Great Ayton Shops, Pubs & Restaurants – High Street facing the High Green Mike Newton April 2011

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





1971 High Green





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



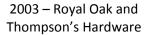




1990's – The Fruit Shop is owned by P&V Suggitt. There is an Italian restaurant above called Tosco's.

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.











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

2008-10 Shops, Pubs & Restaurants



109-11, High Street Edition of You Photographers

December 2006 to July 2009 - Closed due to increased rent, business rates and the general downturn in the economy.



113a, High Street Casey's Brasserie (Restaurant)

Proprietor: Jennifer Veale
This used to be Cook's Room
restaurant which moved to Welbury,
and before that Tosco's Italian
restaurant.

111, High Street Ayton's Traditional Yorkshire Fish & Chips

Proprietors: David Grainge & Mark Johnson Opened 2009



115, High Street McColls (Supermarket)

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)

113, High Street The Premier Collection

Proprietor: June Turnbull Fancy Goods, Giftware - Handbags Ladies & Gentlemen's Clothes



117, High Street Thompsons (Hardware)

Proprietor: Richard Thompson (started working in the shop in 1981) Seeds – Kitchenware, Fancy Goods - Bedding Plants, Petfood & Bedding Garden equipment & 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 Cooperative Society's Ladies' Clothing Department – see Note 1 below



119, High Street
Co-op Supermarket
For all your grocery needs



119, High Street (upstairs)

Alpha Dental Studio

There has been a dentist located here for over 25 years.



D Petch (Butchers)
Proprietor: Frank Stephenson
Still owned by Donald Petch
A superb butchery outlet with a wide
range of magnificent pies.

121, High Street



123, High Street

Royal Oak Country Inn & Restaurant
Landlord:Derek Monaghan

The Monaghan family have run The
Royal Oak Country Inn & Restaurant
since 1978. This 18th Century rural

hostelry is at the heart of the village.



NatWest Bank
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.

125, High Street



Coopers Pharmacy
Dispensing Services, OTC Medicines & Vitamins. Toiletries, Cosmetics & Skincare, Jewellery. Gifts and Cards, Baby Gifts & Products.

Part of this shop was Worthy Pearson's Top Shop until the late 1950's.

131, High Street







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.