



“CÀ DEL PONTE” (HOUSE OF THE BRIDGE)

You can find this point of interest in Argegno - Path 1 - Stage 2 and in Argegno – Path 2 – Stage 1

INFORMATION

Location: a wide block of flats painted in yellow between via Cacciatori delle Alpi up to the bridge, vicolo dei Pescatori (where once there was the entrance) and via Lungo Telo di Destra. We meet our route at the street number 22 of via Cacciatori delle Alpi

Paving: porphyry

Architectural barriers: none

Access: enter via Cacciatori delle Alpi from the bottom of Piazza Roma

Services: parking available for a fee (to be paid for in Piazza Roma)

Leisure and food: Café, Restaurants and shops in Piazza Roma and in the surroundings

DESCRIPTION

(Silvia Fasana)

In 1663 this ancient building was called the “Ca’ del Ponte” (“House of the Bridge”) and was seat of a city *hospitium*, a tavern with a small hotel. From some documents dating back to the 17th century we can see that the first floor accommodated the tavern, in the strict sense of the word, a room where it was cooked, a dining room, a small cellar or larder perhaps with a slaughter. The oven was placed in a building nearby, today seat of a food shop which, until some years ago, still produced some bread. The hotel rooms were placed in the upper floor. It is probable that the building had a shelter for the horses. The management of these structures, with the possibility to sell bread, meat, wine and everything necessary to manage the tavern itself, was entrusted by the household assembly through conventions to private contractors. The building was sold to the community to the private citizens in the year 1786.