

The parish 'poorhouse' closed down in 1836 when it was replaced by the St Albans Union Workhouse after the passing of the 1834 Poor Law Amendment Act. The 1834 act enforced the introduction of more centralised, cheaper and draconian provision. The 'workhouse yard' tag seems to have been used later to describe the range of buildings until they were demolished in 1936 (where I guess the confusion lies because of the similarity of the dates).

Incidentally it seems unlikely that the three cottages (where the shops now stand) was ever part of the poorhouse. The poorhouse was the three-storey building on the corner that was replaced by the bank in 1936 and later the Chinese take-away. (Mike Smith)