

- 4.8.4 In the northwest corner of the room is a chimneybreast in the base of which are the remains of a fire opening that has had a timber board fitted over it. It has a polished slate hearth in front and the fire surround is missing.
- 4.8.5 The ceiling, where this still remains, is of lath and plaster finished with lining paper.
- 4.8.6 On the south side towards the landing in a position equating to the former over stairs space there is an indication on the wall face where an over stair cupboard or similar has been removed. This can be seen by both the removal marks on the wall and remains of the cupboard framing towards the landing.
- 4.8.7 Skirting boards to the base of the walls all the way around are similar to that noted within the sitting room.
- 4.8.8 At high level on the south end of the wall to the rear bedroom is either a blocked up borrowed light or ventilator between the two spaces.

#### **4.9 Rear Bedroom**

- 4.9.1 The floor and walls are generally as those described within the front bedroom. The walls are generally finished with modern decorative wallpaper.
- 4.9.2 The surround to the fire place at the bottom of the chimneybreast is missing.
- 4.9.3 The ceiling has all been replaced, as a surface, with plasterboard over some of the remaining lathing where this still exists.

#### **4.10 Roof Space**

- 4.10.1 This is accessed from a hatch in the ceiling over the landing and gives into a void that extends over both this and the north centre cottage.
- 4.10.2 The inner face of both end walls appear to be in an LBC Fletton type bricks bedded in an off-white cement type mortar.
- 4.10.3 In the north wall there is a terracotta ventilator grill built in on either side of the chimneystack which on the west side has also incorporated the side flue to this so that it is partially within the overall stack thickness.
- 4.10.4 The roof is a purlin type structure that has large section timber spanning through in centre of the slopes from the central party wall to the north gable wall. The purlins are strutted by diagonal braces onto the head of wall between these two cottages.

The rafters span from the wall heads, over the purlins to a ridge board at the top. At high level over the purlin collars connect to the roof structure and these are on every other rafter for the length of the roof.



Fig 4.10: Roof space from north gable

- 4.10.5 There is timber boarding to the underside of the roof coverings with no underlining felt as the back of the slates can be seen through gaps within the boarding.
- 4.10.6 The ceiling joists span from side to side and at the ends are fixed to the bottom of each rafter. Over these binders span the length of the roof over the dividing wall in a position slightly inwards of the purlins.
- 4.10.7 The ceilings can be seen between the ceiling joists to be largely of lath and plaster construction. In many areas these are covered by approximately 50 – 75 mm of what appears to be mineral wool thermal insulation quilt. There was much stored material within this roof space that to some extent impeded full viewing of this area.