

DORSET COUNTRYSIDE TREASURES

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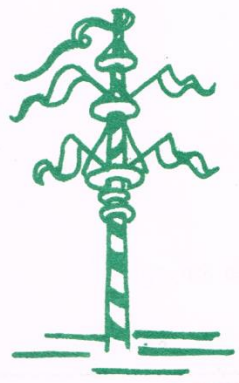


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Categories	ACCESS & GRID. REF.	Description
<p>A. SITES RELATED TO HISTORIC EVENTS. e.g. The patronage of Weymouth by George III.</p> 		<p>Sites of local historic interest – battles, meeting places. World War I and II associations etc.</p>
<p>B. SITES OF LITERARY OR ARTISTIC CONNECTIONS. e.g. Cerne Abbas Church (Abbot's Cernal in Hardy's novels).</p> 		<p>Please include birth places, homes, areas of inspiration etc.</p>
<p>C. SITES RELATED TO LOCAL HISTORIC TRADITIONS. e.g. Maypole festivities near the Cerne Giant.</p> 		<p>Folk and religious traditions, sporting events, sites of punishments (ducking stools etc).</p>

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<p>D. SITES OF LOCAL INDUSTRIES. e.g. Silk manufacture, Sherborne.</p> 		<p>Please include current and obsolete factory and cottage industries.</p>
<p>E. HISTORIC BUILDINGS e.g. Tithe barns, Workhouses.</p> 		<p>Historic buildings and structures <u>not yet listed</u> but which <u>you</u> consider worth preserving.</p>
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<p>A. SITES WITH HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS</p> <p><u>"The Dorset Clubmen"</u> - It was on <u>Hambledon Hill</u> that the Dorset Clubmen, numbered variously between 2,500 and 10,000, ensconced themselves in defiance of Cromwell's army in August 1665. Known as the "Clubmen" because they were armed with clubs, though some carried scythes and pitchforks and a few had muskets, they were eventually defeated by a force of Ironsides led by Major General Desborough. Among their dead was their leader,, the Revd Bravel, Rector of Compton Abbas.</p>	842128	Scheduled monument	By PP 19, & BR 24, 26
<p><u>Cromwell's Tree</u> - It is reputed that the large sycamore tree which stood in the grounds of the Old Rectory (now known as Malabar House) which had been taken over by Cromwell, was cut down by his soldiers because it spoilt his view of the River Stour. Another story suggests that the soldiers removed it for use in bridging the river. Seven strong saplings eventually grew up from the root, making 7 large trees. An attempt was made to cut them down but this so incensed the villagers that only two were felled, leaving the five which are still standing.</p>	833128	TPO (General order on all trees in grounds of Old Rectory)	Private land
<p><u>General Wolfe</u> During 1756 General Wolfe quartered 6 battalions of infantry, 6 squadrons and 2 troop of Light Horse with 12 pieces of artillery in the neighbourhood. They trained on the slopes of Hambledon Hill for their later assault upon the Slopes of Abraham, Quebec.</p>	834127	N/L	Private houses
<p>A row of cottages in Upper Street named The Barracks and an area to the south of the village known as The Butts are thought to be connected with General Wolfe's troops.</p>	835123		
<p>B. SITES WITH LITERARY OR ARTISTIC CONNECTIONS</p> <p><u>The Bishop's Bible</u> An original copy of the Bishop's Bible,, so named because it was prepared by a committee of bishops, and published by Richard Jugge in 1568, is kept in a glass-topped case at the foot of the pulpit in the Parish Church of St Nicholas.</p> <p><u>Sir William Kethe</u> Whilst Rector of the Parish between 1561-1608, wrote the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell", affectionately known as the Old</p>			

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<p><u>Sir William Kethe</u> (cont'd) Hundredth, the popular hymn "O Worship the King all glorious above", as well as twentyfour psalms in metrical versions. He was also one of the translators of the Geneva Bible, so called because it was published there in 1500. This translation is popularly known as the Breeches Bible from the wording of Genesis Chap 3 verse 7 "... and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves breeches." He expressed a wish to be buried in the parish churchyard but unfortunately his grave is unmarked.</p> <p><u>Sir Arthur Sullivan</u> Whilst staying at Hanford House in the early 1870's, where he was a frequent visitor, Sir Arthur Sullivan wrote the music for the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers". The choir of the parish church was the first to sing the tune accompanied by Dr Sullivan (as he then was) on the church organ which had been built to his own specification.</p> <p><u>The Royal School of Church Music</u> The choir of St Nicholas was the first to be affiliated to the School of Church Music (as it was then called), formed in 1927.</p> <p>C. SITES OF LOCAL TRADITIONS</p>			
<p><u>Village Stone.</u> Incorporated in the column of the village cross which stands in the centre of the village is a block of green sandstone ^ ins square and 16 ins deep. This stone once stood where the cross now stands, but its origin is uncertain. It is thought that the basin-like cavity in the top, now hidden from view, may have been used as a dole hole. There is a tradition that the stone was once used in the middle of the last century as a stand on which one Mary Saint was stood to be publicly whipped for stealing hurdles.</p>	835128	Grade II	Unrestricted
<p><u>Keepers Feast.</u> Gamekeepers assembled every year from the surrounding estates at the Baker Arms to enjoy a day's merry-making. Their chief form of entertainment, apart from eating and drinking, was games of skittles.</p>	834127	Grade II	Limited

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<u>Village Pound.</u> Close to the village cross and alongside the entrance to the church is the site of the old Pound, now used exclusively as a private car park to the church	835128	N/L	Limited
<u>Gallows Corner.</u> It is believed that this corner was the site of a gallows on which were hung highwaymen convicted at the Dorchester Assizes	837139		Unrestricted
D. SITES OF LOCAL INDUSTRIES			
Brickworks in Gold Hill Apart from a lowering and levelling of the land, and the traces of a loose, brick-built bank, no trace now remains.	830135		Private lane
Current industries include :- specialised aerial manufacturers egg production pottery			
E. HISTORIC BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES NOT YET LISTED BUT WORTHY OF PRESERVATION			
Nil.			Public right of Way
F. GREEN LANES			
1. Hedge on bank with ditch. Southfields Lane.	827122- 832117	UCR	Unlimited
2. Hedge on bank with ditch. Melways Lane.	835120- 832128	UCR	Unlimited
3. Hedge on bank with ditch. Dirty Lane	835120- 836117	UCR	Unlimited
4. Hedge on bank with ditch. Legal Lane/Nortens Hedge Lane.	832126- 832130	FP20	Footpath
5. Hedge/no bank. Greenways Lane	832126- 826125	UCR	Unlimited
6. Hedge/no bank. Netmead Lane.	830132- 824131	UCR	Unlimited
7. Hedge on bank. Ridge way Lane	830133- 836139	UCR	Unlimited
8. Hedge on bank. Common Drove	836139- 840135	UCR	Unlimited
9. Hedge on bank. Sandy Lane	839131- 842133	BR17	Bridleway
10. Hedge on bank. Porter's Hill Lane	828146- 837144	BR2	Bridleway
11. Hedge and ditch. Crate Lane	833130- 833131	UCR	Unlimited
12. Hedge. Breaches Drove (off Common Drove)	838137- 837135	FP12	Footpath

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13. Hedge with ditch. Burgess Drove (off Lower Common Road)	828135- 826135	PP5	Footpath
14. Hedge with ditch. Ridgeway Road	835139- 838141	BR4	Bridleway
15. Love Lane.	830132- 835132	PP9	Footpath
16. Behintoun Lane	833128- 833130	FP23	Footpath
17. Hayward/Culverland Lane	828122- 828126	UCR	Unlimited

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View point	<u>NATURAL SCENIC TREASURES</u> HAMBLEDON Hill. Panoramic views through 360° arc covering BLACKMOOR VALE to the NORTH and WEST. On a Clear day can be seen the Needles, Isle of Wight and also the distant hill of GLASTONBURY to the NORTH.	845125		Limited
River/Meadows/Trees	River STOUR. Meanders through meadows and is fringed with trees with views of HAMBLEDON, HOD and OKEFORD Hills	837114 To 825145		Limited
Woodland	Ancient Yew Forest about 15 acres and is reputed to be the largest Yew Forest in UK.	847117		Nil
War Memorial	<u>MAN MADE TREASURES</u> WAYSIDE CROSS dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury 6 November 1919 Inscription: "To the Glory of God in memory of men of Childe Okeford and Hanford who served their King and Country in the Great War of 1914-1919 remembering specially before God those who gave their lives whose names are inscribed below" 26 names 1939-1945 3 names	835128		Unlimited
Personal Memorial	A very ornate stone pulpit decorated with marble in St Nicholas Church. Given in memory of The Rev. Henry Tregonwell Bower and his wife Elizabeth by their son in 1879.	836127		Limited
Commemorative Glass	EAST window of St Nicholas Church. Given in memory of George and Elizabeth Peach and their daughter Mary by the Surviving	836127		Limited

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Commemorative Glass	Children in 1879• Designed by Henry Hughes. Depicts the Ascension and in the Tracery at the top of the window can be seen the Alpha and 'Omega.		
Commemorative Glass	WINDOW on SOUTH wall of Sanctuary given in memory of Eliza Bridget Seyrner by H M M Pitt and L L Pitt in 1879. Designed by Henry Kughes. Depicts Christ blessing the two Marys.	836127	Limited
Commemorative Glass	EAST window in Lady Chapel given in memory of Thomas Oliver and Martha Vere Oliver "in 1.879. Desisned by Henry Hughes - shows Christ with Mary, his Mother.	836127	Limited
Commemorative Glass	SOUTH window In Lady Chapel given in memory of Gerald and John Syndercornbe Bower in 1888. Thought to have been designed by Henry Hughes.	836127	Limited
Commemorative Glass	Window in SOUTH aisle given in memory of Sara Matilda Bower in 1920. Thought to have been designed by H T Bosdet of Chiswick. Depicts the Annunciation	836127	Limited
Commemorative Glass	Window in the SOUTH wall to the VEST of the SOUTH door given in memory of Caroline Anne Pendall in 1890. Depicts St Nicholas with his three bags of gold, and the prow of a ship.	836127	Limited
Commemorative Glass	WEST window in SOUTH aisle given in memory of Alexander Rozel Brown and his wife Jane Barbara in 1889. Shows the song of Simeon.	836127	Limited
Commemorative Glass	WEST window given in memory of Lt Henry Raymond Bower, killed 14 12 1914 aged 20. Dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury 6 9 1919. Depicts St Oswald St Michael, St Gabriel and St Edmund with, beneath, Knights in situations of Pietas (Duty), Obedienta (Obedience) Magnanimates (Magnanimity) and Casitas (Love).	836127	Limited
Commemorative Glass	Window" in NORTH aisle given in memory of Maurice Syndercombe Bower, killed at Sofia 13 1 1919, Depicts St George, King David and St Maurice. Signed by H T Bosdet and dated 1920.	836127	Limited
	<u>ALLUSIVE TREASURES</u>		
	Hambleton Hill. On this hill the rebellious Clubmen -of Dorset were overrun by Cromwell's forces in 1645. In 1759 WOLFE trained his men on the slopes of the hill in preparation for the capture of the Heights of Abraham, Quebec, thus winning the Dominion of Canada for the British Empire.	846125	Limited

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