

25: WANDSWORTH COMMON

(d) WEST SIDE

(For an account of the history of the area see **Wandsworth Common: Introduction.**)

Buildings & Townscape

Wandsworth Common West Side comprises mainly red brick three storey properties.

Nos.62-72, arranged in pairs as part of a terrace, have two storey square bays, plain clay tile roofs and interesting terracotta panels to second floor. Nos.53-58 are of particular interest. They are three storey buildings, the third storey being in the gable. They have two storey canted bays clad in yellow faience slabs with decorative panels between floors. Ornate faience doorcases with attractive 'broken' pediment, corbels, arch and scrollwork make for a very dignified architectural statement. Faience quoins to second floor windows and projecting corbels add visual interest. Elsewhere to this frontage to the Common the buildings are mainly of three storeys, constructed of brick, and arranged in semi-detached pairs within short terraces. Some have canted bays.

Opposite in Heathfield Road are three storey terraced properties of red brick construction with two storey square bays. They have gabled frontages to the street with gabled porches. Above ground floor windows are attractive semi-circular pediments.

Heathfield cottages are a small group of early nineteenth century cottages. They are of brick construction and rendered.

Westover Road is characterised by terraced, semi-detached and detached buildings of two storeys with an attic storey. They are of red brick construction some with two storey canted bays. Above the bays nos.11-21 have a semi-circular window to gabled roof. The Baroque inspired doorcases with motifs to tympanum are a distinctive feature. Brick boundary walls and piers survive. Nos.25-51 form a terrace, with buildings arranged in pairs. They are two storey

with projecting square bays. The first floor casement windows are set in a semi-circular

arch, whilst sash windows are featured to ground floor. All have distinctive alternating stone and brick detailing to window heads at first floor. Nos.57-67 are a short terrace of six two storey buildings with gabled fronts and canted bays. Each building has a classical doorcase with fluted square engaged columns, stone string course, and window heads to ground and attic floors have alternating brick and stone detailing. The original brick piers and low brick walls and stone coping survive. Tessellated tile paths and stained glass add visual richness. Nos.40-62 are two storey terraced buildings with a third storey in gabled roof. The latter is crowned by a triangular pediment. Recessed porches and triple sash windows are featured.

The properties in Earlsfield Road comprise mainly detached and semi-detached villas of red, as well as yellow stock brick, two storeys with attic storey in gabled roof. Some have dormers half projecting into roof. Red and yellow brick boundary walls and timber gates survive to frontages.

Nos.1-16 Windmill Road comprise a terrace of modest two storey Victorian buildings.

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