

Appendix 11. Non-designated heritage assets

1. Wooden barn at Woodhill Farm

Feature description with location. Unused old wooden barn. Wooden construction on brick base with roof covered in corrugated iron. Situated at Woodhill Farm. Age unknown. Possibly 19th century. Grid position 382899. (images of outside and inside of building below)



Basis for consideration. One of two old 19th century wooden barns remaining in the village. Unused but of social and agricultural historical significance.

2. Unused Grove Airfield buildings.

Feature with location. Last remaining buildings from Grove airfield situated near Woodhill Farm. Single storey brick buildings with metal frame windows and corrugated panel roof. Built early 1940s. Grid positions 383896 and 382897. (image below. Left panel, position of buildings [arrowed]. Lower panel, outer and inner images.) Reasonably good condition, sound and relatively water-tight.

Basis for consideration. Grove airfield significant during the war and D-day and these are the last buildings, typical of the military style, remaining of the airfield which is being fully developed as a housing estate.



3. Ridge and furrow field systems.

Feature with location. Ridge and furrow fields immediately north of the Wilts and Berks canal. Position shown in image (red arrow) together with additional field in West Challow (yellow arrow). Grid location 379884

Basis for consideration. Ridge and furrow fields are the remnants of medieval field systems and are of great historical significance. Panel (a) below indicates how prevalent these were in this area at least until the 1940s. After the war the push for agricultural self-sufficiency to avoid any future potential blockades resulted in most being ploughed up and destroyed (panel b, below). The two remaining plots are rough pasture and relatively unused. They remain locally important landscape features.

(a) 1942



(b) 2021



4. Stone canal marker.

Feature description and location. Stone canal marker immediately south of the Wilts and Berks canal west of Cornhill Lane (in West Challow parish). Grid position 375884. Solid stone set in soil, no text or other marking.



Basis for consideration. The Wilts and Berks Canal is of great historical significance dating back to the 19th century and having ceased major activity in 1914. There is support at District Level for the aspiration to reopen the canal as a navigable waterway. It is a relatively unknown but important landscape feature.

5. The church lych-gate

Feature description and location. The lych-gate (left) is the main entrance to the church yard for The Church of St. Nicolas, Main St. It was erected in 1920, in memory of those who served in the first world war, designed by Canon Sanders and paid for by public subscription. It has carved wooden panels either side (right) commemorating those fallen in the great war.



Basis for consideration. The lych gate and commemoration panels have major personal and historical significance for the village and parish with the names of relatives of some villagers still living locally.

6. The Church Clock

Feature description and location. The church clock (pictured below), installed in 1911, paid for by public subscription to celebrate the coronation of King George V and Queen Mary. There is a brass plaque which goes with the clock. The clock was paid for by the Parish and the parish council makes a considerable donation towards the cost of maintenance.



Basis for consideration. As this has been added to the church in the early 20th century it might be regarded as separate to the church which is protected. However, it connects the parish and community with recent national history and as such gives the parish a small but significant role in local and national history, identifying with major national historical events.

7. The Chancel Screen.

Feature description and location. The Chancel Screen (left), situated between the chancel and nave in the Church of St. Nicholas was made and erected in memory of two men from the Village who drowned in a gale in the North Sea in January 1905, noted on an adjacent brass plaque (right)



Basis for consideration. This commemorates a vernacular historical event and as such as an important piece of local 20th history without being of national significance.

8. Metal cross.

Feature description and location. Arts and Crafts-style metal crucifix late 19th or early 20th century (below). Held in the church.



Basis for consideration. Artistic and religious significance. Used in religious services and of significance to the religious life of the village.

9. **Stone font.**

Feature description and location. Cylindrical stone font in nave of Church of St. Nicholas. The only remaining major and most noticeable part of the original 12th century Norman church. with lead lining and wooden cover.



Basis for consideration. Historical significance given its age and links with the original Norman church and still in use.

10. **Religious relic.**

Feature description and location. Religious relic, purported to belong to a saint, housed in a receptacle inset within marble plaque, set into the altar (image) in the chancel of the Church of St. Nicholas. Transferred from the Community of St. Mary the Virgin, Wantage.



Basis for consideration. This is of religious significance and may be important to the religious life of the village. The author was unable to ascertain the name of the saint whose bone fragments are involved or the age of the relic.

11. War Grave.

Feature description and location. War Grave in the churchyard of the Church of St, Nicholas with a War Graves Commission headstone. Burial place of Sidney Lanfear, wounded in July 1916, died in hospital, and buried in East Challow churchyard in August 1916.



Basis for consideration. Historical link with parishioner and the great historical event of the 1914-18 war (see also non-designated asset 5 above).

12. The Mission.

Feature description and location. East Challow Mission, a non-denominational place of worship. Wooden building built in 1904 as part of a private donation of land and was used for religious services and meetings until at least 2015 (image below).



Basis for consideration. Throughout its use the building has been used for religious purposes and has been an important part of village religious activity. It is a highly noticeable building for anyone passing through the village on the A417. It is the subject of an application for heritage status with Historic England.

13. Roll back metal seat.

Feature description and location. Roll back metal seat at the side of the A417, Main Street (below). Grid position 380883. It is identical to a seat in West Challow provided by the parishioners to commemorate the coronation of King George VI 1937. The East Challow seat was restored for the Diamond Jubilee 2015.



Basis for consideration. Commemorating an event of historical significance also linking East with West Challow.