

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH

Neighbourhood Plan 2011-2035

Appendix F Community Assets

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1. Introduction



This is a list of the features identified during the Neighbourhood Plan process that come to mind when we think of Binfield Heath. Some are natural features, some historic items and there are a few important buildings. All belong both to our past and our present – and hopefully the future.

Ref	Location	Name	Age	Aspects of special character	Reasons for preservation
CA1	Centre	The Forge 	c1860	History Function Position	Formerly a smithy, then a garage from the 1960s. Under restoration for conversion to community facility. Centre of village.
CA2	Centre	Post Office & shop 	1926	History Function Position	Opened as newsagent and eventually took over Post Office function when general stores closed. Built from local kiln bricks. Now full shop and PO, hub for daily village life. Centre of village.

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CA3	Centre	Chestnut tree 	Post 1926	History Function Position	Landmark tree planted at edge of old Heath near to New Inn, Thatched Cottage and shop. Seat used by cyclists and walkers. Marks centre of village.
CA4	Kiln Lane	Old kiln office	c1870	History	Building at entrance to Shiplake Kiln, restored by owner of modern house where kiln once stood.
CA5	Shiplake Row	High Wall 	1800s	History Position	High brick and flint wall outside Old Acres, once kitchen garden to Holmwood. Runs past and now encloses Highwall House, built in the grounds. Prominent village landmark in Shiplake Row.

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CA6	Shiplake Row/ Keeps Lane junction	Keeps Well and Green Pond 	1724	History	Well built by Col William Boyle of Holmwood to replace a contaminated water source, possibly the adjacent Green Pond, which is also much valued today as a village beauty spot. It has its own story board alongside.
CA7	Dunsden Way	Congregational Chapel 	1835	History Function	Built in Gothic revival style as a church and schoolroom and established by Rev James Sherman, minister from Castle Street, Reading. Regular services and events still very popular with village people and the wider locality. Landmark in village.

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CA8	Crowsley	The Crowsley Park gate pillars 	1800s	Architectural rarity and link to local family history	Represents family crest of Baskerville family, wolves with broken spear in their mouths. Status symbol on grand entrance to Crowsley Park.
CA9	Opposite Crowsley loop road	Cast iron ER post box 	1950s	History Position	Irreplaceable reminder of late Queen's reign. Marks entrance to Crowsley from Sonning Common Road.
CA10	Village centre	Phone box 	C20	History Position	Classic BT red phone box donated by Village Society to Parish Council. Sited by post box, owned by PO, but valued by village as part of the pair.

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CA11	Shiplake Row	Victorian letter box 	Late C19	History Position	Victorian early letter box. Only one in parish. In high wall outside Old Acres.
CA12	Various	Finger posts in five locations, some on grass triangles. 	1950s	History Positions	These are no longer erected by County Council and add to charm and rural character of the village environment. Village centre; one each end of Common Lane; Coppid Crossroads and entrance to Crowsley loop.
CA13	Village centre	Recreation ground	1950s	History	Donated by the Phillimores and held in trust by the Parish Council. Extremely popular and well used.

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CA14	Opposite Orwells	Scout hut 	2002	Function Position	Wooded location, well used by scouts, parish council and associated groups for meetings. Rural location with direct access to wooded space.
CA15	Entrance to village from Shiplake	Orwells Restaurant 	C18	History Function Position	Formerly The White Hart inn. Now an award-winning restaurant. Patronised by locals and visitors. Entrance to parish from Shiplake.
CA16	Entrance to village from Harpsden	Bottle & Glass 	C17	History Function	Old inn at entrance to heath and village, once used as manorial court. Saved as Community Asset and bought by Phillimore Estate. Meeting place for locals, pub and restaurant.

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CA17	Corner of Harpsden Road	Allotments	C19	<p data-bbox="1346 403 1541 715">History</p> <p data-bbox="1346 722 1541 898">Function</p>	<p data-bbox="1608 403 2045 715">Following enclosure acts, gifted by Phillimore and Baskerville families to villagers who had lost rights to land following the enclosures. Later adopted by Parish Council.</p> <p data-bbox="1608 722 2045 898">For local people to grow crops and flowers, often shared with other villagers.</p>