

Cafe Nero, Taunton – 15 Fore Street

A lovely building, dated d1324 that is accessible to the public. More details can be found on our website. <http://svbrg.org.uk/visitbuildings.php>

Again a rather old survey from the SVBRG collection of reports. You can see clearly from the larger 1 Reed squares, in purple, that this is a 6x3 Reed plan. Normally you would expect Reeds (11ft, 3352mm) to be subdivided into tenths, frequently seen on stone buildings. However here that grid did not fit. Reed /8 worked well, but missed the roof truss positions, indicated with a “T” at the bottom of the plan.

Only when a Reed/12 grid was applied did all the trusses fit into place. T3 with its stud work aligns well. With this grid you can see the walls are 3 units wide. The internal wall is 2 units wide, and corridor wall 1 unit. Even the later jetty seems to fit at 2 units wide.

This is the only building located so far that uses Reeds/12 for setting out. This might not be too surprising as it is much bigger than the domestic properties we normally survey.

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