

CONSERVATION AREA BUILDING CHARACTER GUIDANCE

HISTORIC DOORS



There are a wide variety of door patterns but the older doors fall into two distinct types - vertically boarded or paneled.

Within these forms there is considerable variety in shape, scale and detail which accounts for the wide range of style - which is often down to a combination of architectural style and local traditions or craftsmanship.

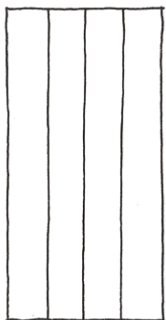
Boarded Doors

The simplest and earliest form of door is made of a series of vertical boards or planks fastened together. Although once extensively used few historic examples still survive. The individual planks are generally quite broad - six inches or more is not uncommon which is much wider than on a modern boarded door where four inches is the norm.

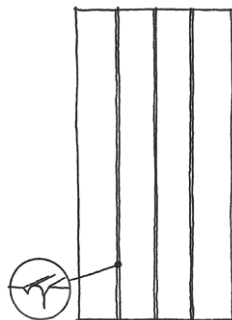
Limited decorative detail can be found - particularly simple mouldings run on to the edge of the timber between the planks.



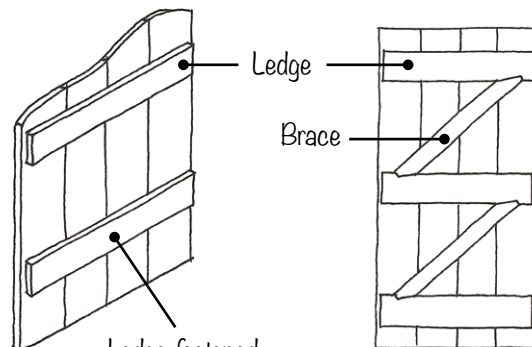
Boards jointed together
- butt, lapped or tongued and grooved



Simple boarded door with no decoration



Boarded door with bead moulding run on edge of boards, to decorate

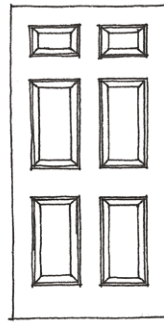


Ledge fastened to boards with nails or pegs

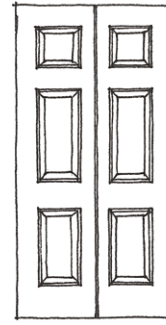
Six Panel Doors

The paneled door became the hallmark of the new Renaissance architectural style - a return to a style based on classical shape and form. While the number and arrangement of panels varies, one particular pattern dominated from around 1700 until the early 19th century - the six panel door.

Individual doors will vary in shape and detail and in some cases the top two panels may be glazed.



Six panel door

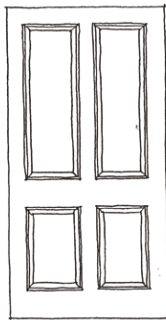


Six panel door with central bead moulding

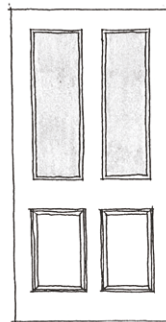


Four Panel Doors

A major change in door pattern occurred in the 19th century with the introduction of the four panel door - recognized as 'victorian'. As with all paneled doors the design varies in terms of detailing - some panels may have chamfer cut around the edge (raised and fielded), others may be flat or even flush to the face of the door, and glazing of the top two panels is common.



Four panel door with flat recessed panels and belection moulding



Four panel door with upper panels glazed



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