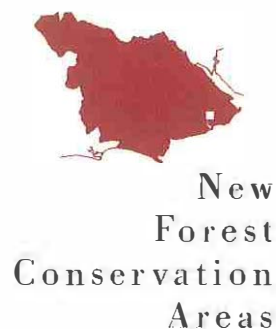


This leaflet explains what a conservation area is and how it may affect you. It shows the boundary of one of the 32 conservation areas and points out some of the features which make it special.

Beaulieu



One of the most important conservation areas in the District, Beaulieu lies in a magnificent setting within the New Forest Heritage Area and the South Hampshire Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Designation gives greater protection to the open and well-treed areas which are essential to the landscape setting of the village. The conservation area includes not only the village, Palace House and the Abbey grounds but also Mill Dam Pond which forms the principal landscape feature of the village, and fields and open spaces to the east and west of the village. Beaulieu has a wealth of listed buildings including nine Grade I or II* and the Abbey is also a Scheduled Ancient Monument.



Mill Dam Pond



Mill Buildings

The Cistercian monastery of Bellus Locus - Norman French, Beau Lieu "a fair place" - was founded by King John in 1204. The linear village grew up as a settlement for hired labourers on the opposite side of the river from the Abbey along the road to Lymington. Following the dissolution of the Abbey in 1538 much of the stone was removed and used at places such as Hurst and Calshot Castles. Only three Abbey buildings remain intact, each with new uses. The village has a timeless feel with many buildings in

the High Street dating from the 17th and 18th centuries. The first tourists visited the picturesque Abbey ruins in the 18th century and large scale tourism has become one of the most significant features of present day Beaulieu. The village becomes very congested during the summer. Beaulieu shares with other villages the problem of providing homes for local people. Sensitive new development is helping the village cope with these problems and continue into the 21st century as a viable working community.