Draft List of Local Heritage Assets

Warburton





TRAFFORD LOCAL HERITAGE LIST - WARBURTON

Historical Overview of Warburton

The rural village and civil parish of Warburton, lying on the south bank of the River Mersey, has a history of settlement and working the surrounding land for agricultural purposes stretching back to the 11th century, with tantalising indications of earlier habitation. Some limited evidence, for instance, has been found of human activity in Warburton dating from the Bronze Age through the Iron Age and Romano-British periods, including the chance discoveries of a flint blade, six Mesolithic tools, fragments of quernstone and a snake bracelet. The settlement was on the route of the Roman road between the Roman forts at Chester and Manchester, whilst evidence of its continued settlement into the Anglo-Saxon period may be drawn from the early dedication of the church to St Werburgh, an Anglo-Saxon princess who became the patron saint of Chester. The base of an ancient cross at the east end of Wigsey Lane may also originate from this period.

The medieval village of Warburton is considered to be one of the best-preserved historic landscapes in the area. Of particular note is the site of a medieval Premonstratensian priory close to the Church of St Werburgh in the historic core of the village. The priory was a short-lived cell from Cockersand Abbey in Lancashire, and may first have been founded in the late 12th century. There is compelling evidence to suggest that the north-western corner of the township was used as a deer park during the medieval period, and there is considerable potential for below-ground archaeological remains deriving from this use. Very little is known about the history of this park, although it was probably created by Geoffrey de Dutton II sometime between 1248 and 1278. It is not clear when it was disimparked, although the latest map depicting the park is Blaeu's map of 1648.

St Werburgh's Church was heavily remodelled during the late 16th and early 17th centuries, when numerous farmsteads and houses were erected in the village. In the late 19th century, local architect John Douglas (1830-1911) was employed by prominent local landowner, Rowland Egerton-Warburton to restore Bent Farmhouse. The success of this restoration saw the resulting Arts & Crafts style copied elsewhere in Warburton, with features such as scalloped ridges and decorative barge-boarding added to existing buildings. This interesting detailing combined with the local characteristic for two-storey buildings, the upper storey of which is frequently set high up under the pitched roof with large gable dormers, has created a distinctive local vernacular. The special interest and heritage value of core of the settlement is reflected in the designation of the Warburton Village Conservation Area.

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Candidates for Local Listing

Property Name	Birch Cottage – HER 7575.1.0	
Property Address	Moss Lane, Warburton Altrincham	
Significance	Historic Interest: An early 19th-century cottage, recorded on the tithe map of 1839 as a 'cottage and garden', located on historic route along fringe of moss lands. Architectural Interest: Detailing that reflects the distinctive local	
	vernacular. Landmark Status: The cottage features in views from the footpath leading from Red Brook Bridge, east and west along	
	Moss Lane and from Warburton Lane. Aesthetic Value: The cottage is surrounded by level fields on all sides, which contribute strongly to aesthetic value and illustrates the development of the function of the cottage with agricultural land use. This inter-visibility with the agricultural landscape contributes to the overall rural character of the landscape.	
	Group Value: The building has some group value with the adjacent Pear Tree Cottage and Moss Lane Farm, representing the historic rural economy of the estate.	
Locally List?	YES	1

Property Name	Brook House – HER 7906.1.0	
Property Address	Warburton Lane, Warburton Altrincham WA13 9TT	
Significance	Historic Interest: Late 18th / early 19th century, but may have had origins as part of an earlier farmstead. The building is shown on Swire and Hutchings' map of 1829. Architectural Interest: An attractive, well-proportioned house that embodies the vernacular characteristic of the area. Landmark Status: The building's cream coloured elevations enhance its visibility and render it quite prominent in short and long distance views.	
Locally List?	YES	

Property Name	Ditchfield Cottage – HER 2233.1.0	
Property Address	4 Church Green, Warburton Altrincham	
Significance	Historic Interest: A timber-framed cottage named after the Ditchfield family who occupied it in the 20th century, though has recently had a name change after renovation work.	
	Architectural Interest: It was rebuilt in brick, with a slate roof, in the style of the architect John Douglas during the late 19th century, marking the last flourish of the Warburton estate before it was sold in 1918. It provides a fine example of the distinctive local vernacular.	
	Local Interest: One of the oldest buildings to survive in around Warburton Green.	
	Landmark Status: The building's cream coloured elevations enhance its visibility and it is quite prominent in short and long distance views.	
	Aesthetic Value: The cottage makes a positive contribution to the historic character of the Warburton Village Conservation Area.	
	Group Value: One of a small number of early post-medieval buildings around Warburton Green.	
Locally List?	YES	



Property Name	Former Pipe and Punchbowl – HER 2229.1.0	
Property Address	7-10 Church Street, Warburton Altrincham	
Significance	Historic Interest: The western end cottage was the location of an alehouse known as the Pipe and Punchbowl in the 18th and early 19th century. Its licence was withdrawn around 1851.	
	Architectural Interest: Vernacular detailing includes brick mullion windows (possible later?), and a dog and tooth string course between the first and second storeys.	
	Local Interest: The local interest in the building lies in its former use as a public house. The earliest references to alehouses in Warburton occur in 1746 when Thomas Chantler and John Highfield had licences. Pipe and Punchbowl occupied by William Warburton (1733-1822) from c 1770 until his death.	
	Aesthetic Value: The former alehouse is a positive contributor the Warburton Village Conservation Area for its local detailing, including its prominent gables and quality brickwork.	
	Group Value: Its group contribution together with Fir Tree Cottage and Laburnum Cottage is especially notable.	
Locally List?	YES	

Property Name	Ivy Cottage – HER 2231.1.0	
Property Address	3 Wigsey Lane, Warburton Altrincham	
Significance	Historic Interest: A small, 18th-century, two-up two-down brick-built labourer's cottage. One of a small number of early post-medieval buildings around Warburton Green.	
	Architectural Interest: Building design shows the influence of noted Victorian architect John Douglas and provides a fine example of the distinctive local vernacular. The boundary wall of flagstones is also of historic interest.	
	Group Value: Group value with September Cottage and continuation of the Church Green vernacular for two-storey gabled buildings.	
	Aesthetic Value: The cottage and its associated flagstone wall make a positive contribution to the historic character of the Warburton Village Conservation Area.	
Locally List?	YES	

Property Name	Jack Hey Gate Farm & Barn – HER 7551.1.0
Property Address	Warburton Lane, Warburton Altrincham
Significance	Historic Interest: Shown on c.1757 estate map, and identified on the tithe map of 1839 as a 'house, garden and croft'. Architectural Interest: The three-bay farmhouse is of brick and slate construction with a central gablet at eaves and terracotta decoration at the brick mullion windows, of which there are three upper and three lower, and two to the upper and lower end gable. The associated four-bay barn has a round-headed loading door, brick course detail at barge level and two round-headed doors on the west and south elevations. Aesthetic Value: The farm and its associated barn make a positive contribution to the historic character of the area.
Locally List?	YES

Property Name	Moss Lane Farmhouse – HER 7571.1.0	
Property Address	Moss Lane, Warburton Altrincham	
Significance	Historic Interest: 17th-century farmhouse comprising brick, timber framing and stone plinth with later additions and alterations.	
	Architectural Interest: Although rebuilt, the farmhouse contains some original fabric. The primary phase appears to be a two-or possibly three-bay, two-storey, timber farmhouse on a stone plinth with an inglenook fireplace at the northern end.	
	Landmark Status: The farmhouse features in views from Red Brook Bridge and associated footpath towards the buildings and along Moss Lane	
	Group Value: The farmhouse has a group value with the Grade II listed timber-framed barn that occupies the south side of the farmyard and associated cottages on Moss Lane.	
	Aesthetic Value: The farmhouse makes a positive contribution to the historic character of the Warburton area.	
Locally List?	YES	

Property Name	Paddock Lane Farm Barn – HER 7316.1.1	
Property Address	Paddock Lane, Warburton Altrincham WA13 9TE	
Significance	Historic Interest: Probably 17th century in origin. Architectural Interest: A four-bay, single-storey, timber-framed and brick barn east of the Paddock Lake farmhouse. Only one wall of timber-framing survives on sandstone foundations (12m by 2m high), on the northern side of the building. This is post and rail construction with angle braces at the corners. The panels are filled by hand-made bricks of the 18th century. The roof appears to be fairly modern and is covered in slates. The timber framing, which comprises two rows of square panelling with bay divisions marked by continuous uprights with short straight angle braces to the upper corners, is confined to the central bays. The wattle and daub was replaced by hand-made bricks.	
	Group Value: Strong group value with the Grade II listed farmhouse.	
	Aesthetic Value: Makes a positive contribution to the historic character of the village.	
Locally List?	YES - The barn is already considered to be curtilage listed from Farm. Candidate for full listing	its close association with the Grade II listed Paddock Lane

Property Name	Park Cottages – HER 18218.1.0	
Property Address	Park Road, Warburton Altrincham WA13 9SU	
Significance	Historic Interest: A pair of early 20th-century cottages, located with Warburton Park, adjacent to the historic access to the ponds.	
	Architectural Interest: Vernacular detailing.	
	Landmark Status: Long distance views from Warburton Lane and across deer park/Warburton Park.	
	Group Value: The cottages have a group value with West Cottage, situated on the opposite side of Park Road.	
	Aesthetic Value: The cottages are surrounded by level fields on all sides, which contribute strongly to aesthetic value and illustrates the development of the function of the cottage with agricultural land use.	
Locally List?	YES	

Property Name	West Cottage – HER 18222.1.0	
Property Address	Park Road, Warburton Altrincham WA13 9SU	
Significance	Historic Interest: A late 19th-century cottage, located within Warburton Park, adjacent to the historic access to the ponds.	
	Architectural Interest: The cottage displays vernacular detailing.	
	Landmark Status: Long distance views from Warburton Lane and across deer park/Warburton Park.	
	Group Value: The cottage has a group value with Park Cottages, situated on the opposite side of Park Road.	
	Aesthetic Value: The cottage is surrounded by level fields on all sides, which contribute strongly to aesthetic value and illustrates the development of the function of the cottage with agricultural land use.	
Locally List?	YES	

Property Name	Parkgate Farm – HER 2238.1.0	
Property Address	Park Road, Warburton Altrincham	
Significance	Historic Interest: A 17th-century farmstead shown on the c.1757 estate map. In 1648 occupied by Richard Rowlinson and in 1778 occupied by George Rowlinson and John Lowe.	
	Architectural Interest: An interesting example of a farm in the local vernacular.	
	Local Interest: Situated on the fringe of the historic core of Warburton, the buildings testify to the historic importance of agriculture to the village's economy.	
	Aesthetic Value: Makes a positive contribution to the historic character of the village.	
	Archaeological Interest: Potential archaeological interest, both in terms of below-ground remains and original fabric.	
Locally List?	YES	

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Property Name	Pear Tree Cottage – HER 7573.1.0	14
Property Address	Moss Lane, Warburton, Altrincham WA14 5SB	
Significance	Historic Interest: An early 19th-century cottage, recorded on the tithe map of 1839 as a 'cottage and garden', located on historic route along fringe of moss lands. Architectural Interest: Vernacular detailing includes brick	
	mullion-style windows. Landmark Status: The cottage features in views from the footpath leading from Red Brook Bridge, east and west along Moss Lane and from Warburton Lane.	
	Group Value: The building has a group value with the adjacent Birch Cottage and Moss Lane Farm, representing the historic rural economy of the estate.	
	Aesthetic Value: The cottage is surrounded by level fields on all sides, which contribute strongly to aesthetic value and illustrates the development of the function of the cottage with agricultural land use. This inter-visibility with the agricultural landscape contributes to the overall rural character of the landscape.	
Locally List?	YES	

Property Name	Primrose Cottage – HER 7899.1.0	
Property Address	Warburton Lane, Warburton Altrincham WA13 9TN	
Significance	Historic Interest: An important component of the 19th-century hamlet.	0
	Architectural Interest: Cottage exhibits some vernacular character.	
	Group Value: The cottage lies within the setting of the Grade II listed Onion Farm / Villa Farm and Post Office House. Together this group of buildings span 16th-19th centuries, illustrating the rural character and historic development of Mossbrow and Warburton during this period.	
	Aesthetic Value: The building makes a positive contribution to the historic character of the Moss Brow hamlet.	
Locally List?	YES	



Property Name	Rose and Lilac Cottages – HER 7899.1.0	
Property Address	Warburton Lane, Warburton Altrincham WA13 9TN	
Significance	Historic Interest: An important component of the 19th-century hamlet	
	Architectural Interest: Cottages exhibit some vernacular character.	
	Group Value: The cottages lies within the setting of the Grade II listed Onion Farm / Villa Farm and Post Office House. Together this group of buildings span 16th-19th centuries, illustrating the rural character and historic development of Moss Brow and Warburton during this period.	
	Aesthetic Value: The buildings make a positive contribution to the historic character of the Moss Brow hamlet.	
Locally List?	YES	

Property Name	Saracen's Head Public House – HER 2245.1.0	
Property Address	Paddock Lane, Warburton Altrincham WA13 9TH	
Significance	Historic Interest: The Saracen's Head has been the only inn in Warburton since 1851 (when the Pipe & Punchbowl closed), although a building is recorded on the same site on an estate map dating to 1757.	,
	Architectural Interest: The inn contains certain features including mullion windows and shaped purlins that are indicative of the work of John Douglas, who carried out numerous commissions in the area for R E Egerton-Warburton as part of a campaign to restore the historic character of the village.	
	Local Interest: The name of the public house refers to the Saracen's head that surmounts the Warburton coat of arms.	
	Group Value: The inn is typically a key component of any rural village community and, in this respect, the Saracen's Head Inn has a strong group value with all the historic buildings and rural landscape features in Warburton.	ın İ
	Aesthetic Value: The building makes a positive contribution to the historic character of the village.	
	Landmark Status: The building is a prominent feature along the main road through the area.	
Locally List?	YES	

Property Name	The Beeches – HER 7557.1.0	
Property Address	Moss Brow, Warburton	
	Altrincham WA13 9TL	
Significance	Historic Interest: The farm buildings lie at the heart of the Mossbrow hamlet, and are shown on the c.1757 estate map.	
	Architectural Interest: An interesting example of a larger property in the area, displaying slight irregularities in its plan form.	
	Group Value: The Beeches has a group value with the Grade II listed post office on the south side of Dunham Road and, a short distance to the north-east, Onion Farm.	
	Aesthetic Value: The building makes a positive contribution to the historic character of the Moss Brow Hamlet.	
	Landmark Status: The Beeches occupies a prominent location at the junction of Dunham Road with Paddock Lane.	
Locally List?	YES	

Property Name	Townfield House – HER 18219.1.0	
Property Address	Townfield Lane, Warburton Altrincham WA13 9SR	
Significance	Architectural Interest: Townfield House is notable for its Arts and Crafts style detailing, which is characteristic of houses throughout the village.	
	Group Value: Group value with other buildings in Warburton village. With an assortment of gables and varied roofline, it has clear connections with the village's characteristic Arts and Crafts style yet adds to the architectural variety.	
	Aesthetic Value: Townfield House makes a positive contribution to the historic character of the Warburton Conservation Area.	
	Landmark Status: Townfield House is notably larger in scale than most buildings within the Warburton Village Conservation Area but its slightly detached position means that this does not negatively impact on the typically smaller dwellings at the east and west ends of the Conservation Area.	
Locally List?	YES	

Property Name	Warburton Cross Farmhouse – HER 2235.1.0
Property Address	Corner of Wigsey Lane and Townfield Lane, Warburton Altrincham
Significance	Historic Interest: One of an important group of post-medieval buildings in Warburton.
	Architectural Interest: Contains timber-framing and vernacular revival brick detailing from rebuilding work by the Warburton-Egerton estate in the late 19th century using designs inspired by the Chester-based architect John Douglas.
	Local Interest: Known occupants/tenants: 1757 Peter Ellom; 1778 John Webster; 1839 James Webster. 1918 Purchased by the CWS.
	Group Value: Along with the neighbouring stocks, cross base, and stone walling forms a local grouping of structures at the eastern end of the late medieval village core.
	Aesthetic Value: The cottage makes a positive contribution to the historic character of the Warburton Village Conservation Area.
	Rarity: The building contains timber-framing making it one of around 300 known timber-framed buildings within Greater Manchester.
Locally List?	YES



Property Name	Warburton Park Farm – HER 383.1.0	
Property Address	Park Road, Warburton	
	Altrincham WA13 9SY	
Significance	Historic Interest: The farm buildings are arranged around a central courtyard and appear to date primarily from the late 18th century onwards. These comprise the farmhouse (1), a range of 1-1/2 storey outbuildings including a barn (2), possible stables (3) and a long range on the west side of the central farmyard (4). In addition, there are two cottages on the approach road from the south which are late 19th century in date. There have been a number of alterations and modifications, including the addition of later 20th-century agricultural buildings to the north, west and north-east of the complex. The farmstead is believed to be on the site of the original medieval Warburton manor, which once sat within the Deer Park.	
	Architectural Interest: Although rebuilt in the mid-18th century, the farmhouse contains some original Elizabethan fabric.	
	Group Value: The farmhouse has a group value with the Grade II listed timber-framed barn that occupies the south-western side of the farmyard.	
	Aesthetic Value: The farmhouse makes a positive contribution to the historic character of the Warburton area.	
	Archaeological Value: There is potential for below-ground remains deriving from earlier occupation associated with the medieval moated manor site thought to have been here.	
Locally List?	YES	





Property Name	Warburton Toll Bridge (River Irwell) – HER 2232.1.0	
Property Address	Warburton Bridge Road, Warburton	
Significance	Historic Interest: The existence of a toll bridge crossing the River Mersey in Warburton dates back to 1863 when the construction of the bridge was authorised by the Rixton & Warburton Bridge Act 1863. That original stone bridge spanned the River Mersey. In 1885, Parliament passed the Manchester Ship Canal Act authorising the construction of the Canal, which was inaugurated in 1894. As a result, the River Mersey was diverted and its course dried up. Group Value: The remains of the bridge has a group value with the current toll bridge, the toll cottage and the Manchester Ship Canal.	
Locally List?	YES	

	
Property Name	Warburton High Level Toll Bridge – HER 2232.1.1
Property Address	Warburton Bridge Road, Warburton Altrincham
Significance	Historic Interest: The existence of a toll bridge crossing the River Mersey in Warburton dates back to 1863 when the construction of the Bridge was authorised by the Rixton & Warburton Bridge Act 1863. That original stone bridge spanned the River Mersey. In 1885, Parliament passed the Manchester Ship Canal Act authorising the construction of the Canal, which was inaugurated in 1894. As a result, the River Mersey was diverted and its course dried up. The Manchester Ship Canal (Various Powers) Act 1890 expressly provided for the diversion of the Rixton & Warburton Toll Bridge to a new high-level cantilever bridge and authorised the transfer of the Bridge undertaking to be a part of the Manchester Ship Canal Company's undertaking, including the levying of toll rates and charges. The current high-level cantilever bridge crosses the Manchester Ship Canal on the B5159 road, connecting the A57 with the A6144, and the toll covers the entirety of the Canals undertaking, from Warburton village to the A57.
	Architectural Interest: Built in 1890 for the Manchester Ship Canal, this is one of only two high-level cantilever bridges on the Canal (the other being at Latchford in Warrington). The bridge was built by Andrew Handyside & Co, and is of riveted truss construction, probably in wrought iron or possibly early steel. The towers were built on masonry piers, and the bridge arms cantilevered outwards, before the 92ft long centre section was raised into position from the canal. The engineer was Mr E. Leader Williams.



	Landmark Status: A well-known landmark along the Ship Canal and for the hundreds of motorists who use the bridge every day. Group Value: The bridge has a group value with the toll cottage and the Manchester Ship Canal.	
	Rarity Value: One of only two cantilever high-level bridges on the Manchester Ship Canal, and a three-span cantilever bridge with this arrangement (the curved legs) is a rarity.	
Locally List?	YES	

Property Name	Warburton Toll Bridge Cottage HER 2232.1.2	
Property Address	Warburton Bridge Road, Warburton Altrincham	
Significance	Historic Interest: 19th century, but seemingly predating the toll bridge across the Manchester Ship Canal that opened in 1890; the cottage is shown at a toll bar on the Ordnance Survey 1st Edition 1:2500 map of 1875.	
	Architectural Interest: An interesting example of a toll cottage built in the local vernacular.	
	Group Value: High group value with Warburton Toll Bridge and the Manchester Ship Canal.	
	Rarity Value: A rare example of a toll bridge-keepers cottage in the district.	
	Aesthetic Value: The cottage makes a positive contribution to the historic character of the Warburton area.	0
	Landmark Status: A well-known local landmark that makes a positive contribution to the historic character of the area.	
Locally List?	YES – Candidate for full listing	

Locally List?	YES – Candidate for full listing	
Significance	Historic Interest: Possible 17th-century stone-built bridge crossing the Red Brook, no longer used for traffic. It sits lower than its modern counterpart and is quite secluded in nature due to the tree cover, though it does sit next to a main road. The original alignment of the lane is also preserved either side of the bridge and climbs from the bridge to connect with the modern alignment and this forms part of its setting, contributing to the bridge's significance. It is an important remnant of historic movement through the area and is still used as a public footpath. Architectural Interest: Consists of a low stone arch, with evidence of coursed, rough stone with rough ashlar blocks on top. The bridge is tarmacked over the top and railings have been inserted either side. Local Interest: An important remnant of the local historic environment.	
Property Name Property Address	Warburton Lane Old Bridge – HER 18220.1.0 Warburton Lane, Warburton Altrincham	
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Property Name	Warburton Deer Park Pale (North) – HER 18223.1.0	a Maria
Property Address	Red Brook, Warburton Altrincham	
Significance	Historic Interest: Key component of a medieval deer park. Group Value: An important component of the medieval deer park, which has a group value with other possible elements of the ancient park. Rarity: A very rare example of a deer park boundary adjacent to ancient woodland. Archaeological Interest: The ditch has not been subject to any intrusive archaeological investigation, but retains considerable potential to yield important data.	
Locally List?	YES	

Property Name	Warburton Park Medieval Fish Ponds – HER 18224.1.0	
Property Address	Warburton, Altrincham	
Significance	Historic Interest: A very rare example of probable medieval fish ponds. Group Value: Part of an important group of features typical of a medieval deer park. Rarity: A very rare example locally of medieval fish ponds.	
Locally List?	YES	

Property Name	Warburton Park Moated Pillow Mound (Rabbit Warren?) – HER 18225.1.0
Property Address	Warburton, Altrincham
Significance	Historic Interest: An unusual feature of probable medieval origin, associated with the deer park.
	Group Value: One of an important group of features within the deer park and its wider setting.
	Rarity: A rare landscape feature.
Locally List?	YES

Additional entries to the GMASS Local Heritage List

Warburton Nurseries	Dunham Road	Warburton	WA14 9UX			
Holly Cottage	Dunham Road	Warburton	WA14 9UQ			
Roughlands Cottage	Warburton Lane	Warburton	WA13 9TP			
Warburton Mill Weir		Warburton				
Warburton Mill Bridge	Mill Lane	Warburton	WA13 9SD			
Manchester Ship Canal - that part which lies within Warburton						

The Local Heritage List includes all positive contributors included in the document:

Warburton Conservation Area (SPD 5.20)