

## Great Ayton Shops, Pubs & Restaurants – High Street facing the High Green

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1897 – Photograph taken by William Henry Thistlethwaite of the celebrations to mark Victoria's Golden Jubilee.



1920's – Showing The Royal Oak with the stable entrance to the left.

A horse and cart is parked outside one of the few shops.

The Royal Oak is an ancient coaching inn which used to have extensive stabling at the rear.

Notice the eighteenth-century sundial and the motto "Deus adest laborantibus" (God is present for those working)



1930's – Johnson's butchers to the left and the blinds over the Coop, next to the Royal Oak.  
The arcade entrance has replaced the Johnson's butchers



### High Green Shops in 1939

David Tingle – Stationer – across from Post Office

Post Office – No. 107

Bowes' Sweetshop

Laurie Johnson Butcher – Arcade entrance

Co-op – No. 117

Joseph Petch – Butcher – No 121

Frank Dodsworth – Grocer – No. 125

Worthy Pearson – Newsagent



1940's – Next to the Royal Oak is the Dodsworth Grocer followed by the Worthy Pearson newsagent



1950's – Johnson's Butchers to the left, the Royal Oak to the right followed by Dodsworth Grocer, Worthy Pearson newsagent and a shop where Cooper's Chemist is in 2010

1960's – Laurie Johnson's Butchers's  
T H Petch Grocery next to Worthy Pearson Newsagent.  
In the distance is the Coop



1964 High Green



*High Green, Great Ayton, c.1964*

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*High Green, Great Ayton, c.1964*

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1971 High Green





1980's – Thompson's Hardware,  
the Coop Lateshop,  
B McConnon Fruiterer



1990's – The Fruit Shop is owned by  
P&V Suggitt. There is an Italian  
restaurant above called Tosco's.  
Bell's Superstore is next to the arcade  
entrance with Johnson's Butchers  
having been knocked down.  
The arcade entrance signs include  
Bloomarie Florist, V K Alsop Opticians,  
and Vino's Pizzeria.

2003 – Royal Oak and  
Thompson's Hardware



2008 – The "Edition of  
You" photographers's  
across to Cooper's  
Chemist.



## 2008-10 Shops, Pubs & Restaurants



<p>109-11, High Street  <b>Edition of You Photographers</b>  December 2006 to July 2009 - Closed due to increased rent, business rates and the general downturn in the economy.</p>	<p>111, High Street  <b>Ayton's Traditional Yorkshire Fish &amp; Chips</b>  Proprietors: David Grainge &amp; Mark Johnson  Opened 2009</p>	<p>113, High Street  <b>The Premier Collection</b>  Proprietor: June Turnbull  Fancy Goods, Giftware - Handbags  Ladies &amp; Gentlemen's Clothes</p>
		
<p>113a, High Street  <b>Casey's Brasserie (Restaurant)</b>  Proprietor: Jennifer Veale  This used to be Cook's Room restaurant which moved to Welbury, and before that Tosco's Italian restaurant.</p>	<p>115, High Street  <b>McColls (Supermarket)</b>  McColls has over 300 convenience stores throughout the UK.  This was the Bells supermarket before that Heagneys supermarket. It was Appletons Grocers through the 70's and into the 80's (owned by Jack and his brother Scrafton)</p>	<p>117, High Street  <b>Thompsons (Hardware)</b>  Proprietor: Richard Thompson (started working in the shop in 1981)  Seeds – Kitchenware, Fancy Goods - Bedding Plants, Petfood &amp; Bedding  Garden equipment &amp; furniture.  Billy Thompson moved to this location in 1971 from what is Sam's Bakery. He died aged 72 in 1997. Before 1971 this shop was the Co-op furniture shop, and it is still owned by the Co-op. In 1949, it was the Co-operative Society's Ladies' Clothing Department – see Note 1 below</p>



		
<p>119, High Street <b>Co-op Supermarket</b> For all your grocery needs</p>	<p>119, High Street (upstairs) <b>Alpha Dental Studio</b> There has been a dentist located here for over 25 years.</p>	<p>121, High Street <b>D Petch (Butchers)</b> Proprietor: Frank Stephenson Still owned by Donald Petch A superb butchery outlet with a wide range of magnificent pies.</p>
		
<p>123, High Street <b>Royal Oak Country Inn &amp; Restaurant</b> Landlord: Derek Monaghan The Monaghan family have run The Royal Oak Country Inn &amp; Restaurant since 1978. This 18th Century rural hostelry is at the heart of the village.</p>	<p>125, High Street <b>NatWest Bank</b> This was the T H Petch Grocers until around 1970 when it was sold to the NatWest Bank. Before being T H Petch Grocers it was Dodsworths Grocers, which started in around 1880 and continued at least until 1939.</p>	<p>131, High Street <b>Coopers Pharmacy</b> Dispensing Services, OTC Medicines &amp; Vitamins. Toiletries, Cosmetics &amp; Skincare, Jewellery. Gifts and Cards, Baby Gifts &amp; Products. Part of this shop was Worthy Pearson's Top Shop until the late 1950's.</p>
		

#### Notes:

1. In 1949 117, High Street was the Co-operative Society's Ladies' Clothing Department and introduced lingerie imported from America. Posters, showing elaborately-costumed models wearing only a 'Maidenform' bra above the waist, caused an outcry, resulting in a brick being thrown through the shop window.