



Necton

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
2023 - 2036



LOCAL HERITAGE
ASSETS
ASSESSMENT

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The preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan has provided an opportunity to identify whether there are buildings or features across the parish that might have special qualities or historic association and make a “positive contribution” to the character of the area in which they sit. Historic England define these as Non-Designated Heritage Assets provide guidance on Local Heritage Listing ¹.

This Appraisal has been prepared to demonstrate how 17 properties or features that have been identified during the preparation of the Necton Neighbourhood Plan satisfy Historic England's guidance on Local Heritage Listing referred to above.

Local Plan Policy ENV 08 states that proposals should be expected to conserve, or wherever possible enhance the historic character, appearance and setting of non-designated historic assets.

Appraisal

The following pages provide an assessment of each Local Heritage Asset against the guidance contained in Historic England's guidance.

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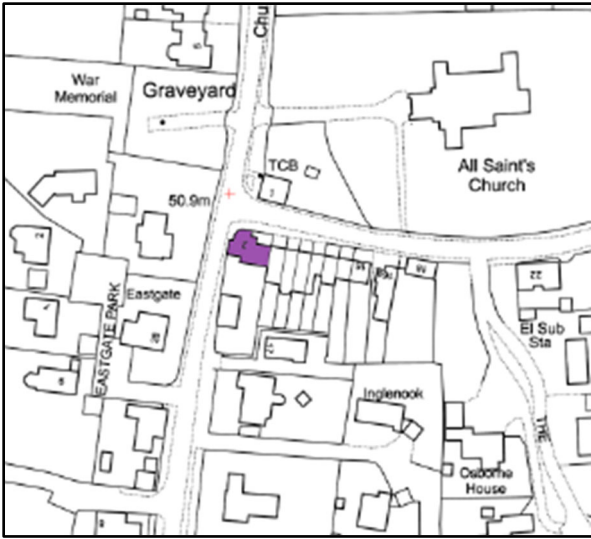
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¹ See <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/local-heritage-listing-advice-note-7/heag018-local-heritage-listing/>

Building / Feature	Former library and reading rooms
Address	22 School Road
Description	Built in a prominent position opposite the church
Archaeological Interest	None known
Architectural Interest	L-plan, in Tudor style, of two stories mullioned windows, door in. angle; commemorative plaque on gable facing road. Two chimney stacks. Studded front door. Brick construction.
Artistic Interest	None evident
Historic Interest	Built in 1861 as a gift to the village from Lieut. Col. Mason of Necton Hall. It was intended as a reading room library and young men's hostel. Became a private house in 1950.



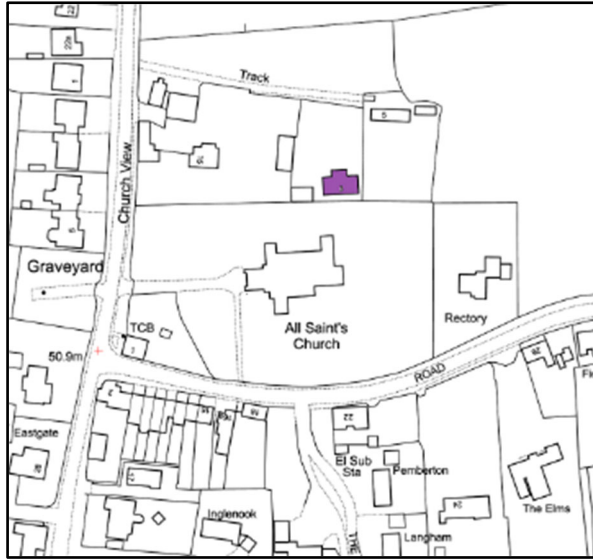
Building / Feature	Old Post Office
Address	2 School Road
Description	Octagonal frontage brick building painted white with sash windows
Archaeological Interest	None known
Architectural Interest	None
Artistic Interest	None evident
Historic Interest	This was the original Post Office for the village. It closed in 2001 and was converted to residential use in 2003. Part of the old Post Office was a brick outbuilding alongside Tuns Road which has had many names carved into the soft red bricks over the years by local youths.



Building / Feature	Former farmhouse and dairy buildings
Address	9-11 School Road
Description	Built from red bricks with a traditional Norfolk tile roof, the original farmhouse and cottage have been extensively altered but the original large central chimney still dominates the cottages.
Archaeological Interest	None known
Architectural Interest	The property is built with traditional Norfolk red brick with lime, flint and horse hair mortar. There is masonry detailing above the brick arched windows with hand-crafted voussoir bricks which are finished with lime plaster.
Artistic Interest	None evident
Historic Interest	The property is over 200 years old and was originally a dairy farm and a large cottage. It has since become residential



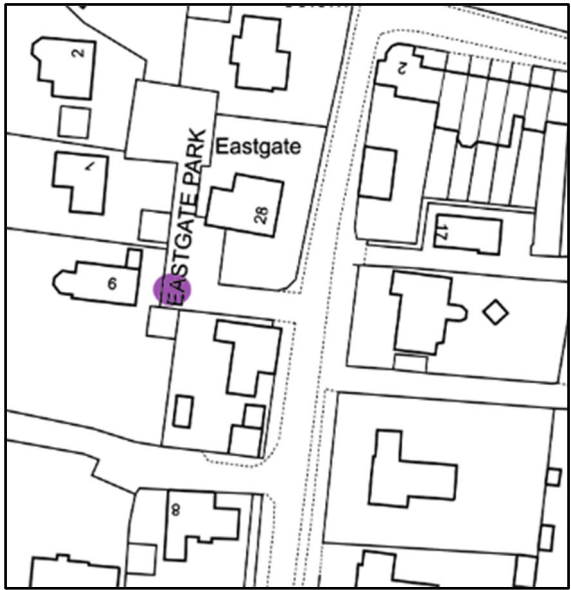
Building / Feature	Swiss Cottage
Address	Tuns Road
Description	Tudor-style house
Archaeological Interest	None known
Architectural Interest	Built in the Tudor style with jettying and half-timbered facade.
Artistic Interest	None evident
Historic Interest	Built by the Mason family in the 1860s.



Building / Feature	Old Blacksmith's building,
Address	Church Farm, Tuns Road
Description	Clay lump and timber clad with tiled roof. In poor repair.
Archaeological Interest	None known
Architectural Interest	None
Artistic Interest	None evident
Historic Interest	In use as a blacksmiths until the 1960s.



Building / Feature	Plaque identifying the location of the Community Coal House
Address	Eastgate Park
Description	Nothing survives of the coal house but a plaque records the site
Archaeological Interest	None
Architectural Interest	None
Artistic Interest	None
Historic Interest	Built in the late 1700s by the Mason family who owned Necton Hall for the benefit of the village poor. There was a trust set up at the time to provide coal that wound up in the 1960s. A man found a stone with a date from the coal house in his garden near the graveyard West side.



Building / Feature	Old Rectory
Address	St Andrews Lane
Description	Brick building with sash windows
Archaeological Interest	None
Architectural Interest	No original features remain
Artistic Interest	None
Historic Interest	This building was the Rectory for All Saints Church until it was sold off in 1957. It operated as a market garden then became 5 flats before operating as a care home for 25 years. Now a private residence.



Building / Feature	Former Necton Mill
Address	21 Mill Street
Description	Remains of a 5-storey wind-driven corn mill.
Archaeological Interest	None
Architectural Interest	None
Artistic Interest	None
Historic Interest	A mill was recorded in Necton as far back as 1086 in the Domesday Book. The present mill dates from 1782 and operated until 1911 when it became derelict. By 1939 it had become a three-storey dwelling, reduced today to a single storey building used for storage.



Building / Feature	Necton Mill buildings
Address	Mill Street
Description	Various buildings surrounding the base of the mill
Archaeological Interest	None
Architectural Interest	None
Artistic Interest	None
Historic Interest	Once owned and run by the Nelson family.



Building / Feature	Old Butcher's building
Address	Mill Street
Description	Rendered Brick with some exposed timbers. Flint garden wall to the road
Archaeological Interest	None
Architectural Interest	None
Artistic Interest	None
Historic Interest	The butcher relocated to more modern premises in Chantry Court in 2002 and the building was changed to residential use.



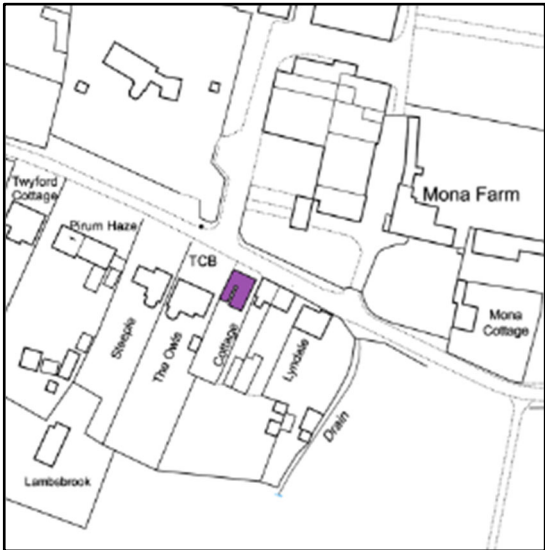
Building / Feature	Former Methodist Chapel
Address	52 Chantry Lane
Description	Brick and flint construction with tiled roof
Archaeological Interest	None
Architectural Interest	None
Artistic Interest	None
Historic Interest	It was founded before 1905. It closed before 1978. The Wesleyan Methodist church was formed in the 18th century from religious societies founded by John Wesley and his preachers. It suffered many secessions, but was the largest Nonconformist denomination in the 19th century. In 1932 the Wesleyan Methodists joined with the Primitive Methodists and the United Methodists to form the Methodist Church of Great Britain.



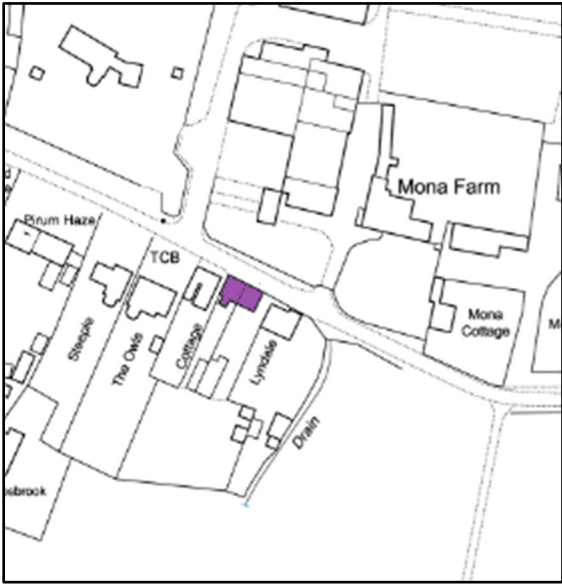
Building / Feature	Old Good woman public house
Address	Chantry Lane
Description	Built from local red bricks with Norfolk tiled roof
Archaeological Interest	None
Architectural Interest	None
Artistic Interest	None
Historic Interest	The Good Woman was first granted a licence as a beerhouse in 1789 later gaining a fully license. It was owned by various breweries including Swaffham Brewery, Swaffham Brewery, Cann & Clarke, Morgans and Bullards. By 1962 it had closed its doors for the last time and the site sold off. Out of the large site and many out buildings only the inn itself remains. The old pub game "Penny In The Hole" was played here to at least the 1950's using George IV pennies.



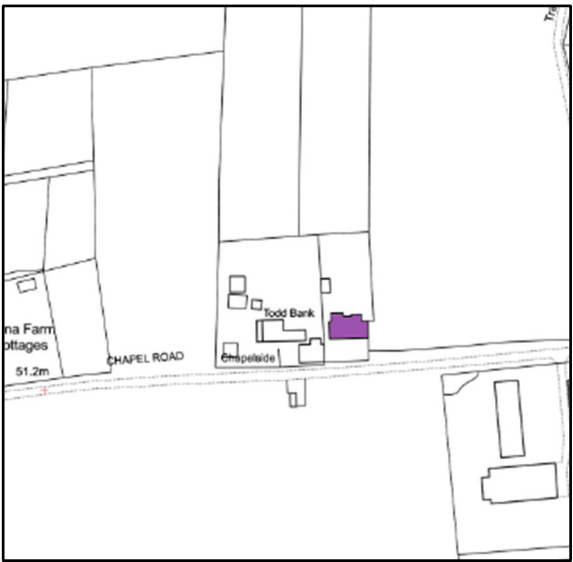
Building / Feature	Pear Tree Cottage
Address	Chapel Road
Description	Brick cottage
Archaeological Interest	None
Architectural Interest	None
Artistic Interest	Ray Royer lived in the cottage with his parents when he sang the song A Whiter Shade of Pale version 1 with Procul Harem.
Historic Interest	None



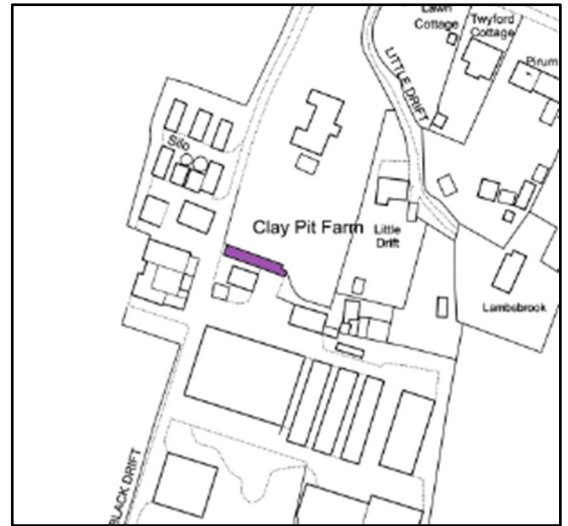
Building / Feature	West Cottage
Address	Chapel Road
Description	Brick cottages
Archaeological Interest	None
Architectural Interest	None
Artistic Interest	None
Historic Interest	This was Dorothy Green's shop called West Cottage since 1986. It was referred to as The Mother of Necton as a place to buy essentials such as tobacco, candles and rat poison! Locals talk of being able to buy single cigarettes and 5 Players Weights cigarettes in a small flat packet. A parrot was a well-known resident and said to have a colourful vocabulary. The original washing copper and bread oven survives. The front door and window to the road are original. Dorothy Green was born in the old Good Woman public house when her father was the publican.



Building / Feature	Former Baptist Chapel
Address	Chapel Road
Description	Now a private residence with little of the original features obvious externally.
Archaeological Interest	None
Architectural Interest	None
Artistic Interest	None
Historic Interest	The chapel was built in the 1860s. The last minister's grave stone resided in front of the chapel surrounded by iron railings but has since been moved to the rear garden with other headstones.



Building / Feature	Mother of Necton's cottage remains
Address	Situated on Black Drift, now part of Clay Pit Farm
Description	Brick, flint and clay lump cottage with tiled roof now used as a farm outbuilding for storing seed.
Archaeological Interest	None
Architectural Interest	None
Artistic Interest	None
Historic Interest	Eliza Brown married Walter Ong in 1904, She was the local midwife. Loved and trusted by all, who because of the number of babies she helped bring into the world and because everyone went to her with their problems, became known as the Mother of Necton.



Building / Feature	Old Carpenters Arms public house
Address	Ivy Todd
Description	Low-ceilinged cottage in road-junction position
Archaeological Interest	None
Architectural Interest	None
Artistic Interest	None
Historic Interest	Operated as a pub for cattle drovers. The first recorded licensee was Matthew Dickerson who ceased being the landlord in 1832. The pub was closed in 1953. It is now a residential cottage.

