

A Guide to Tewkesbury Borough's Local Heritage List Selection Criteria

Introduction

If members of the community value a building, structure, area or feature within their locality as having heritage value and the 'heritage asset' is not formally protected (such as a listed building etc.) they can propose its nomination onto the Local Heritage List.

Selection Criteria and Principles

The following proposed selection criteria are based upon the criteria identified in Historic England's guide (Advice Note 7: Local Heritage Listing) and are organised under the general headings of Historic Interest, Architectural Interest and Archaeological Interest.

For inclusion on the Local List, heritage assets must be of architectural, historical or archaeological interest, or two or all three of these criteria.

Architectural Interest - Heritage assets which are locally important for the interest of their architectural design, decoration, materials or craftsmanship. These include locally important examples of particular asset types, which demonstrate good design qualities, including form, proportions, attention to detail, innovation and articulation. The building or structure should be a well-executed example of a particular architectural style and contributes to local character.

Historical Interest - Heritage assets which illustrate important aspects of Tewkesbury Borough's social, economic, cultural, industrial, religious or military history. These include buildings and other structures, which have a close historical association with locally important people, families or events. These assets may be representative of a particular phase of Tewkesbury Borough's history, including those with communal, spiritual, cultural or artistic importance.

Archaeological Interest – Heritage assets of archaeological interest can take the form of structural remains, earthwork monuments, archaeological features or deposits. These may be remains that help explain Tewkesbury Borough's past or contribute to a sense place. These may date from very early prehistory through to relatively recent sites, for example structures associated with World War Two.

General Principles of Selection

- Aesthetic merits
- Age and rarity
- Designed Landscape Merit Evidential Value Group value
- Intactness (state of originality)
- Landmark qualities
- Social and communal value

In greater detail please see the general principles below:

- **Aesthetic merits** – Is the appearance of the asset well-crafted or of historic relevance to Tewkesbury Borough. This might include parks or gardens
- **Age and rarity** – The older an asset is and the fewer existing examples of its type, the more likely it is to have local interest and, in some cases, national interest. The older and rarer, the better.
- **Designed Landscape Merit** – This refers to gardens, parks or landscaped grounds designed for enjoying the outdoors. They may have a structure or key building that acts as a focal point.
- **Evidential Value** – Does the asset have the potential to provide evidence to further our understanding of the past. The research potential may be of local regional or national importance.
- **Group value** – sometimes certain buildings or structures are part of a larger group. For example, houses in a terrace or different buildings in an area designed by the same architect or use the same local materials.
- **Intactness (state of originality)** – Buildings change and adapt over time. The more intact or complete an asset, the greater its value.
- **Landmark qualities** – Assets due to their size or location, stand out positively in their surroundings
- **Social and communal value** – assets which affect people's memories of work life, events, traditions, practices or commemorative history. They often give local places a sense of local identity and distinctiveness.

Nomination Categories

The following nomination categories include a wide range of heritage assets, which might be considered for local listing:

- Agricultural buildings, including farmhouses and barns.
- Archaeological sites and monuments.
- Civic and other public buildings, including libraries, police stations and banks.
- Commercial and industrial buildings, including offices, ~~shopping parades~~, shopfronts, pubs, hotels and industrial premises, including workshops.
- Community centres and meeting rooms, including church halls.
- Cultural and entertainment, including cinemas and theatres.
- Domestic/residential, including detached, semi-detached and terraced houses and flatted development. Includes both private and public housing.
- Educational buildings, including schools and colleges.
- Graveyard, cemetery and funerary structures, including monuments, statues, tombstones and mausolea.
- Health and welfare buildings, including clinics and hospitals.
- Industrial features and structures
- Leisure/sports/recreational buildings, sports pavilions and clubhouses.
- Military structures, including war memorials.
- Municipal park buildings and structures, including seating and shelters.
- National utilities and communications structures, including those associated with gas, electricity and water.
- Places of worship, including churches and chapels, synagogues, temples and mosques.

- Public art, including sculpture.
- Public parks, gardens and other open spaces.
- Street furniture, including distance markers, drinking fountains, horse and cattle troughs, pillar boxes, phone boxes, walls, railings, gates and paving.
- Transport-related structures including bus, rail station

The Need for Evidence

It is important to ensure that the inclusion of an asset in the Local Heritage List is based on robust evidence demonstrating its significance. The information gathered on each asset will provide key baseline data on the location and significance.

Photographs taken during this time will provide a record of each item for future reference and support the illustration of the document.

All surveys undertaken should be fully completed as the information gathered and recorded will be used to support the case for inclusion in the local list.

Useful Information

Local Heritage Listing: Historic England Advice Note 7 (Second Edition, 2021) [Local Heritage Listing: Identifying and Conserving Local Heritage \(historicengland.org.uk\)](https://historicengland.org.uk)

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Non-designated heritage assets are **locally-identified** ‘buildings, monuments, sites, places, areas or landscapes identified by plan-making bodies’ as having a degree of heritage significance meriting consideration in planning decisions **but which do not meet the criteria for designated heritage assets’ (PPG).** It is important to note that some non-designated heritage assets are equivalent to designated heritage assets in terms of significance – see text box following paragraph 27 below.