

**Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum Meeting**  
**Monday 10 September**

Update from Wycombe District Council

1. The conservation officer sends her apologies for being unable to attend the meeting.
2. WDC employs one conservation specialist within the planning department. Since the last meeting, the conservation officer has reduced her working hours to 0.8 FTE. Usual working days are Tues-Fri.
3. The total number of listed buildings within the district is now 1239. The most recent additions to the list are the WWI war memorials located at St Lawrence's Church West Wycombe and Holy Trinity Church Amersham Road Hazlemere, both at Grade II.
4. There are a further 79 buildings identified on the Local List. The thatched barns at Culverton Manor Farm, Princes Risborough and the Frank Hudson Building, Rosebery Avenue High Wycombe, a chair making and furniture factory, were added in July 2018.
5. In addition, there are 71 conservation areas. Within the last year, character appraisals have been adopted for Alscot, Horsendon and Riversdale and Hedsor Road conservation areas.
6. Over the course of the summer, the planning department as a whole has been very involved with the Examination in Public of the draft Wycombe Local Plan. Hearings have now been held on all the strategic and development management policies and on most of the proposed site allocations. It is anticipated that the final hearings will have been completed by the end of September, with the Inspectors Report expected in 2019.
7. Three Grade II thatched, brick and flint cottages at Whiteleaf were severely damaged by fire in 2017. Works to support and stabilise the buildings have been put in place but on-going ownership and legal complications are hindering the programme to get the buildings back into a full state of repair.
8. The first phase of opening up works were completed at 2-3 High Street, High Wycombe by the Bucks Historic Buildings Trust. First impressions are that more historic fabric has survived than envisaged and that it is conceivably older than previously identified. A listed building consent application is now awaited for the building's refurbishment and re-use.
9. Wycombe Abbey School and Fawley Court estates (Grade II\* and Grade I respectively) have both entered into pre-application discussions with WDC. Both are important buildings at the heart of historic estates with numerous and overlapping designated heritage assets. The owners wish to establish the baseline architectural and historical significance of the buildings and their parklands, to inform and provide the context for future phased works.

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