

5.4 Ontario Street, west side**12 and 14 Ontario Street**

- Two-storey, painted-brick building with new shopfronts and metal-clad parapet (c.1880).
- East Elevation – Two-storey brick building has a ground floor which, until recently, retained a variety of old elements framed by plain, painted brick piers at either side. Shop entry and residential door are set in recess at LH side. Masonry piers to either side are now clad in vertical wooden panels, with similar panels at RH side of entry. No. 12 door is new 4-panel unit with new etched-glass transom window above. Shop door (no. 14) is wide new door with two lower panels and two upper panes, and with dummy quirk to simulate traditional pair of narrow doors. Transom windows throughout are similar to those at no. 12. Shopfront windows are new, framed by new, plain-section wooden elements. Ceiling at recessed entries is also new and may conceal v-jointed boards previously visible. Narrow shopfront fascia has simple projecting letters under modest fascia.
- Second floor - Wall is built of painted red brick, with headers every sixth course. Windows are pair of old 2/2 wooden units (with metals storms) having rough concrete sills and rounded-head top sashes, set within segmental brick arches. Modest wooden cornice crowns second floor and is now flashed at top with pre-painted sheetmetal. Parapet, assumed to be brick, was previously clad in old painted, stamped sheet-metal panels simulating small masonry units, and this is assumed to remain behind sheets of new metal cladding.
- Comments – Traditional main-street building with new ground-floor shopfront and doors etc. retain older and original materials at upper level, albeit these are painted or otherwise obscured. Metal storm-windows should perhaps be removed, but these have the benefit of preserving original 2/2 windows behind, which argues in favour of their retention. Stamped metal cladding (over brick) is assumed to remain behind new sheets of metal cladding, and exposure of either of these older materials would be preferable to most recent installation.