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The Old Quarter,

Rue du Cul de Sac, Chantelle



- ❖ In 2004 we bought, a little by accident, our first house in Chantelle: 11, Rue du Cul de Sac. The house had been squatted for years and was in very bad shape and badly restored. After we moved to Chantelle in 2005 we became more interested in the area. It is the oldest part of town, close to the previous fortress (one of the largest and strongest in France, demolished by Richelieu in 1638). It was a tanners street as it was close to the river valley. All houses in the area are from around 1500, Chantelle's golden period, with many *gothic* construction elements(fireplaces, stone rimmed windows and doors). Since then we have bought no's 3, 5 and 7 (2006) and no. 9 (2007) and 2 (2013).
- ❖ In 2006 we proposed to the mayor, M. Bidaud, that the municipality join our efforts to renovate this interesting quarter of Chantelle. Since then a large financial and intellectual effort has been undertaken. The old water pipes have been changed, electric and telephone cables hidden, all houses connected to communal wastewater and roses planted. The work was finished in 2012. Now an increasing number of tourists often visit the Old Quarter when they have visited the Abbey and the Natural Park in the Bouble river valley.
- ❖ Our last restoration efforts concern our acquisition in 2013, the old White Horses Inn. We opened an antique/brocante shop here in October 2015. Which we have named: Antiquite Brocante Chantelle Cheval Blanc. <http://abc-chevalblanc.com/>

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*No. 7 Maison de Gabriel
Renovated 2013. For rent*



*No. 9 La Maison de Constance
Renovated 2007. For rent*



*Nos 3 & 5. La Maison de Reine
Acquired 2005. Under renovation.*



*No. 2 Maison du Cheval Blanc
Acquired 2013. Renovated and
housing ABC Cheval Blanc*



*No. 11.
Renovated by us and sold in
2005. Currently for sale*

Reine's House



Constance's House



Constance's House



Constance's House



11, Rue de Cul de Sac



Gabriel's House



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The last acquisition

Auberge du Cheval Blanc



- ❖ Just outside the castle's walls and the entrance to the fortified village Chantelle was situated l'Auberge du Cheval Blanc (The White Horse's Inn). It was very damaged by numerous alterations over the years, but we recently acquired the most preserved part. It has many gothic windows, a Renaissance door, gothic fireplaces, several vaulted cellars and a stone spiral staircase, probably vestiges of a tower. October 2015 we opened an Antique shop on the premises. Antiquite Brocante Chantelle Cheval Blanc.



Street work



House Work

