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RINGWOOD & FORDINGBRIDGE

NOW and THEN

Christchurch Road



Christchurch Road, previously known as Christchurch Street, is probably the most unaltered of all the main streets leading into Ringwood. The old photograph from around 1900 shows the unmaded surface of the road, dusty in summer and muddy in winter.

The small house, half shown on the extreme right of the picture, has long-gone and is now

the entrance to Towngate Mews. The imposing large house next to it remains much the same today as it did a hundred years ago.

On the other side of the street the brick house and timber-framed thatched cottages on the far left of the photograph were demolished in the 1920s and replaced by a furniture shop known as Rowbothams. This later became a surplus store and then a pine showroom until it too was demolished in 2001 and replaced by the new row of small houses which now occupy the site.



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The rest of the left side of the street is almost unchanged. The white thatched cottages, known for many years in the 20th century as Geary's, are now Pine & Country Furniture, Maywood Furniture and R.Morgan Antiques. Next is Netherbrook House and then further old houses which today contain Imagez Boutique, Barkers footwear and I.W.Price & Partners civil engineers.