

The Shoreham Local List

Non-Designated Heritage Assets

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Shoreham Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets

The Local List Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is intended to raise awareness and enhance protection of the many unlisted but interesting and locally notable historic assets which make up the historic environment of the Sevenoaks District.

Local listing helps ensure that the historic and architectural interest of buildings and structures that are of local importance (but do not meet the criteria for being nationally listed) is taken into account during the planning process by formally identifying them as non-designated heritage asset (NDHAs).

“The District’s heritage assets and their settings, including listed buildings, conservation areas, archaeological remains, ancient monuments, historic parks and gardens, historic buildings, landscape and outstanding views will be protected and enhanced.” Sevenoaks District Council

What are the benefits of a Local List?

- To record and raise awareness of an area’s local heritage assets and their importance to local distinctiveness.
- To inform developers, owners, council officers and members about buildings and structures within the local authority that are desirable to retain and protect.
- To help the council in its decision-making when discussing proposals and determining planning applications.
- To promoting community-led engagement in identifying what makes Sevenoaks District so special. The SPD sets the policy context for the Sevenoaks Local List and the selection criteria for local listing.

The inclusion of a building or structure on the list will be a material consideration the Council will take into account when considering planning applications. This means that when a planning application is made for a property on the Local List, or an application which will affect the setting of a locally listed building, then any proposals will be looked at with regard to the potential impact of any development on the heritage significance of that property, including its setting. Buildings within a Conservation area can be included.

The implication of Policy EN4 – Heritage Assets in the ADMP is that planning permission or other relevant consents, when required, will not normally be granted for the demolition of a building identified on the Local List.

To be considered for the List a building or structure must meet one or more of the criteria given below and its historic interest should not have been eroded by unsympathetic alteration or extension.

Criteria for inclusion: Architectural interest, Historic interest and Contribution to townscape.

Buildings, monuments and areas that are not “listed” as Designated Heritage Assets (Grade I, Grade II etc) but are of value to the community who live and work in Shoreham and to those who visit the village.

In particular:

- Unspoilt landscapes, recreation areas and notable geographic features
- Buildings of historical or architectural significance
- Attractive buildings that make a positive contribution to the character of Shoreham and are admired by local people
- Buildings linked to important figures and events in Shoreham’s history

Sources: *Sevenoaks District Council website, Shoreham and District Historical Society archives and website*

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15. Gregory Close
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25. The Studio, 24 Crown Road
26. Oxbourne Cottages

List of assets to be agreed on.
Each will need photographic support.
Agreement of owner is not required
Locally listed assets can be nominated for National
Statutory Listing with Historic England

1. Church Field

The view from the station across this field towards the Grade I Shoreham Church, with the giant chalk Cross (a scheduled monument) on the hill behind it, is perhaps the most beloved view in Shoreham, and has been photographed and painted repeatedly for more than a hundred years.

The view northwards along the Darent Valley from Twitton also remains particularly unspoilt, featuring several oast houses, a reminder of the importance of the hop industry to the valleys' cultural heritage.

The judgement for the preservation of PRW SR22 clearly expresses the importance of the view of the cross in the landscape and the need to preserve it:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5e0b2026ed915d1f28bf5460/row_3221905_od.pdf

2. Preston Farmhouse

A handsome Georgian farmhouse, perhaps dating from 1800 or before. Historians believe that the Preston settlement may have been founded in the 7th century as the earliest post-Roman Christian centre in the Darent Valley. It was later the base of the prominent landowning family, the Polhills, before becoming a rented farm in the 18th century.

3. Shoreham Station

The red-brick ticket hall dates from 1862 when the railway between Swanley and Bat and Ball was opened. The station master's house was built a short distance away. The station has been the scene of several grand events, including the visit of the Prince of Wales to Shoreham in 1898.

4. Copt Hall

This Victorian house in a prominent position at the top of Station Road was built by the Mildmay family, large landowners of the time, on the site of an earlier property. It was envisaged as a base for the Mildmays' farming operations until the railway cut it off from their valley land. It was occupied by Mildmay estate managers until the early 1950s.

5. Shoreham Cricket Ground

Resting in an isolated spot between Shoreham and Otford, and now the home of Shoreham & Otford Cricket Club, the ground was formally established by the Mildmay family in the 19th century in a paddock on their land. Before that, it's thought cricket was played here since the 1790s. The views of the western hills from the ground are especially fine.

6. The Quadrangle

Landowner Henry Mildmay built a "model farm", using the latest agricultural techniques, on land across the river from the Mildmay mansion in about 1870. The buildings of the Quadrangle, around a wide courtyard, were the centre of farm activities. Today, the main buildings, including a barn, are the site of a wellness centre, hosting arts events and retreats.

7. The Old Mill

Since the time of the Domesday Book, it's thought some 38 mills operated along the River Darent, and this picturesque home to the north of Filston Farm was one of them. It may have been a fulling mill (for treating cloth) as well as a corn mill and possibly a saw mill from the 1870s.

8. Shoreham House

Originally built as "Shoreham Cottage" by landowner Sir Walter Stirling, Shoreham House was expanded into one of the largest properties in the village by the Gregory family in the 19th century. Sir Roger Gregory was a lawyer and president of the Law Society, and photographs of the plush interior of his house survive. Today the building contains apartments with a broad lawn leading down to the River Darent.



Church Field

9. Church House

Set back from neighbouring cottages in Church Street, the white frontage of this detached home speaks of Victorian comfortable living, though behind the façade is an 18th-century building. Church members once gathered here for meetings, and a Voluntary Aid Detachment Hospital was based here for a time in the First World War.

10. The Mount

George Wilmot was owner of the largest industrial concern in the village in the 19th century, the paper mill in Mill Lane. At the height of his prosperity in the 1860s, he built this stately new home for himself away from the noise of the mill. Today the Mount is at the centre of an award-winning vineyard and hospitality venue.

11. Jasmine Cottage

Although the run of ancient cottages along the north side of Church Street from the church to the river are nearly all listed, this final one – to the left of Bridge Cottage – is not. It completes the attractive, much-photographed row of cottages seen from the bridge over the Darent.

12. The River Darent, River Path and Village Green

The Darent is an ecologically important chalk stream, one of only 200 worldwide. It was vital to the Romans and from medieval times powered a mill at the north of the village. Its course has been altered over the past millennium to create a head of water for the mill, and the “manor drain” to the west of Shoreham Bridge marks an earlier journey for it. The River Path is a much appreciated route around the east of the village, while the Village Green is a relaxing, grassy spot near the Bridge with an information board on the Darent and the Cross-Channel Geopark. The annual Shoreham Duck Race is a major village event to raise money for charity, taking place on the river between the Bridge and the former mill.

13. The Old Post Office

This striking red-brick building next to Shoreham Bridge was built as a post office in 1845 by landowner Humphrey St. John-Mildmay and enlarged a few decades afterwards. Postal and later phone links to the outside world were run from here, alongside a newsagents and a bakery. It became a private home in 1981.

14. The King's Arms

This very popular pub in Church Street has a storied past that may go back to the 17th century. In 1744, the alehouse was the scene of a dramatic incident involving the notorious Hawkhurst Gang of smugglers who kidnapped customs officers drinking inside. Later it hosted important village gatherings.

15. Gregory Close

The Gregory family came to Shoreham in 1831 and represented three generations of wealthy lawyers and patrons of the Foundling Hospital in London. They owned property to the north-west of their mansion at Shoreham House, including this mews where their estate manager lived. Lady Mary Gregory (the widow of Sir Roger) moved here in the 1940s.

16. Myrtle Cottage

This well-proportioned cottage was once owned by the celebrated 19th-century artist Samuel Palmer, along with others to the west of it along Church Street. Records appear to date it to at least 1803.

17. Orchard Cottage

Extensive orchards once spread along the meadows to the north of this picturesque cottage in Church Street, and a fruit shop was based here in the 1930s.

18. Shoreham School

The Mildmay family sponsored the building of the village school around 1840 and it has remained at the centre of village life since – from diphtheria outbreaks in the late 19th century, through a headmaster trying to introduce shooting to the curriculum at the start of the 20th, and later an influx of evacuees in the Second World War. Today, it is very well regarded and teaches children aged 4 to 11.

19. The Former Royal Oak (No 2 High Street)

This former public house, which dates from the 1880s, was once very popular and known as the “villagers’ pub”. It hosted many social gatherings and was the base for several village societies. It closed in the late 1990s and became a private house.

20. 3-5 High Street

The Historic Buildings Group of the Kent Archaeological Society have determined that these cottages were part of an ancient “hall house”, likely from the 1500s, due to blackened roof timbers and other internal beams. No 5 (Rambler’s Cottage) was once the site of a tea room and a visitors’ book survives.

21. Mildmay Cottages, High Street (Nos 17-21, 39-45, 53-59, 63-65 and 73-75)

The Mildmay family were dominant Shoreham landowners and employers from the 1820s to the early 1950s. Their wealth derived from the Barings banking empire, and they spent a proportion of it on improving housing for agricultural workers in the later 19th century. They built this series of cottages in Kentish vernacular style, each with three adjoining dwellings, along the west side of the High Street. Some have been sympathetically extended to create additional houses at each end, while Nos 17-21 and 63-65 remain in their most original form. No 21 houses a popular Aircraft Museum with exhibits from World War II. The character of the houses was noted in the 2018 Conservation Area Appraisal, which valued the sense of rhythm and space they create along the High Street.

22. Shoreham Village Hall and Recreation Ground

The land for the Recreation Ground and Village Hall was donated to the village by Francis Mildmay before and after the First World War, and the Village Hall was inaugurated in a grand ceremony in 1924. The following year, the Shoreham Village Players launched their first production and critics from London newspapers reviewed it. The Players remain a thriving company, based at the Hall, today. The Hall itself, extended in the 1970s and 1990s, is a vital and busy resource, hosting everything from parish council meetings to local societies and a weekly toddler group. The Recreation Ground contains a children’s play area, a tennis court and a multi-purpose sports court.

23. Shoreham Allotments

Formerly the Town or Common Field, the area has been used for allotments since at least 1924. Comprising 4.4 acres, the land was sold to the parish council by the Mildmay family in 1953 for £440. The local Horticultural Society and Allotments Association are responsible for day-to-day management. In the late 20th century, local people saw off plans for a new village hall and car-parking on part of the site.

24. Former Baptist Chapel, No 2 Crown Road

This former site of non-conformist worship in the village was built in the 1890s by nationally renowned builder and Shoreham resident Benjamin Greenwood. The last service was held here in 1982 and the building is now a private home, retaining a white clapboard exterior and a handsome steeple that is visible for some distance along the High Street.

25. The Studio, 24 Crown Road

Formerly called Darenth Villa, this was once the home and studio of artist Harold Copping (1863-1932). He was perhaps the most famous painter of popular religious art of his day, including the “Copping Bible”. From his attractive cottage and garden facing the River Darent, he would often travel by boat to a local pub.

26. Oxbourne Cottages

These characterful former workers' cottages are faced front and back with knapped flints, and one side wall curves precisely into the corner of Mill Lane and the High Street. A much-loved villager, George De Decker (1931-2024), lived here and was well known for stories about Shoreham dating from before the Second World War. A Victorian post box, marked "VR", is in the flint wall of an outhouse.

Applications will need to include photographs of:

- The context- the asset/building in its setting, including any landscaping and surrounding buildings.
- The asset- if you are photographing a building, try to capture photographs of the entire front elevation as a minimum, and any other publicly visible elevations, if possible.
- Key features- record any decorative and significant features including any dates, inscriptions or maker's details.

Photograph files should be named using the below information:

- the name of the asset
- the location of the asset (address)
- what the photograph records
- date taken

You need the owner's permission to photograph a site if it cannot be photographed from public land. We can't accept photographs that are taken on private land without the owner's permission.

Scheduled Ancient Monuments in Shoreham

Shoreham Memorial Cross
Medieval Moat, Filston Hall

Listed Buildings in Shoreham

All Grade II, except for Shoreham Church (Grade I) and Filston Hall (Grade II)*

Church of St Peter and St Paul, Church Street, Shoreham

Filston Hall, Filston Lane, Shoreham

Castle Farmhouse, Castle Farm Road, Shoreham

Castle Farm Cottages, Castle Farm Road, Shoreham

Wall to East of Castle Farm, Castle Farm Road, Shoreham

Garden Boundary Wall to Castle Farm, Castle Farm Road, Shoreham

Dunstall Farmhouse, Fackenden Lane, Shoreham

Yew Tree Cottage, Water Lane, Shoreham

Kennel Cottage, Water Lane, Shoreham

1-5 Church Cottages, Church Street, Shoreham

6 and 8 Church Cottages, Church Street, Shoreham

Record and Little Record, Church Street, Shoreham

Ivy Cottage, Church Street, Shoreham

Bridge Over the River Darent, Church Street, Shoreham

The Samuel Palmer/Old George Inn, Church Street, Shoreham

Outbuildings to Rear of Old George Inn, Church Street, Shoreham

Flint Cottage, Darenth Way, Shoreham

Water House, Darenth Way, Shoreham

Filston Oast (Oast Houses to North West of Filston Hall), Filston Lane, Shoreham

Holly Place, 20 High Street, Shoreham

Winslade Cottage, 32 High Street, Shoreham

The Crown Inn, High Street, Shoreham

Walnut Tree Cottages, 29-33 High Street, Shoreham

Oxbourne House, Mill Lane, Shoreham

Mill Lane Cottages, 1-2 Mill Lane, Shoreham

Mill Lane Cottages, 3-5 Mill Lane, Shoreham

The Mill House, Mill Lane, Shoreham

Darent Hulme (Darenth House), Shacklands Road, Shoreham

The Coach House at Darent Hulme, Shacklands Road, Shoreham

Stable Building to North of Coach House at Darent Hulme, Shacklands Road, Shoreham

Dunstall Priory, Shoreham Road, Shoreham

Two Urns Flanking Drive to Dunstall Priory, Shoreham Road, Shoreham (Removed by previous owner)

Wall and Lychgate to Church of St Peter and St Paul, Church Street, Shoreham

The Old Vicarage and Coachman's Cottage, Church Street, Shoreham

Ivy Cottage, Church Street, Shoreham
Chapel Alley Cottages, 1-5 Darenth Way, Shoreham
Sepham Court, Filston Lane, Shoreham
Forge Cottage/The Old Forge, 38 High Street, Shoreham
K6 Telephone Kiosk Beside Forge, High Street, Shoreham
1 High Street, Shoreham
35-37 High Street (including Shoreham Village Stores), Shoreham
Garden Wall of Shoreham House, Church Street, Shoreham
Almshouses, Filston Lane, Shoreham
Friars and Pilgrims, High Street, Shoreham
Waterfall Cottage/Waterfall Cottages, Church Street, Shoreham
Riverside House, Church Street, Shoreham
Bridge Cottage, Church Street, Shoreham
Paines Farmhouse, Rowdown Lane, Shoreham
Porter's Farmhouse, Porter's Farm, Shoreham
Rising Sun Cottage, Church Street, Shoreham
Reedbeds, Church Street, Shoreham
Old Darenth Cottage, Church Street, Shoreham
Old Cottage, Filston Lane, Shoreham
Rock Cottage, Rock Hill, Chelsfield
The Rock and Fountain Public House, Chelsfield
K6 Telephone Kiosk, Rock Hill, Chelsfield

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Well Hill mission Church

The other mission churches?

Fox and hounds, Romney street?

All Oast houses?

Do the Urns need reporting and removing?

Fields bordering Twitton - ancient battlefield?





Twitton Fields

SHOREHAM AT WORK (Early 20th Century)

