

## **Commemorative structures**

Discussion document

### **Disclaimer**

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Historic England has published a listing selection guide for *Commemorative structures* and a registering selection guide for *Landscapes of remembrance* (2017). The Council has adopted *criteria for identifying local heritage assets* (2016). This discussion document examines the selection guides in a local context and offers initial recommendations for local listing.

### **War memorials**

Historic England advises that “there is a presumption in favour of listing all war memorials”. Memorials may not be added to the statutory list if they are “compromised by alteration or of little design interest”.

There are sixteen freestanding war memorials in NW Leicestershire. Eight have been added to the statutory list, as follows:

Ref	Settlement	Date	Type	Architect	Craftsman
1386	Ashby de la Zouch	1919	Cross		
1408	Ashby de la Zouch	1922	Pylon and enclosure	Fosbrooke & Bedingfield	W Thrall & Sons
1343	Bardon Hill	1920	Cross	George Nott	
1301	Breedon on the Hill	1926	Rotunda		
957	Coalville	1925	Tower	McCarthy Collings & Co	Walter Moss & Son
1551	Castle Donington	1921	Cross	Cecil Hare	
1340	Ibstock	1921	Monument	Goddard & Wain	Wells & Co
1714	Long Whatton <sup>1</sup>	1921	Cross		G Maile & Son

Of the remaining war memorials, we have identified six memorials that appear to have ‘design interest’. These may be suitable for addition to the statutory list. Note that the memorial at Coleorton is *ex situ*.

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<sup>1</sup> The memorial at Long Whatton was added to the list in February 2018. The council’s conservation officer advised against adding the memorial to the list as it appeared to have “little design interest”.

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Ref	Settlement	Date	Type	Architect	Craftsman
1715	Coleorton	1922	Cross		Robert Bridgeman & Sons
1338	Measham	1921	Cross and enclosure	Harry Swanwick	Wells & Co
1713	Moir		Obelisk		
1341	Ravenstone	1921	Cross	Fosbrooke & Bedingfield	Joseph Morcom
1619	Snarestone	1922	Cross and enclosure		Wells & Co
1342	Whitwick	1921	Cross		Wells & Co

We have identified two memorials that appear to have little design interest. These may be suitable for addition to the local list, but they may not be suitable for addition to the statutory list.

Ref	Settlement	Date	Type	Architect	Craftsman
1712	Appleby Magna	1920	Cross		
1819	Hemington	1921	Cross		

Other parishes did not erect freestanding war memorials<sup>2</sup>. The memorials at Belton, Diseworth and Kegworth are each incorporated into the churchyard wall. At Donisthorpe the recreation ground has war memorial gates. A memorial hall was erected at Packington; it has been demolished. The memorial at Charley is in the Borough of Charnwood.

### **Cemeteries since c.1853**

The 1853 Burial Act “empowered vestries to establish new cemeteries”. These cemeteries “aimed at an opulent effect through imposing gateways, chapels and planting”. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, cemetery extensions were “frequent”. Extensions may “possess a different character in terms of layout and planting” (Historic England, 2017).

Historic England advises that cemeteries laid out after the 1853 Burial Act should be subject to more stringent criteria when compared to earlier cemeteries. They advise that it may be appropriate “to designate only the early sections of a cemetery if the later areas have less design interest”. Specific criteria include earliness of date, quality of original design and intactness.

#### Cemeteries c.1853 to c.1879

Cemeteries laid out between c.1853 and c.1879 may be considered to be of an early date. Six cemeteries were laid out during this period. The cemeteries at Ashby (1857), Coleorton (1867) and Whitwick (1878) are proposed for inclusion on the local list. Each cemetery exhibits a high quality original design that survives largely intact. The cemeteries at Coalville (1859) and Appleby (1877) have an original design of limited quality. The cemetery at Donisthorpe (1875) has been extended substantially and the original design does not survive intact.

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<sup>2</sup> In 2014 centenary war memorials were erected at Blackfordby and Ellistown. These memorials are beyond the remit of this discussion document.

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#### Cemeteries c.1880 to c.1918

Four cemeteries were laid out after c.1880. We have insufficient evidence to assess the interest of the cemetery at Castle Donington (1881); the surveyor and builder are unknown. The cemeteries at Measham (1882), Ibstock (1883) and Hugglescote (1908) each have an original design of limited quality.

#### Cemeteries since c.1918

After the First World War “new and distinct landscapes of commemoration” emerged in reaction to Victorian excess. The “lawn cemetery” is characterised by a flat lawn, modest monuments and “the removal of kerbs delineating the grave”. For cemeteries of this type “selection will be especially stringent” (Historic England, 2017).

The cemetery at Broom Leys (Coalville) was laid out in 1924. It does not appear to have special interest.

**Table 1**

This table contains a comprehensive list of cemeteries laid out since c.1853. The entries highlighted in orange are proposed for inclusion on the list of local heritage assets.

Our ref	Settlement	Date	Extensions	Surveyor	Surviving	Destroyed
1447	Ashby de la Zouch	1857	c.1858-77, 1899	John Salisbury Jr	Lodge	
1347	Coalville	1859	1870	George Chubb		Boundary
999	Coleorton	1867	Various		Chapel	
1272	Donisthorpe	1875	c.1901-23, c.1923-61	John Salisbury Jr		Lodge, boundary
1843	Appleby	1877				
1271	Whitwick	1878	1952	John Salisbury Jr	Lodge	
1268	Castle Donington	1881	c.1921-63		Lodge	Chapel
1269	Measham	1882		John Salisbury Jr	Lodge	Boundary
1270	Ibstock	1883	c.1903-29	Harding & Topott	Chapel	
1344	Hugglescote	1908	1945	Leonard Baldwin		
1887	Broom Leys	1924				

### **Churchyards and burial grounds**

Historic England advises that “churchyards constitute some of our most sensitive historical open spaces”. They note that these spaces were “generally without permanent grave markers until the seventeenth century or later”.

As a general rule, churchyards and burial grounds are associated with places of worship. These places are considered in our *places of worship discussion document*. Hence as a general rule this discussion document will not consider churchyards or burial grounds. There are three exceptions to this rule:

- At Hugglescote, the detached Baptist Burial Ground on Grange Road;
- At Hugglescote, the churchyard associated with the demolished Church of St James;
- At Whitwick, the churchyard associated with the demolished RC Church of the Holy Cross.

The churchyards at Hugglescote and Whitwick predate the reign of Queen Victoria and are therefore considered to have qualities of age that justify their inclusion on the local list. The detached burial ground at Hugglescote appears to date to the late nineteenth century.

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Property	<b>War Memorial</b>
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Number	
Street	<b>Bath Lane</b>
Township	<b>Moira</b>
Parish	<b>Ashby Woulds</b>

Easting	<b>430940</b>
Northing	<b>315548</b>
Our reference	<b>LL/1713</b>
LCC reference	

Thesaurus type	
Broad	<b>Commemorative</b>
Narrow	<b>War memorial</b>

Date of erection	
Date range begins	
Date range ends	

Description

An obelisk erected in memory of the men of the Moira and Donisthorpe Colliery Companies and the Donington Sanitary Pipe & Fire Brick Company who fell in the First World War. The memorial was erected in the early 1920s. It is made of stone. It takes the form of an obelisk on a square plinth set upon two square steps.

There is a presumption in favour of listing a war memorial subject to the quality of the original design and the degree of intactness. The memorial at Moira appears to meet these criteria.

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Property	<b>War Memorial</b>
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Number	
Street	<b>Ashby Road</b>
Township	
Parish	<b>Coleorton</b>

Easting	<b>439485</b>
Northing	<b>316914</b>
Our reference	<b>LL/1715</b>
LCC reference	

Thesaurus type	
Broad	<b>Commemorative</b>
Narrow	<b>War memorial</b>

Date of erection	
Date range begins	<b>1922</b>
Date range ends	<b>1922</b>

Description

A memorial cross to the First World War. Erected at the junction of Ashby Road and Rempstone Road and unveiled in September 1922. Moved to its present location after 1962. The memorial was built by Robert Bridgeman & Sons of Lichfield. It is made of stone. It takes the form of a cross on a square plinth, set on a single step.

There is a presumption in favour of listing a war memorial subject to the quality of the original design and the degree of intactness. The memorial at Coleorton appears to meet these criteria.

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Property	<b>War Memorial</b>
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Number	
Street	<b>Bosworth Road</b>
Township	
Parish	<b>Measham</b>

Easting	<b>433728</b>
Northing	<b>312041</b>
Our reference	<b>LL/1338</b>
LCC reference	

Thesaurus type	
Broad	<b>Commemorative</b>
Narrow	<b>War memorial</b>

Date of erection	
Date range begins	<b>1921</b>
Date range ends	<b>1921</b>

Description

A memorial to the First World War, unveiled in May 1921. The memorial comprises a rectangular enclosure bounded on three sides by hedges. The enclosure contains 44 trees (one for each fallen soldier). At the centre of the enclosure there is a memorial cross, designed by Harry Swanwick and built by Wells & Co. The cross is made of Portland stone. It takes the form of a cross on an octagonal pedestal, set upon three octagonal steps.

There is a presumption in favour of listing a war memorial subject to the quality of the original design and the degree of intactness. The memorial at Measham appears to meet these criteria.

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Property	<b>War Memorial</b>
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Number	
Street	
Township	
Parish	<b>Ravenstone</b>

Easting	<b>440195</b>
Northing	<b>313897</b>
Our reference	<b>LL/1341</b>
LCC reference	

Thesaurus type	
Broad	<b>Commemorative</b>
Narrow	<b>War memorial</b>

Date of erection	
Date range begins	<b>1920</b>
Date range ends	<b>1920</b>

Description

A memorial cross to the First World War, unveiled in October 1920. The memorial was designed by Fosbrooke & Bedingfield of Leicester and built by Joseph Morcom of Leicester. It is made of Weldon stone. It takes the form of a cross on a square plinth, set upon two square steps.

There is a presumption in favour of listing a war memorial subject to the quality of the original design and the degree of intactness. The memorial at Ravenstone appears to meet these criteria.

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Property	<b>War Memorial</b>
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Number	
Street	<b>Main Street</b>
Township	
Parish	<b>Snarestone</b>

Easting	<b>434585</b>
Northing	<b>309336</b>
Our reference	<b>LL/1619</b>
LCC reference	

Thesaurus type	
Broad	<b>Commemorative</b>
Narrow	<b>War memorial</b>

Date of erection	
Date range begins	<b>1922</b>
Date range ends	<b>1922</b>

Description

A memorial to the First World War, erected in 1922. The war memorial comprises a sub-rectangular enclosure bounded on three sides by hedges. The enclosure contains a memorial cross, built by Wells & Co. It is made of stone. It takes the form of a Celtic cross on a square plinth, set upon three square steps. The cross is flanked by two conifer trees.

There is a presumption in favour of listing a war memorial subject to the quality of the original design and the degree of intactness. The memorial at Snarestone appears to meet these criteria.

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Property	<b>War Memorial</b>
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Number	
Street	<b>North Street</b>
Township	
Parish	<b>Whitwick</b>

Easting	<b>443508</b>
Northing	<b>316163</b>
Our reference	<b>LL/1342</b>
LCC reference	

Thesaurus type	
Broad	<b>Commemorative</b>
Narrow	<b>War memorial</b>

Date of erection	
Date range begins	<b>1921</b>
Date range ends	<b>1921</b>

Description

A memorial cross to the First World War, unveiled in November 1921. The memorial was built by Wells & Co of Hugglescote. It is made of Cornish granite. It takes the form of a Celtic cross on an octagonal plinth, set upon five octagonal steps made of granolithic concrete.

There is a presumption in favour of listing a war memorial subject to the quality of the original design and the degree of intactness. The memorial at Whitwick appears to meet these criteria.

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Property	<b>War Memorial</b>
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Number	
Street	<b>Church Street</b>
Township	
Parish	<b>Appleby Magna</b>

Easting	<b>431478</b>
Northing	<b>309875</b>
Our reference	<b>LL/1712</b>
LCC reference	

Thesaurus type	
Broad	<b>Commemorative</b>
Narrow	<b>War Memorial</b>

Date of erection	
Date range begins	<b>1920</b>
Date range ends	<b>1920</b>

Description

A memorial cross to the First World War, erected in 1920. The memorial is made of stone. It takes the form of a Celtic cross on a square plinth, set upon a single step.

There is a presumption in favour of listing a war memorial subject to the quality of the original design and the degree of intactness. The memorial at Appleby Magna is of interest in a local context only.

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Property	<b>War Memorial</b>
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Number	
Street	<b>Church Lane</b>
Township	<b>Hemington</b>
Parish	<b>Lockington-Hemington</b>

Easting	<b>445612</b>
Northing	<b>327785</b>
Our reference	<b>LL/1819</b>
LCC reference	

Thesaurus type	
Broad	<b>Commemorative</b>
Narrow	<b>War Memorial</b>

Date of erection	
Date range begins	<b>1921</b>
Date range ends	<b>1921</b>

Description

A memorial cross to the First World War, dedicated in April 1921. The memorial is made of Hopton Wood stone. It takes the form of a plain cross on a stepped plinth, set upon a rubble stone base. The memorial is bounded by a metal palisade railing.

There is a presumption in favour of listing a war memorial subject to the quality of the original design and the degree of intactness. The memorial at Hemington is of interest in a local context only.

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Property	<b>Ashby Cemetery</b>
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Number	
Street	<b>Moira Road</b>
Township	
Parish	<b>Ashby de la Zouch</b>

Easting	<b>435210</b>
Northing	<b>316559</b>
Our reference	<b>LL/1447</b>
LCC reference	

Thesaurus type	
Broad	<b>Religious</b>
Narrow	<b>Cemetery</b>

Date of erection	
Date range begins	<b>1857</b>
Date range ends	<b>1858</b>

Description

A cemetery, laid out in 1857-58. Designed by John Salisbury Jr for the local Burial Board. Extended to the south before 1877 and to the west subsequently. Entrance screen (grade II listed) comprising gates and railings framed by buff brick piers. Single storey lodge faced in red brick with ashlar dressings beneath a gabled plain tile roof. Elements of the original path layout survive.

The cemetery and its southern extension are considered to possess special interest. This is an early example of a cemetery laid out following the 1853 Burial Act. The quality of the original design is reflected in the inclusion of the entrance screen on the statutory list. Alterations to the original design have been limited. The western extension is not considered to possess special interest.

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Property	<b>St John's Churchyard</b>
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Number	
Street	<b>Ashby Road</b>
Township	
Parish	<b>Coleorton</b>

Easting	<b>439778</b>
Northing	<b>316930</b>
Our reference	<b>LL/1000</b>
LCC reference	

Thesaurus type	
Broad	<b>Religious</b>
Narrow	<b>Cemetery</b>

Date of erection	
Date range begins	<b>1867</b>
Date range ends	<b>1867</b>

Description

A cemetery, now a churchyard. Laid out c.1867. Small extensions were laid out in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. A large extension to the south was laid out in the mid twentieth century. The cemetery is bounded on three sides by a stone wall (grade II listed). It contains a mortuary chapel, now a church (grade II listed), faced in granite rubble beneath a gabled plain tile roof. Twelve pairs of clipped yews frame the approach to the chapel.

The cemetery and its small extensions are considered to possess special interest. This is an early example of a cemetery laid out following the 1853 Burial Act. The quality of the original design is reflected in the inclusion of the wall and mortuary chapel on the statutory list. Alterations to the original design have been limited. The large extension is not considered to possess special interest.

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Property	<b>Whitwick Cemetery</b>
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Number	
Street	<b>Church Lane</b>
Township	
Parish	<b>Whitwick</b>

Easting	<b>443256</b>
Northing	<b>315979</b>
Our reference	<b>LL/1271</b>
LCC reference	

Thesaurus type	
Broad	<b>Religious</b>
Narrow	<b>Cemetery</b>

Date of erection	
Date range begins	<b>1877</b>
Date range ends	<b>1878</b>

Description

A cemetery, laid out in 1877-78. Designed by John Salisbury Jr and built by William Beckworth for the local Burial Board. Extended to the south-west in about 1952. Entrance screen comprising a dwarf wall and railings framed by stone piers. Central lychgate with a hipped plain tile roof. Single storey lodge faced in granite rubble beneath a pyramidal plain tile roof. The original path layout survives.

The cemetery is considered to possess special interest. The involvement of Salisbury and Beckworth indicates an original design of high quality. Beckworth built four listed buildings locally including the National School at Whitwick (1858). The cemetery's original design survives intact. The extension to the south-west is not considered to possess special interest.

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Property	<b>St James Churchyard</b>
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Number	
Street	<b>Dennis Street</b>
Township	
Parish	<b>Hugglescote</b>

Easting	<b>442728</b>
Northing	<b>312591</b>
Our reference	<b>LL/1909</b>
LCC reference	

Thesaurus type	
Broad	<b>Religious</b>
Narrow	<b>Churchyard</b>

Date of erection	
Date range begins	<b>1367</b>
Date range ends	<b>1838</b>

Description

The churchyard was associated with a chapel-of-ease erected in the late fourteenth century and rebuilt in 1776. At some time between 1883 and 1903 the churchyard was extended to the east and the footpath along the west side of the churchyard was made separate. The chapel was demolished in 1887.

The original extent of the churchyard is bounded by a low granite rubble wall. The churchyard is separated from the footpath by a steel hoop-top railing.

Heritage assets that predate the reign of Queen Victoria are considered to have qualities of age that justify their inclusion on the Local List.

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Property	<b>Holy Cross Churchyard</b>
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Number	
Street	<b>Parsonwood Hill</b>
Township	
Parish	<b>Whitwick</b>

Easting	<b>443500</b>
Northing	<b>316355</b>
Our reference	<b>LL/1912</b>
LCC reference	

Thesaurus type	
Broad	<b>Religious</b>
Narrow	<b>Churchyard</b>

Date of erection	
Date range begins	<b>1837</b>
Date range ends	<b>1884</b>

Description

The churchyard was associated with a Roman Catholic chapel erected in 1837. The chapel was demolished in 1908. The churchyard comprises a sub-rectangular enclosure bounded to the north east by Parsonwood Hill and to the south west by the former Charnwood Forest Railway. The churchyard is bounded by a granite rubble wall in a ruinous condition.

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