



# Recent outreach work in Buckinghamshire

## Engaging the Community

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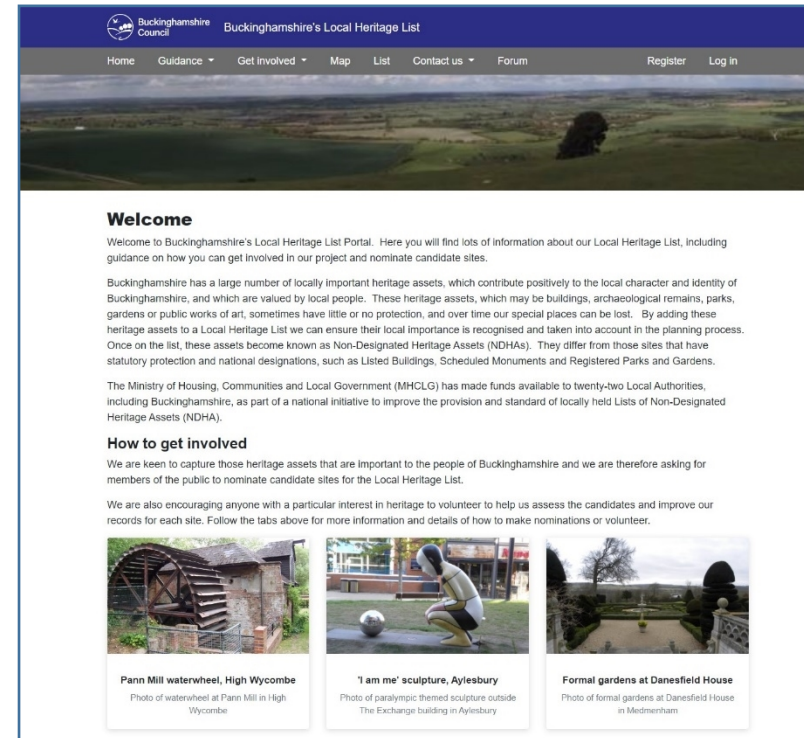


# Progress on the Buckinghamshire Local Heritage List project

- Very much a **team effort**
- **Audit** of known heritage assets in summer 2021
- Local Heritage List **Project Officer** appointed August 2021
- Local Heritage List **platform** launched September 2021: <https://local-heritage-list.org.uk/buckinghamshire>
- Established criteria and commenced **Review Panels** Autumn 2021
- Appointment of **Assistant Heritage Officer** March 2022

## Headlines

- **Over 2600** candidate sites nominated!
- We currently have **160 registered users** on our Local Heritage List web platform
- A core group of **18 volunteers** are busy nominating, researching and enriching sites online.
- Currently involved with **38 groups and organisations.**
- **15 parish councils** are working with us to add local buildings of note to LHL.



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### Welcome

Welcome to Buckinghamshire's Local Heritage List Portal. Here you will find lots of information about our Local Heritage List, including guidance on how you can get involved in our project and nominate candidate sites.


Buckinghamshire has a large number of locally important heritage assets, which contribute positively to the local character and identity of Buckinghamshire, and which are valued by local people. These heritage assets, which may be buildings, archaeological remains, parks, gardens or public works of art, sometimes have little or no protection, and over time our special places can be lost. By adding these heritage assets to a Local Heritage List we can ensure their local importance is recognised and taken into account in the planning process. Once on the list, these assets become known as Non-Designated Heritage Assets (NDHAs). They differ from those sites that have statutory protection and national designations, such as Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments and Registered Parks and Gardens.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has made funds available to twenty-two Local Authorities, including Buckinghamshire, as part of a national initiative to improve the provision and standard of locally held Lists of Non-Designated Heritage Assets (NDHA).


### How to get involved

We are keen to capture those heritage assets that are important to the people of Buckinghamshire and we are therefore asking for members of the public to nominate candidate sites for the Local Heritage List.


We are also encouraging anyone with a particular interest in heritage to volunteer to help us assess the candidates and improve our records for each site. Follow the tabs above for more information and details of how to make nominations or volunteer.



**Pann Mill waterwheel, High Wycombe**  
Photo of waterwheel at Pann Mill in High Wycombe



**'I am me' sculpture, Aylesbury**  
Photo of paraplympic themed sculpture outside The Exchange building in Aylesbury



**Formal gardens at Danesfield House**  
Photo of formal gardens at Danesfield House in Medmenham

# Events

We have actively engaged in events to promote the project including:

- Chalks, Cherries & Chairs Fun Day on Wycombe Rye summer 2021
- Buckinghamshire Local History Conference autumn 2021
- Heritage Open Days autumn 2021
- Festival of Archaeology/Bucks Open Day summer 2022
- Buckinghamshire County Show summer 2022
- Buckinghamshire Local History Conference autumn 2022



# Reaching out to communities – the people’s project

Over the past nine months we have reached out to the following groups and societies:

- [Amersham Museum](#)
- [Amersham Society](#)
- Archaeology in Marlow
- [Beaconsfield and District Historical Society](#)
- Buckinghamshire Archaeology Society
- [Buckinghamshire Garden Trust](#)
- [Buckinghamshire Historic Buildings Trust](#)
- [Buckingham U3A Architecture Group](#)
- [Burnham Heritage Society](#)
- Chalfont St Giles History
- [Chesham Society](#)
- Chess Valley Archaeological and Historical Society
- Chiltern Open Air Museum
- [Chiltern Society](#)
- [Coleshill History Group](#)
- [Hedgerley Historical Society](#)
- [High Wycombe Society](#)
- [Lacey Green History Society](#)
- [Little Chalfont Society](#)
- [Marlow Archaeology Group](#)
- [Marlow Society](#)
- [North Marston History Club](#)
- [Royal Agricultural University](#)
- [Stewkley Local History Group](#)
- [Stoke Poges Society](#)
- [Western Turville Historical Society](#)
- [Wing Heritage Group](#)
- [Wingrave and Rowsham Heritage Association](#)
- [Winslow History](#)
- [Visit Bucks](#)
- [YAC Chiltern](#)
- [YAC Aylesbury](#)

Most have advertised LHLP to members through inclusion in newsletters, member correspondence, or meetings.

We are actively working with the groups highlighted in blue, either by members creating and uploading list nominations onto the website, voluntary assistance at events and working parties, or through LHLPO providing talks and leading meetings.



# Working with volunteers

- We have a core group of **18** volunteers helping to identify candidate sites, draw on desktop research, and enrich the nominations.
- Working parties have been very successful.
  - A visit to Marlow proved extremely conducive by identifying and nominating a dozen or so buildings not scheduled or on existing local list.
  - A visit to Amersham in March to assess and photograph a list collated by Amersham Society and TfL, supported by Cllr Williams (Deputy Leader of the Council).
- Volunteer toolkit within website:
  - Recorded tutorial to help with using the web platform - step by step guidance on nominating and recording candidates.
  - Timeline – guidance on dating a building.
- Printable forms and guides to assist with assessment.

## Building Assessment

### Introduction

Assessment is simply about looking and understanding.

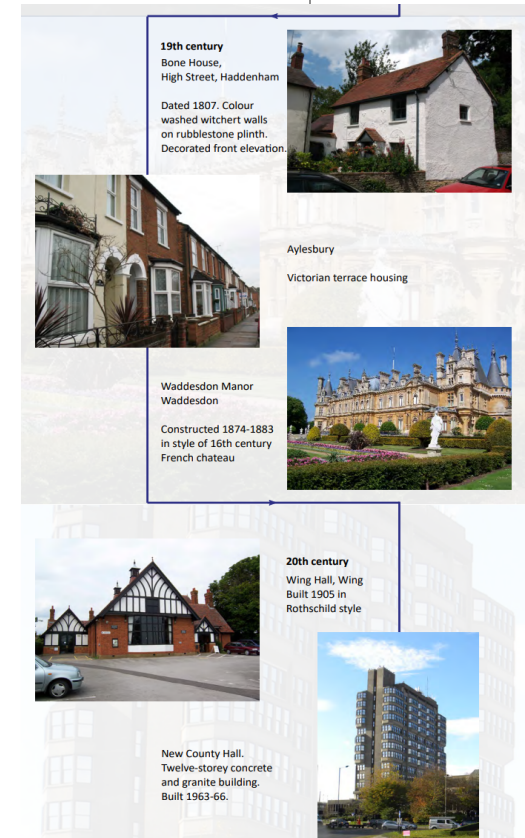
Looking carefully at and understanding your building will inform what you choose to record. View your chosen site from as many angles as possible.

Before you visit your site or building, ensure that:

- you are properly equipped with suitable clothing and equipment.
- you have selected safe and accessible points to observe, record or photograph.

**Your safety is paramount, but your own responsibility.**

Name	Date
Building Name	Approx. Age/architectural style/period
Address	Grid Ref. Candidate status
<b>Site type:</b> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Defensive/military <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Place of worship <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (describe)	
<b>Building Condition:</b> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruin <input type="checkbox"/> Roofed <input type="checkbox"/> Partly roofed <input type="checkbox"/> Unroofed <input type="checkbox"/> Inhabited <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Building materials (walls):</b> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Stone <input type="checkbox"/> Timber <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Witchert</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Glass <input type="checkbox"/> Flint <input type="checkbox"/> Render <input type="checkbox"/> Tiles <input type="checkbox"/> Ashlar <input type="checkbox"/> Rubble <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (describe)	
<b>Building materials (roof):</b> Stone Tiles <input type="checkbox"/> Clay Tiles <input type="checkbox"/> Slates <input type="checkbox"/> Thatch <input type="checkbox"/> Glass <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (describe)	
Describe building materials of interest (e.g. brick bonds/patterns, string courses, cruck frames, materials typical of locality?)	
Features of rarity or interest: Extended <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Roof <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Goods <input type="checkbox"/>	
Describe:	
Context (Group value? Community importance - nostalgic value?)	
Photographic evidence: Be selective and choose views where appropriate. Remember to photograph the front	



# Engaging with the younger audience

In October 21, the **Chiltern Young Archaeologists Club** learnt about the architectural history of the village of Jordans and assisted our visiting Local List Project Officer by investigating and assessing the village with her, and nominating four sites for Local Listing



# Engaging with students

Our Project Officer teamed up with the Cultural Heritage students from the **Royal Agricultural University** to nominate and assess buildings within Lee Common village for the Local List. The students will continue their research by enriching their nominations with historic and architectural details through desktop research, before submitting their findings for final assessment. Oxford Brookes and Portsmouth Universities are keen to work with our Project Officer next term.



# Unexpected engagement and knowledge sharing

- Transport for London – Metropolitan Line's stations and structures
- Marlow and District Railway Society
- The Canal and River Trust
- Wendover Canal Trust
- Woodlanders' Lives and Landscapes



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# Online talks and resources

Monthly talk uploaded to Bucks LHL Portal and advertised on social media

## *Talks already produced and on LHLP:*

- The Local Heritage List Project by Eliza Alqassar
- Heritage assets and significance by Paul Rhymes
- Talk on using Buckinghamshire's Heritage Portal by Lucy Lawrence
- Demonstration on how to nominate a Local Heritage List asset by Jo Horton
- Introduction to Buckinghamshire Archives by Katherine Gwyn
- Understanding the historic parks & gardens of Buckinghamshire by Claire de Carle
- Knowing Your Place - Buckinghamshire's Historic Parishes by Lucy Lawrence

## *Forthcoming talks:*

- Identifying and assessing NDHAs
- Rothschilds Buildings
- Traditional Shop Fronts
- Lumps and Bumps

## *Link to YouTube page:*

- [YouTube: Bucks Council Heritage and Archaeology](#)

## Resources

Dating buildings

Criteria assessment assistance

HE toolkit and training resources

Useful links i.e. Pevsner guides, Bucks Garden Trust, HEAN7, guide to photographing

## Next steps for the LHL project

- Continue public engagement and enthusing volunteers
- Continue nominating, enriching and assessing candidate sites
- Continue Review Panels to agree on sites being put forward for adoption
- Continue delivering a number of online tutorials and blogs
- Continue supporting PCs and other groups
- Aiming for adoption of the a Phase 1 list December 2022 and Phase 2 in 2023

For further details please email [localheritagelist@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:localheritagelist@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

## Buckinghamshire's LOCAL HERITAGE LIST

Buckinghamshire has a rich heritage. Many of our key sites and buildings benefit from statutory protection as listed buildings or scheduled monuments. However, locally-important heritage assets, which contribute positively to the character and identity of Buckinghamshire, often have little or no protection, and over time these special places can be lost.

The Local Heritage List Project aims to identify and celebrate some of these important heritage assets.

### Can you help us?

You can help by:

- ♦ Nominating a building, site or feature to be considered for inclusion on the Local Heritage List
- ♦ Volunteering to assist us with survey and assessment work

Our Project Officer may also be able to help with additional information on how local groups, schools and Parish Councils can get more involved.

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Please use the QR code below or browse our website at [local-heritage-list.org.uk/buckinghamshire](http://local-heritage-list.org.uk/buckinghamshire) for more details and to sign up.



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# Archaeology Day at North Marston

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July, members of the Heritage and Archaeology Team ran an open day at North Marston, as part of the Festival of Archaeology and the Bucks Open Weekend. The event was well attended, and great fun was had by all involved. We have had lovely feedback, with particular praise for our “thoughtful” guided walk.



# Restoring our heritage – the missing milepost

In July 2021, Buckinghamshire Council Archaeology Service were contacted by Peter Gulland, the Bucks representative of the Milestone Society, to inform us that a Buckinghamshire milepost had been discovered in an Oxfordshire garden.

The milepost was originally located on the Brill road at Hillesden, marking 13 miles to Brill and 3 to Buckingham, and is thought to date from the late nineteenth or early twentieth century. Whilst not as old as some of our other mileposts, this one is particularly significant as it is located on a non-turnpike road, which is rare in Buckinghamshire. It is last recorded as having been in place in the late 1980s, after which it appears to have been taken from its location and somehow ended up in a private back garden.

The current homeowner was keen to see it back in its rightful place and so Buckinghamshire Council Archaeology Service arranged to collect it. It was in a very bad state of preservation (see photo 1) and so it was taken to Moss' Blacksmiths in Thame to be stripped back, re-painted and re-signed (photo 2). It is currently stored at the Council's Gawcott depot and will be reinstated in its original position in October!

