

List of Local Heritage Assets in Cold Norton



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Introduction

The Maldon District contains over a thousand nationally listed buildings, which are protected by law. It has also been recognised that there are many historic buildings which, although they may not meet the criteria for national listing, possess local value because of their architectural and historic interest. Maldon District Council is developing Parish Lists of Local Heritage Assets to identify and celebrate these locally important buildings. Inclusion on a 'local list' does not of itself bring any additional consent requirements over and above the existing requirement for planning permission, but it does mean that a building's heritage significance will be a material consideration in the planning process. The following criteria have been developed to help identify those buildings which merit inclusion on the Parish Lists of Local Heritage Assets. As with the national lists the word 'building' can apply to any type of permanent structure.

1. Age and integrity

- a. All buildings which retain a significant degree of pre-1840 architectural character in terms of form, materials and stylistic detailing or for which there is realistic potential for restoration of that character.
- b. 1840-1880 buildings that are reasonably complete and of good local architectural and historic interest
- c. 1880-1945 buildings that are substantially complete and of very good local architectural and historic interest
- d. Post 1945 buildings that are wholly complete and of an outstanding level of local architectural and historic interest
- e. Buildings which are valued as rare examples of a particular type

2. Historic Interest

- a. Historic association with important national or local historical figures, architects, events or industry
- b. Social or communal importance: relating to structures perceived as a source of local identity and cohesion. (This might include important commemorative structures such as war memorials or places of worship).

3. Architectural Interest

- a. Important examples of a past type or style
- b. Quality materials, detailing and workmanship
- c. Buildings which display technological innovation
- d. Group Value: Buildings whose local importance derives from their visual relationship with other important buildings in a village or town setting or where they make an important contribution to an historic skyline.
- e. Buildings which make a positive contribution to an attractive rural setting
- f. Sustainability: Buildings which can be easily adapted for continuing use due to robust construction or quality materials

This document lists the buildings in the parish of Cold Norton which have been identified as meeting the above criteria.



Kitt's hill, Floodlight

Photograph taken 2013

Description

The remains of a floodlight, dating from the 1930s, intended to help defend against German bombers. It is the only one of around 50 floodlights to survive in Essex. The use of floodlights in this way was not a success, as the light reflected off the clouds and lit up the countryside to the aid of the bombers.

Significance

This is a rare, possibly unique, survival of an experimental type of WWII defence infrastructure. As such, the monument possesses considerable architectural, archaeological and historic interest (Nash 2010).



St Stephen's Road, St Stephen's Church

Photograph taken May 2018

Description

Parish church built in 1855 to designs by the architect G. E. Pritchett. The reconstruction of the church was funded entirely by the Rev. William Holland. The church consists of a nave and chancel, constructed of Kentish ragstone with Caen stone dressings and slate-covered roofs. The church is built in the decorated gothic style. Timber-framed south porch with clay tiled roof. Internally, the highlight of this church is a remarkable roof structure with wall posts resting on corbels carved as crouching figures of the Apostles. Along the southern boundary of the churchyard is a fine stone rubble wall.

Significance

This is a good Victorian church, deploying high quality materials, detailing and workmanship. It has an important relationship with the adjacent grade II listed manor house, Norton Hall. It occupies an attractive hilltop setting. It has considerable social and communal value.

Sources

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