

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 19 DECEMBER 2023

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK - LOCAL LIST NOMINATIONS

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 National planning policy and Historic England guidance encourages all local planning authorities (including National Park authorities) to maintain an up-to-date list of locally important ‘assets’ in their areas. These ‘[Local Lists](#)’ recognise the positive role buildings, structures, sites, monuments and other features play in reinforcing local character and the distinctiveness of areas. The Local List can also be a valuable tool for planners to help protect assets from major change or demolition when planning applications are submitted.
- 1.2 The National Park Authority has maintained a list of locally important assets for many years and received Historic England funding in 2020/21 to further develop this work. This has included engagement with local residents, town & parish councils. Following the receipt of nominations from the public, parish councils and others, these latest nominations have been reviewed by the Building Conservation team. It is important to emphasise that it is the Authority’s Planning Committee that decides whether sites should be added onto the Authority’s Local List of non-designated heritage assets.
- 1.3 Section 2 of this report sets out the criteria for assessing an asset for inclusion on the Local List. The criteria are based on Historic England’s guidance, adjusted to reflect the unique characteristics of the New Forest National Park. Where there are a number of similar assets, examples have been selected to represent the best of their type – this has been the case with the white painted timber finger posts seen across the New Forest, for example.

2. Assessment criteria for inclusion on the New Forest National Park Local List

Criteria	Description
1. Age	An asset that displays national or local trends/practices/way of life that is representative of a historic period or changes over time. Broadly speaking the older the asset is, the rarer it is likely to be.
2. Rarity/Representativity	An asset that is characteristic of the New Forest. Or a rare survival of an asset type less commonly found in the New Forest e.g., encroachment cottage or a commemorative monument.
3. Architectural/Artistic Interest	The intrinsic design and aesthetic value of an asset relating to local and/or national styles, materials, construction and craft techniques, or any other distinctive characteristics. This could be an example of outstanding modern design.
4. Group value	Multiple assets meeting the criteria that are linked by design or historic association. Related or designed landscapes that directly





	contribute to the setting of other assets should also be included under these criteria e.g., boundary walls or railings, or groups of estate buildings, terraces of cottages etc.
5. Archaeological Interest	The potential for evidence of past human activity above or below ground or in the wider landscape to add archaeological knowledge e.g., barrows, WW2 military remains etc.
6. Historic Interest	The asset has links to nationally or locally notable people, events, economic trends, or social/cultural history e.g., architects such as Heywood Sumner, or Arthur Hugh Clough, munition works, or Jubilee/Millennial commemorations.
7. Landmark Status	An asset that is recognised as a landmark or a communal gathering point in the local area e.g., a village green, railway station, clock tower or memorial etc.
8. Community/Social Value	An asset that creates a sense of belonging and/or shared identity and is valued by its local community or other interested communities. This could be because of the history, the spiritual association or how it is/was used within the community e.g., village hall or meeting room.





3. The Assets presented for adoption onto the Local List – December 2023





3.1 The assets presented include a wide range of buildings, structures and sites which celebrate and highlight the variety of heritage assets in the National Park, and which are intrinsic to the local history of the area.





- The parish of Boldre has undertaken a review and recommended 9 assets to be included. These include a historic well, old corn mill workings and two finger posts.
- The parish of Hyde has also undertaken research and survey work and has suggested 8 assets for inclusion, including the lych gate to the parish church, a Millennium Stone and a Trig Point on the open forest.
- Other assets include an Arts and Crafts country house in Woodlands, which is now a care home, a public air raid shelter in South Gorley, a former barn in Burley and a cottage in Copythorne.






The following 22 assets are recommended for inclusion on the Local List:

No	Name of Asset	Image	Description	Criteria
Assets in Boldre				
1	The Village Well on the Forest at East End		Visible on the 1840 parish map. A well with timber surround located within the village at the junction of St Leonard's Road and Coombe Road.	1, 2, 5, 6
2	Finger Post at Coombes Gate, Boldre		A good example of a traditional timber finger post located at the junction of St Leonard's Road, Coombe Road and Main Road. The roundel is from the previous New Forest Heritage Area (1985 – 2005) although the post is relatively modern.	2, 3, 7
3	Finger Post at East End, Boldre		This 3-armed finger post is at the junction of Lymington Road and Norleywood Road, close to the bus stop and telephone box.	2, 3, 7
4	Finger Post at the junction of Church Lane, Boldre.		Located at the crossroads of Church Lane, Royden Lane and Sandy Down this finger post has 4 arms. Whilst it is a modern replacement sign, it has been traditionally constructed to represent the historic finger posts.	2, 3, 7

5	Iron Hatchings at Heywoods Mill, Boldre		<p>These rare Iron Hatchings lie in the Royden Woods Nature Reserve and are located at the site of the former Heywoods Mill, a cornmill on the Lymington River. Two sets survive.</p>	2, 3, 6
6	Grave Marker, St John the Baptist Church, Boldre		<p>The Iron Grave Marker of John Boyd who died in 1861 and is buried in the village church yard. A good example of the Victorian tradition of marking graves which would have been made by a local blacksmith.</p>	2, 5, 6
7	Telephone Box in Norleywood, Boldre		<p>The red former K6 telephone box in Norleywood is now used as a community information booth. Located on Norleywood Road just north of the staggered crossroads of Thatchers Lane and Brook Hill.</p>	2, 3, 7. 8
8	Post Box on East End Green		<p>A rare George VI Post Box set in a modern brick structure in the boundary hedge of a cottage. Located by the triangular green at East End, at the junction of Sowerley Road, Lymington Road and South Baddesley Road.</p>	1, 2, 3, 7

9	War Memorial at South Baddesley		The village war memorial is dedicated to the lives of those lost in WW1. The design is a tall Celtic cross on a square tapered column on a stepped square plinth.	6, 7, 8
10	Village Well at Abbotswell Road, Hyde		The site of the well was first recorded in 1215. It was the source of water for the cottages in Abbotswell Road until the early 1950's when mains water arrived. An important communal well and local landmark, it gives its name to this part of Hyde.	1, 2, 6, 7, 8
11	Millennium Stone in Abbotswell Road, Hyde		Located in Abbotswell Road car park, this local landmark was erected by the community to mark the Millennium.	7, 8
12	Parish Boundary Marker, Hyde		Located just east of the Millennium Stone, this modern parish marker delineates the old boundary between the Crown Lands and Common Lands – a key feature of the New Forest historically.	6, 7

13	Lychgate to the Parish Church in Hyde		Located on the eastern entrance to the Parish Church of the Holy Ascension. The ornate timber lychgate was erected in 1929 in memory of the Rev Banks and his wife.	1, 3, 6, 8
14	Trig Point NE of Ashley Heath		Celebrating the history of OS mapping, Trig Point dates from the 1930's and is of interest to walkers and 'Trig Baggers'.	1, 2, 6, 7, 8
15	Finger Post in Stuckton		An important finger post in the hamlet of Stuckton with three timber arms. Now a modern replacement in the traditional style with a tapered column.	2, 3, 7
16	Finger Post at Hyde		A key landmark on the edge of the village green and at the village crossroads. This is a modern replacement finger post with 4 arms.	2, 3, 7

17	Pedestrian Bridge at Vennards Ford, Hyde		<p>An historic footbridge over Huckle's Brook on the southern edge of the village which marks the parish boundary with Ellingham, Ibsley and Harbridge. An important part of the village streetscene and local landmark.</p>	6, 7
18	Post Box in South Gorley		<p>A rare George VI post box set in a brick structure opposite the village green and a Grade II listed cast iron finger post.</p>	1, 2, 3, 7
19	Public Air Raid Shelter, South Gorley		<p>A large public air raid shelter erected in 1941 for local residents who were at risk of bombings at nearby airfields. The shelter was built near to the houses which were requisitioned, so the shelter benefited airfield staff too.</p>	6, 7
20	Ivy Cottage, Barrow Hills Road, Copythorne		<p>A brick and slate former cottage dating from 1869-1895. A traditional Forest 'hovel' possibly self-built by a brickmaker as it contains unusual decorative bricks.</p>	6, 7
21	Woodlands Residential Care Home, Woodlands		<p>An early C20 Arts and Crafts country house now extended and used as a care home. Built of stone with a clay tiled roof and large windows. Located in the Forest North East Conservation Area.</p>	3, 6

22	Barn at Shappen Cottage, Pound Lane, Burley		A former traditional barn and workshop at Burley featuring the use of Bridgewater clay tiles and horizontal weather boarding, which are two traditional local building materials. Now converted into guest accommodation.	2, 6
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3.2 All the owners, or their agents and the parish councils of all the assets nominated, have been informed about the proposal to include the building or structure on the New Forest National Park Local List. All were invited to attend the Planning Committee meeting if they wish to make comment or representations. The parish councils have expressed their support for the nominations.

3.3 The benefit of including the asset on the Local List is that when works are proposed which require planning permission, the application will be given greater consideration in view of the heritage significance of it. Historic England confirms that the production of up-to-date local lists, “...enables the significance of any building or site on the list to be better taken into account in planning applications affecting the building or site or its setting.”¹ The inclusion of a site on the local list does not preclude changes, extensions or alterations, or indeed its demolition where justified. Many works will not actually require planning permission, such as interior changes or work allowed under permitted development rights.

3.4 The Local List can be viewed, [here](#) and all assets appear on the [Planning Maps](#) which can be viewed through the New Forest National Park website. We have produced a ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ document which is also available online to aid understanding around the positive role local listing plays in celebrating the built heritage of the National Park.

4. Conclusion

4.1 In conclusion, it is recommended that Members approve the addition of the 22 assets listed in Section 3 of this report to the New Forest National Park Local List. The assets proposed for inclusion cover a variety of sites and features, and highlight the diversity of built heritage in the New Forest. This reflects the first statutory National Park purpose to conserve and enhance the cultural heritage of the New Forest; and the second National Park purpose to promote the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the New Forest, which include its strong and distinctive local communities and the unique cultural heritage.

Recommendation:

Members agree that, in line with advice and guidance from Historic England, the nominated assets set out in Section 3 of this report are special and represent important heritage assets and are therefore added to the New Forest National Park Local List

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Papers: None

Equality Impact Assessment: No impacts have been identified.

¹ Local Heritage Listing: Identifying and Conserving Local Heritage Historic England Advice Note 7 (Second Edition, 2021 – see [Local Heritage Listing: Identifying and Conserving Local Heritage \(historicengland.org.uk\)](https://www.historicengland.org.uk/local-heritage-listing))