

## Local Heritage List

### How to research Heritage Assets

It is important that we gather as much information as we can about candidates put forward for the local heritage list; this will help give us a better understanding of their significance. The first task is to check whether the asset has already been nationally designated. The map layer on our website shows listed buildings, scheduled monuments, parks and gardens and other national designations.

You can trace the history of a building or heritage asset and how it has changed through time by looking at old maps, photographs, and written records. These can be found in various locations such as record offices, and local studies libraries as well as many free online resources. It is important to note the source of the information so that this can be recognised and properly attributed when the candidates are uploaded to the online platform.

Cambridgeshire Archives Service- Operates two record offices Cambridgeshire Archives at The Dock, Ely and Huntingdonshire Archives at Huntingdon Library. It is likely that most material may not be digitised so it is worth checking out their online catalogues before visiting.

[Home Page \(cambridgeshire.gov.uk\)](http://cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

[Archives A to Z - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Information on archaeological sites, monuments and landscapes may also be recorded on the Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record.

#### Historic maps and plans

Historic England provides the following advice about the types of maps and plans which can help tell you more about the history of a heritage asset:

- Ordnance Survey (OS) Maps:** These can show how an area developed over time, and help establish when a building/heritage asset was built or first shown on a map. Copies of OS maps from the 1840s onwards can generally be found at county record offices and local studies libraries. The National Library of Scotland also has some digitised versions. [Ordnance Survey Maps - National Library of Scotland \(nls.uk\)](#)

You can also find OS map layers from the early 1900s (in different scales) and 1932-1961 maps in 1:25,000 scale on the Cambridgeshire Local Heritage List website.

[Map - Cambridgeshire's Local Heritage List \(local-heritage-list.org.uk\)](#)

You can also zoom in to see the shapes of features in more detail.



1:10,560 Early 1900 OS map ©National library of Scotland



1:2500 OS map ©National library of Scotland

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- **Tithe Maps:** Usually date from 1836 to 1850 and were created to help administer tithing payments. They show land boundaries, names of tenants or owners, and types of usage. The original maps can be found at the National Archives and you may find copies at your local record office.
- **Land Valuation Maps and Field Books:** The 1910 Valuation Office survey mapped all the properties in the country and recorded details of their owners, occupiers and addresses. The maps and field books are held at the National Archives. You may also find working copies of the maps at local record offices.
- **Estate Maps:** If the property you are researching was once part of the estate of a large landowner, you may find it shown on estate maps (see Manorial and Estate records, below).
- **Enclosure Maps:** Enclosure maps and awards may not show individual buildings, but they can show land ownership, boundaries and rights of way. They usually date from the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Most enclosure maps are held at local record offices; an electronic catalogue is also available.
- **Building Plans:** These would have been submitted to the local urban or rural district council for buildings regulation approval before construction, particularly from the late 19th century onwards. Local record offices may hold copies.

Below are links to the list of maps held at the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Archives@

[Inclosure maps at Cambridgeshire Archives](#)

[Tithe maps at Cambridgeshire Archives](#)

[Maps at Huntingdonshire Archives \(cambridgeshire.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Online catalogues and other resources**

[Victoria County History | Institute of Historical Research](#)

[Photographs | Historic England](#)

[The National Archives](#) Many records relating to Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire can be found at The National Archives in London. Their website includes an on-line catalogue and many helpful research guides.

[ArchiveSearch | ArchiveSearch \(cam.ac.uk\)](#) This site provides access to finding aids and links to digital records for the majority of archives located in the city of Cambridge including Cambridge colleges, Cambridge University Library, Addenbrooke's Hospital and other institutions.

[CCAN - Cambridgeshire Community Archives Network](#) Over 30 groups from Cambridgeshire towns and villages have created a fascinating online resource of historic photographs and other items which help to tell the history of their communities.

Genuki: A useful virtual reference library of information to assist family and local historians.

Conservation area appraisals, local and neighbourhood plans may also have information on local heritage assets: