

Submission to the H&BBC Heritage Strategy

Introduction

The text below is copied from the request for information made by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council. Please note that the definition of *Heritage* is very wide.

The Council are currently seeking to deliver the aims and objectives of the Heritage Strategy 2018-2023. One such aim is to “increase understanding and awareness of heritage with improved accessibility”. In order to achieve this aim the Council would like to request your assistance in determining **what is the heritage of your area** of interest (this could be your parish area or wider). By ensuring the heritage of your area is known it provides a baseline position to ensure that the Borough Council can then deliver on the other aims and objectives of the Strategy which includes:

- Implement positive action to manage and enhance heritage;
- Ensure a partnership approach to care for our heritage;
- The promotion and enjoyment of heritage.

Please remember that heritage can be wide-ranging and include the following common elements:

- The historic environment
- The natural environment
- Buildings, structures and spaces
- Places
- Natural and designed landscapes
- Archaeology and historical records
- Objects and collections
- People, communities and groups
- Culture and tradition
- Stories and experiences

Rather than known heritage such as designated heritage assets (which includes listed buildings, conservation areas, scheduled monuments and the Bosworth Battlefield), the Council are particularly interested in the other elements of heritage listed above that we may not be aware of. It would also be interesting to know why you value such heritage.

Carlton Heritage

This list comprises things which contribute to the local sense of place and belonging. It excludes designated heritage assets as defined above.

Land

Carlton Charity Lands – village charity first endowed in 1317; income from land still provides educational grants to eligible young parishioners

Stone Pits Field - Carlton Stone quarries, now filled in

Ridge & Furrow Field - well-preserved ridge and furrow

Carlton Greens – registered village greens

Little Lane – public footpath, historical association with school. Contains Millennium Noticeboard and Geocache.

Bottle Neck Spinney (in Parish of Market Bosworth) – classic game covert design

Battlefield Line Railway

Diamond Jubilee Orchard – public open space

Landscape

Undulating landscape with vistas framed by hills, woods and hedgerow trees
Limited hedgerow removal, with fields and woodlands managed for mixed farming, country sports and wildlife conservation
The Atherstone Hunt often meets in or passes through the parish
Well-connected network of public rights of way

Trees

Carlton alder – ancient tree in Charity Lands
Old pollard willows along the Stony Brook
Millennium avenues project – hedgerow trees planted/promoted to celebrate millennium
Silver Jubilee – weeping birch and copper beech trees in Churchyard – planted By Carlton Brownie Pack in 1977
Diamond Jubilee oak tree – planted by youngest resident on 4th June 2012

Road and place names

Harry's Grave – ancient name (corruption of OE *græfe* meaning a pool in a hollow)
Granny Sands Corner – local name with associations
Northfields – celebrates Northfields Farm, on site of part of historical North Field
Orton Close – celebrates Orton family who operated service station on this site

Buildings

Old Rectory – Victorian rectory
Old School Cottage – former school building with plaque
Old Post Office – former PO and village shop
The Malt Shovel – former public house
Hall Terrace – part of local folklore
The Gate Hangs Well – current public house, site of toll gate
Bufton Lodge – former farm, part constructed of glacial granite rubble
Church Cottage – former village bakery, foundations of Carlton Stone and glacial granite rubble
Westfields Farm – built of Carlton Stone with bell above door; land was one of three open fields – West Field; farm managed for a time in the late 1920s by the Midland Catholic Land Association to train farmers as part of the Back to the Land Movement.

Structures

Jubilee Post – erected to celebrate Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; unveiled by oldest and youngest residents on June 3rd 2002.
Victorian letter box – re-sited in churchyard wall
Former red BT K6 telephone kiosk – houses community defibrillator
Church clock – part of local folklore
Millennium tapestry in St Andrew's Church

Social

Repeated Parish Plans have shown that the things which parishioners most value are good neighbours, peace and quiet, and the setting of Carlton in an area of attractive and well-managed countryside.

Residents of Carlton have a long history of independence, mutual support and self-help, and pride in their community. This currently manifests itself in activities ranging from simple good neighbourliness and supporting the Neighbourhood Watch Group, to organising social and fundraising events, and providing voluntary labour for regular maintenance work and major projects.

Regular social events include the annual Church Fete and Horticultural Show, church services such as the annual Christingle, Remembrance, Harvest Festival and Easter Day services, and more recent innovations such as a pancake evening, progressive supper and the lighting of the Christmas tree.

These events are arranged and co-ordinated by a range of organisations and groups including the Parish Council, Parochial Church Council, Friends of St Andrew's Church, Keep Carlton Tidy Group, Carlton Gardening Group, Carlton Footpath Group, the Gate Hangs Well and the West Leicestershire Community First Responder Group. They are complemented by the Carlton Book Club, Art Group, Defibrillator Group, and Pilates classes, and a weekly coffee morning and monthly quiz night.

Local events and activities are advertised and reported through Carlton News, the parish newssheet (founded in 1990) which is printed quarterly and delivered free of charge to every household by a team of volunteers.

The culture and cohesiveness of Carlton, which are intangible to outsiders, arise from the personal connections and interactions between the members of these groups and the wider community.

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