown	Builder:	Unknown



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Existing Heritage Listings:		Recommended Heritage Listings:	
Victorian Heritage Register	[]	Victorian Heritage Register	[]
Register of the National Estate	[]	Register of the National Estate	[x]
National Trust	[]	Heritage Overlay Controls	[x]

History

22 Park Street was originally the Harp of Erin Hotel, built in 1870 for Darby Reddan (spellings vary). In 1870, the Rate Books show Reddan as the owner of a 4-roomed wooden house valued at £20. The following year, there was a brick and stone hotel, valued at £32, on the site. The owner and occupier was Reddan, listed as a wool worker. The building is listed variously as a house and hotel until 1877, from when it is listed as the Harp of Erin Hotel. Reddan remained occupier until approximately 1886. By 1887, Anton Fritoch was the occupier. Between 1900 and 1910, the building was turned into two separate houses.¹ The house is currently a single dwelling.

Description

22 Park Street is a double-storey residence of rendered masonry construction built directly on the street alignment in a largely residential area. Designed in a simple Italianate style, there is a rendered moulded string course at each level, surmounted at first floor by a plain parapet with a scrolled segmented-arched pediment. Nearly all of the original windows have been enlarged and fitted with steel- or aluminium framed windows. Original bracketed window sills survive at first floor level. One of the two door openings at ground floor level has been infilled; only the original bluestone steps survive. Chimneys are rendered, with moulded caps.

Significance

The former hotel at 22 Park Street, Abbotsford, is of local architectural significance and local historical interest. The building is a typical example of the 19th century Italianate style, and is a prominent element in the largely residential streetscape. The building is of historical interest for its various changes of use from a hotel to residences, and its location away from a commercial area.

¹ Collingwood Rate Books, 1870, 1871, 1872-73, 1877, 1881, 1887. *Sands & McDougall Directories*, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1884, 1885, 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930.