

LOCAL HERITAGE LIST November 2013

The parish council has passed the following message to the History Society from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council:

“The Borough Council is to compile a Local Heritage List and would like you to be involved. This is an excellent opportunity to protect your local heritage.

A Local Heritage List identifies local heritage assets which do not meet the criteria to be statutorily listed, but still merit protection due to their contribution to local character and distinctiveness. Once a Local Heritage List has been adopted it forms an evidence base to inform decision making on planning applications affecting such local assets, with the significance of the asset being a material consideration when assessing any proposals. English Heritage has published a good practice guide on Local Heritage Lists. The guide is designed to be of use to local authorities, community groups and other interested stakeholders in the identification and management of significant local heritage assets using a local heritage list.

Due to your invaluable historical local knowledge of your area we would like you to nominate any assets for potential inclusion on the list. Any individual can nominate an asset, so please advertise this process throughout the parish or your group members. Attached is a list of selection criteria to apply when nominating any asset for inclusion on the list. Please study the criteria and then complete an attached application form for any nomination. Once we have received applications the Council will assess the nominations for their suitability and ratify the list at an appropriate level.

If you wish to be part of the nomination process please register your interest with us so we know who is taking part. We can therefore explain any logistical elements of the nomination process for you regarding site visits etc. Additionally if you require any further information or clarification on the process please do not hesitate to contact me. Also if you wish either a member of the planning policy team or the Conservation Officer to come and meet with you we are happy to assist! More information is soon to be provided on the Council's website by clicking on the following link:

www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/local-lists

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The following is a draft of the letter which Hinckley & Bosworth BC plan to send to owners of heritage assets.

Your property is a special asset that adds significantly to the character and distinctiveness of the locality.

The inclusion of a heritage asset on the local list does not bring any statutory protection to the asset. It will, however, help to influence the consideration of any planning applications that may affect the significance of that heritage asset, as the local list will be a material consideration in all current and future planning decisions.

As the owner of a local heritage asset, we would strongly recommend contacting the Borough Council to determine whether a planning application is required for any future development proposals, minor changes and alterations to the asset and buildings within its curtilage. For this advice please contact the Conservation Officer (01455 255619 / barry.whirrity@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk) or Planning Policy (01455 255671 / planningpolicy@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk)