

# Little St Mary's Lane

## An ancient street with a long and chequered history.

Little St Mary's Lane has been in existence since at least 1300 and originally housed the bargees who brought corn and coal along the river to the Mill Pool. It evolved from this commercial use and became the houses of college servants in the late C19. The lane had a reputation as a 'red light area'

when the old Half Moon Inn moved from Trumpington Street to no 5 Little St Mary's Lane in 1875. It apparently lost its license in 1971 because of the behaviour of the 'licentious' soldiers! Today the lane has been gentrified and is a quiet, mainly residential, street.

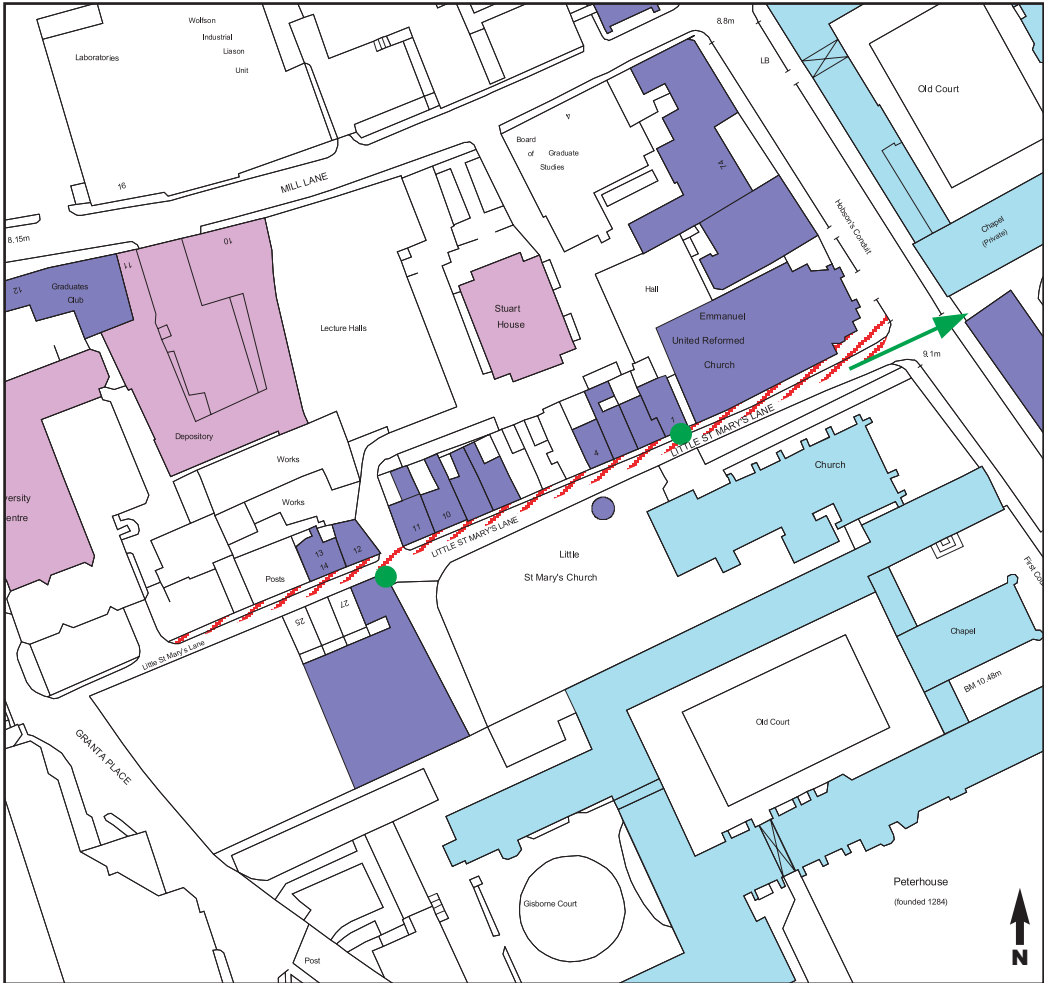


View west along Little St Mary's Lane

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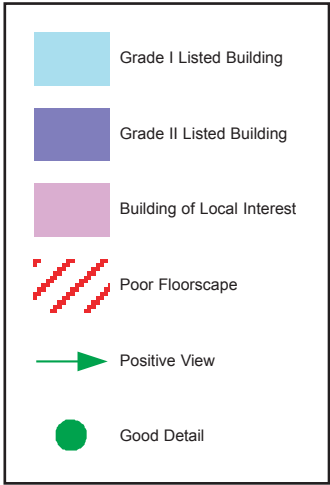
### General Overview

Little St Mary's Lane is a quiet residential street, used predominantly by pedestrians as a short cut to the river as it provides a quiet haven from the bustle of Trumpington Street. The buildings, other than the church and the residential properties, are associated with the university. The University Centre at the west end of the lane is usually busy, but is mostly accessed from Mill Lane.



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View east along Little St Mary's Lane

## Townscape Elements

- > Buildings line the back of footpath with exception of church which is set back behind railings.
- > Break in building line by very narrow access lane in front of Museum of Classical Archaeology.
- > Small-scale nature of residential buildings and church's greenspace means that lane does not feel too enclosed at east end.
- > West end of street narrows towards Mill Lane, and taller, more monumental buildings, create a tunnel-like impression.

## Streetscape Enhancement

There are relatively few opportunities for enhancement or development, although the PCC slabs used along the length of the pavements could be replaced with something more sympathetic.

The former Museum of Classical Archaeology is an unusual building and its setting could perhaps be improved.

## Archaeology / Historic Topography

Anticipated deposit depth varies from 1.00m-1.50m at the west end to 1.50-2.00m at the east end.

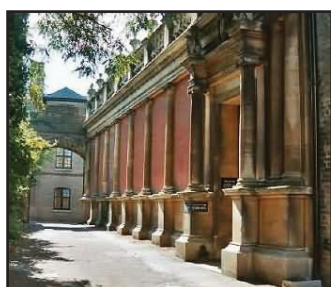
Potential for prehistory is low

Potential for Roman is low

Potential for medieval is high

Little Saint Mary's Lane lies outside the King's Ditch, but within the area of an early suburb of Cambridge, outside the Trumpington Gate - St. Mary-the-Less Church being originally called St Peter's Without Trumpington Gate.

The church is of late Anglo-Saxon origin, but was largely rebuilt between 1340 and 1352 when it was rededicated to St. Mary.



Museum of Classical Archaeology



Former Half Moon Public House



Gas lamp



Baily Grundy Barrett Building

Building No. / Name	Status	Age	Height (storeys)	Wall Materials	Roof Form / Materials	Architect	Notes
1	Listed Grade II	early C19	3 + basement	grey gault brick	parapet		Grade II Listed gas lamp attached to south east corner of building
2-4	Listed Grade II	C18	2 + attics	brick / plastered	hipped dormers / tile		
5	none	C18?	3 + attics	colour-washed brickwork	pitched		former Half Moon public house
6 & 7	none	C18?	2 + attics	hard red brick & pargetted	tile		Grade II Listed gas lamp opposite
8 & 9	Listed Grade II	C18	3	soft red brick & rendered	pitched		
10 & 11	Listed Grade II	C18	2 + attics	painted brick & render	mansard / clay tile		
Baily Grundy Barrett Building	none	C19?	2	gault brick	pitched / slate		
12-14	Listed Grade II	C17	2 + attics	brick / plastered	tile		
25-27 Little St Mary's Hostel	none	C19?	3	gault brick	pitched		
(Peterhouse Fellows' secretary)	none	C19?	2+ basement	gault brick	pitched		Grade II Listed gas lamp on building
Museum of Classical Archaeology	Listed Grade II	1883	1	ketton stone arcade, red brick filling	balustraded parapet	Basil Champneys	converted from existing warehouses connected with the port - some features remain
Little St Mary's Church	Listed Grade B	1340-52; C12 tower porch	N/A	rubble, ashlar-faced	pitched / slate	restored 1856-7 Gilbert Scott	South Chantry Chapel: 1517; South Chapel, southporch, Choir Vestry & West Tower: modern
Railings, gates and gas lamp	Listed Grade II	C19	N/A	wrought and cast-iron			