



**RUSHDEN
TOWN COUNCIL**
LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



Rushden Local Heritage List Selection Criteria and Proforma

November 2022

Introduction

This document will describe the selection criteria used to nominate assets to Rushden's Local Heritage List.

These heritage assets contribute positively to the local character and identity of Rushden, and which are valued by local people. Non-designated heritage assets are an important component of North Northamptonshire and are at risk from the impact of development, or the cumulative loss of structures. Industrial heritage, including that of the boot and shoe industry, modern built assets, including 21st century architecture, can also contribute towards a sense of place and identity, and it may be appropriate to preserve these as future historic assets through local listings (North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy 2011-2031, paragraph 3.15).

All kinds of assets can be considered for local listing, including:

- Historic buildings
- Buildings demonstrating local style
- Archaeological sites, such as upstanding earthworks or buried remains
- Landscape features
- Historic gardens and parks, and individual elements within them
- Public works of art, monuments and street furniture, including signage

This exercise will not in itself decide whether an asset would be supported or allocated to a local list by the Neighbourhood Plan. All sites will be considered through an objective and transparent site assessment and site selection process.

Statutorily Listed Buildings

It is not necessary to include buildings already on the National Statutory List on a Local Heritage List, though secondary buildings or structures either within or apparently associated with the curtilage of a Statutory Listed Building may sometimes be included for the sake of completeness if their current status is in any way ambiguous.

Name	Grade
Church of St Mary	I
Former John White Shoe Factory	II
William Green and Sons, Cromwell Works	II
The Old Rectory	II
War Memorial (30 metres west of Church of St Mary)	II
Chest Tomb (approximately 1 metre south of south aisle of Church of St Mary)	II
Chest Tomb (approximately 1 metre east of chancel of Church of St Mary)	II
Florence Simpson Limited	II
Rushden Hall	II
Former Park Road Methodist Church	II
Cunnington Bros	II
5A & 7, Crabb Street	II
120, 122 and 124 Hight Street South	II
61, Little Street	II
Hilly Farmhouse and attached outbuilding and barn to the north	II
Manor Farmhouse	II

Table 1. List of statutory listed buildings in Rushden

Historic England Assessment Criteria

Nominated assets will then be assessed against supporting evidence from one or more of the criteria listed below. The criteria are based on [Historic England Advice Note 7 – Local Heritage Listing: Identifying and Conserving Local Heritage](#).

Age

The age of an asset may be an important factor. This is because broadly speaking the older the asset is the rarer it is likely to be. Normally buildings dated after 1948 will not qualify under this criteria unless they are particularly good examples of outstanding design or have strong historical or communal value.

Asset Type (Buildings)

Buildings could include houses, pubs and shops, mills and factories, religious buildings, community or recreation buildings, estate buildings, military and wartime buildings and exceptionally well-designed modern buildings.

Asset Type (Parks & gardens)

This category could include public parks and gardens, or remembrance gardens, as well as privately owned landscaped parkland or historic gardens. Nominations for inclusion in the Local Heritage List should concentrate on the structure or layout of parks and gardens. Plant collections or planting schemes, however lovely, are unlikely to be included as these can be subject to rapid change.

Asset Type (landmarks, art works and way-finders)

This category could include public art works such as statues, sculptures, murals, or decorative village signs. Way markers could include finger posts, street signs, milestones, and mileposts. Structures could include holy wells, village pumps or war memorials.

This category could also include built boundaries, historic road surfacing, paving, cobbles, or sets (particularly if they are a local material such as Denner Hill stone) or historic street furniture such as lighting, bus stops and post boxes.

Asset Type (Other sites, structures & landscapes)

This could include buried archaeological sites such as Roman farmsteads or buildings, prehistoric earthworks, medieval moats and settlements or landscape-scale features such as extensive ridge and furrow earthworks of the medieval open fields. It can also include ruined buildings such as old brick or lime kilns.

Individual find-spots (the location at which an archaeological item is found) are unlikely to be considered for the local heritage list unless they relate to a clearly-defined buried structure. Archaeological sites that have been extensively excavated or are known to be heavily disturbed are also unlikely to be considered for the local heritage list.

Rarity

This will be assessed against local characteristics and the wider context.

Architectural and artistic interest

This includes the style or design and aesthetic appearance of the asset, including how it was constructed and any important features which it retains. Changes and alterations from an asset's original form may not preclude inclusion if they are well considered or demonstrate good quality historic phasing. Poor condition due to decay may not exclude an asset if its structure remains sufficiently intact.

Outstanding or innovative new build design which has helped to raise standards of architecture and design within the local context may also be considered.

Public works of art which celebrate important local or social history, people, collaborations, or places may also be nominated.

Group value

Where assets which meet the criteria and have a clear visual, design or historic association with one another the whole group will be included.

Related or designed landscapes should also be considered in this criteria, particularly where these have direct associations and contribute to the setting of other assets.

Archaeological interest

Assets which provide evidence of past human activity, including the substance and evolution of places and of the people and cultures which made them will be considered. In the case of buried archaeology where the extent of survival is unknown, preservation of the site is key and evidence in support of inclusion should be based on best practice and other archival information.

Archaeological evidence can be found in buried remains but can also be revealed in the structure of buildings and in designed, agricultural or industrial landscapes.

Historic interest

Assets which demonstrate significant historical association of local or national note. This can include direct or strongly established links with significant people or events. Social history and communal interest should also be considered. Historic interest can also be illustrative, for example through settlement patterns, archival or architectural interest.

Some historic assets may have been influential in the development of taste through reputation or references in literature.

Landmark status

Structures and sites may be nominated because of their strong visual prominence, aesthetic appearance, communal value, or historic associations which therefore have a landmark, iconic or focal point status. Landmark status alone is unlikely to be sufficient for an asset to achieve local listing designation without additional compelling evidence in support of other criteria.

Examples might include a significant focal point in a town, such as a clock tower; or an important gathering place or site of worship.

Historic or Architectural Character

Buildings of currently recognisable footprint recorded on the Ordinance Survey edition of 1878.

Surviving historic fabric typical of the local historic vernacular which continues to contribute to the importance of the building or structure.

High design quality characteristic of the original construction date or subsequent high-quality evolution of the building.

Buildings of high architectural quality which are too recent or in some other respect fail to meet the very strict criteria for national statutory listing.

Historical Associations

Associations with local or national historic events or people; significance to local folklore or custom.

Buildings or structures which display evidence of "Local Distinctiveness" helping to define a sense of place and identity to the community.

Townscape and or 'Group Value' with associated or neighbouring buildings which due to their form, massing and appearance provide a significant visual contribution and add quality to the street scene.

Contribution to a local street scene by virtue of landmark quality, distinctiveness or interest as a curiosity or unusual survival.

Proforma

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Please use this form to provide information on Local Heritage List nominations. When completing your submission, please ensure you have addressed the following:

- A separate form must be submitted for each suggested asset
- Please complete as many parts of the form as possible
- Please provide photographs of the asset if possible

The consultation period is from the 24th of November 2022 to the 21st of December 2022. Please submit this form to us by 23:59 on the 21st of December 2022.

1. Your Details

Information Required	Response
Name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Your Status	<p>Local resident: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community group: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Parish Council: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other (please state):</p>

Your Address	
Telephone No.	
Email	

2. Site Details

Information required	Response
Name of asset	
Site Address / Location	

3. Site Characteristics

The designation of a Local Heritage Asset must be based on evidence that demonstrates why the site is holds significance.

For more information about the Historic England's requirements for [Local Lists, please see Local Heritage Listing: Identifying and Conserving Local Heritage](#).

Information Required	Response
Description (age, style, external alterations)	
Nomination category (building, park and garden, archaeology or public art)	

<p>Significance of site/justification for its designation</p> <p>(according to the Historical England criteria)</p>	

4. Further details

Information Required	Response
<p>Please provide details on any local support for the proposal to designate this piece of land (for example, site owner, town council)</p>	
<p>Please provide any additional information</p>	

Finalising your submission

DISCLAIMER

The assessment process and outputs do not designate assets in the Local List. In seeking the submission of sites for the designation of as local heritage assets, Rushden Town Council is making no commitment in respect of which sites will be designated. The designation will be determined through the Rushden Town Council Review and Rushden Neighbourhood Plan Update.

DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT

The information collected in this response form will be used by Rushden Town Council to inform the Local Heritage List and the Neighbourhood Plan Update. This information will then be retained until it is superseded. All sites that are submitted will be public and will be published on the Rushden Town Council website. By responding you are accepting that your response and the information within it may be made available to the public. Any personal information provided (names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses or other contact details) will not be made public. Your personal information may be passed to other formally constituted plan making bodies (such as a the town council) where such bodies are using the evidence base for the purposes of their plan making. Please let us know if you do not wish for your information to be shared in this way.

You may ask us to remove your personal data from the register at any time. To do this please contact Rushden Town Council.

All information held by the Rushden Town Council may be subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act. If any information included is sensitive and you would like to have the opportunity to object to its release in the event of a Freedom of Information request, please contact us.

Further details on how we manage your information, including your rights under the GDPR and our data protection policy can be found here:

<https://www.rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/data-protection-policy-37.pdf>

<https://www.rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk/local-council-privacy-and-cookie.html>

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