

Hemsby

Neighbourhood Plan

2021-2036



Non-Designated Heritage Assessment

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Identifying Non-Designated Heritage Assets in Neighbourhood Plans

Introduction

Non-designated heritage assets are buildings, monuments, sites, places, areas or landscapes identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions but which are not formally designated. They are valued as distinctive elements of the local historic environment.

Historic England provide guidance on the listing of local heritage assets to assist community groups, for example in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. Local lists complement national designations and intends to highlight heritage assets which are of local interest, to ensure they are given due consideration when change is being proposed.

Hemsby Neighbourhood Plan has adopted the following process for considering assets of historical importance which could be included on a local list:

1. Review of designated assets and data held on the Historic Environment Record;
2. Identification of assets of local importance through consultation and data held on the Historic Environment Record;
3. Consultation with Norfolk Historic Environment Service on the assets identified to determine their significance and whether they should be afforded protection;
4. Assessment according to Historic England criteria, below;
5. Further consultation with residents.

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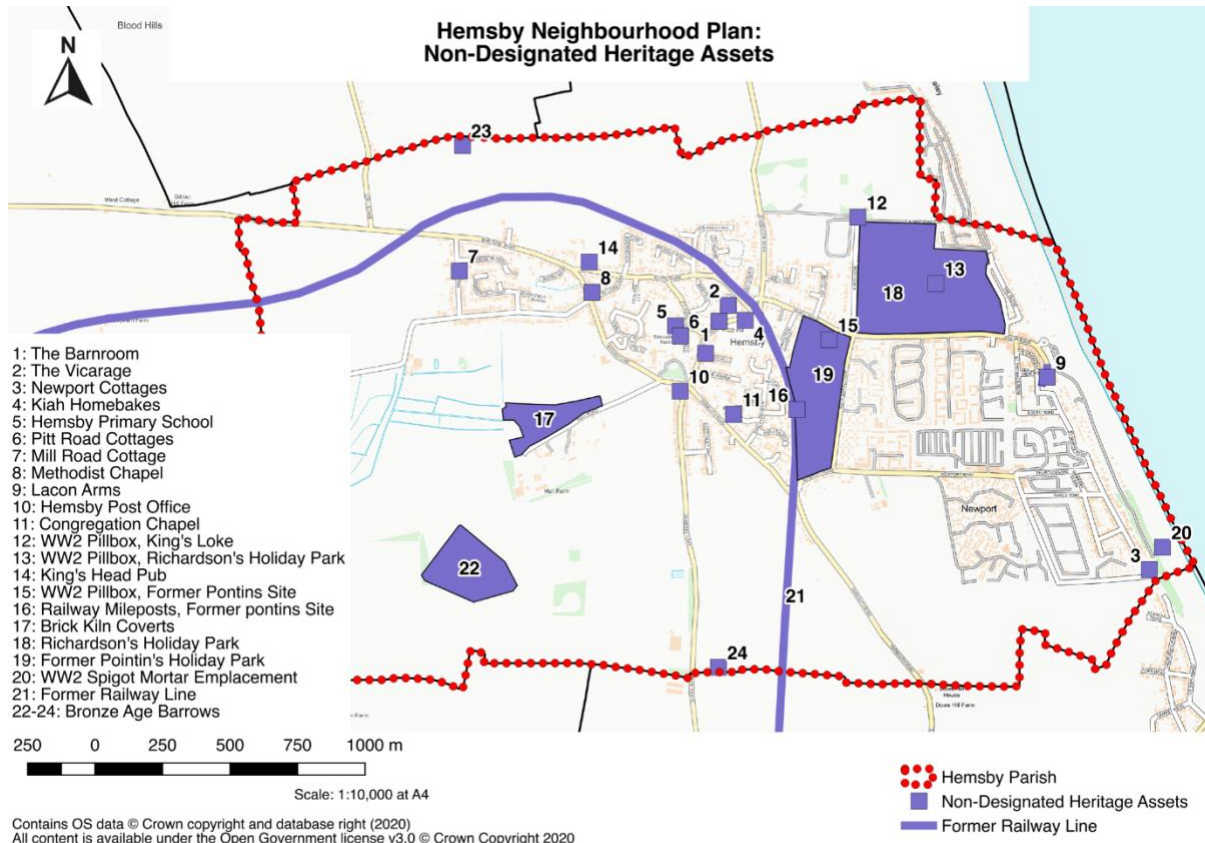
Criterion	Description
Age	The age of an asset may be an important criterion, and the age range can be adjusted to take into account distinctive local characteristics or building traditions.
Rarity	Appropriate for all assets, as judged against local characteristics
Aesthetic Interest	The intrinsic design value of an asset relating to local styles, materials or any other distinctive local characteristics.
Group Value	Groupings of assets with a clear visual design or historic relationship.
Archaeological Interest	The local heritage asset may provide evidence about past human activity in the locality, which may be archaeological – that is in the form of buried remains – but may also be revealed in the structure of buildings or in a man-made landscape. Heritage assets with archaeological interest are the primary source of evidence about the substance and evolution of places, and of the people and cultures that made them.
Archival Interest	The significance of a local heritage asset of any kind may be enhanced by a significant contemporary or historic written record.
Historical Association	The significance of a local heritage asset of any kind may be enhanced by a significant historical association of local or national note, including links to important local figures. Blue Plaque and other similar schemes may be relevant.
Designed Landscape Interest	The interest attached to locally important historic designed landscapes, parks and gardens which may relate to their design or social history. This may complement a local green space designation , which provides special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to local communities for their current use.
Landmark Status	An asset with strong communal or historical associations, or because it has especially striking aesthetic value, may be singled out as a landmark within the local scene.
Social and Communal Value	Relating to places perceived as a source of local identity, distinctiveness, social interaction and coherence, sometimes residing in intangible aspects of heritage, contributing to the ‘collective memory’ of a place.

Taken from Local Heritage Listing: Historic England Advice Note 7:

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

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Map of NDHAs for Hemsby:



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Assessment

The Barn Room opposite St Mary's Church



Heritage Asset & brief description	Barn Room opposite St Mary's Church
Age	Maybe 17 th century judging by the brickwork
Rarity	None
Aesthetic Interest	Thatch Roof. Converted coach house.
Group Value	Used as event room for Grade II listed St Mary's Church. Was previously part of the Old Vicarage.
Archaeological interest	None
Archival Interest	None
Historical Association	Was previously the coach house for the Old Vicarage
Designated Landscape Interest	None
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	The Barn Room is used as a public venue for those attending service at St Mary's Church as well as fund raising, WI meetings and local events.

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The Old Vicarage



Description	An early Victorian vicarage opposite St Mary's Church
Age	Built 1845
Rarity	None
Aesthetic Interest	Still retains the original architecture, sash windows and fireplaces.
Group Value	St Mary's Church (Grade II listed) is opposite. The Barn Room used to be the Old Vicarage's coach house.
Archaeological interest	The 1845 building was built on the site of a previous vicarage.
Archival Interest	History of Hemsby - George Beech, Andrew Fakes. Entries in past Yarmouth newspapers for local events.
Historical Association	The home of those who served St Mary's Church, hosting local village events. Later on, converted into a restaurant.
Designated Landscape Interest	Gardens.
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	Part of the village memory when it was the home of past vicars and a local dining place. Currently, it is once more a private home.

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Newport Cottages



Description	Rows of terraced period cottages in the Newport area, which were built as a beach colony for locals who made a living from the sea. One of the buildings, The Cottage on the Cliff, was previously a Public House
Age	Shown on the c. 1840 Tithe map
Rarity	Unique aspect to the village. Rare survival of a beach colony in the 19th century
Aesthetic Interest	Local distinctiveness. Cottages are built from beach pebbles and lime mortar in a style known as Caister Cobble. Considered unique as many others have not survived
Group Value	None
Archaeological interest	Building materials sourced in the area
Archival Interest	The history of Newport Cottages is mentioned in George Beech's 'A History of Hemsby on Sea'.
Historical Association	Some of the cottage attics were once linked, which smugglers used to run through to escape Customs and Revenue. Previously, World War II anti-invasion defences were erected here, consisting of anti-tank ditches, barbed wire, anti-tank blocks, pillboxes. Now extant earthworks remain which can be seen via aerial photographs. Mention of pillbox and anti-tank blocks as recently as 2004.
Designated Landscape Interest	Coastal area. Grassland. Gardens.
Landmark Status	Designated conservation area
Social and Community Value	Local historical interest for village links to World War II and smuggling. The houses are now a mix of private and holiday homes.

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Kiah Homebakes



Description	Tearoom on The Street
Age	Post 1885 (first edition of the Ordnance Survey map)
Rarity	None
Aesthetic Interest	None
Group Value	None
Archaeological interest	None
Archival Interest	None
Historical Association	It has been various tearooms across the years. Originally a piggery. The right side wall is the original piggery entrance, which is now bricked up.
Designated Landscape Interest	None
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	It is now in use as a tearoom

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Hemsby Primary School



Description	A two room school built as a board school for local children.
Age	Built in 1902.
Rarity	It is the only school in the village. Has a historical link to the board school movement. The outside architecture remains the same.
Aesthetic Interest	Has Arts and Crafts detailing around windows, door, roof. Built from local craftsmanship. Has an OS flush bracket on the main gable wall, (1946-1951), as a benchmark. Still has original fireplace.
Group Value	Is located next to School Loke, which houses several of the oldest cottages in the village. Neighbouring the school is the Victorian Schoolmaster's House, which is now a private home.
Archaeological interest	The bricks were produced at Hemsby Brickworks.
Archival Interest	Historic Environment Record
Historic Interest	Board schools were the very first state run schools introduced during Victorian times. Generations of Hemsby village children have attended. The building was built by George Beech's father.
Designated Landscape	Playground. Playing field.
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	Part of the village's community history. Unique architecture details. The building is still used as a school for local children.

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School Loke Cottages



Description	A group of period cottages which are some of the oldest in village. One of the houses, The Cottage, is over 200 years old.
Age	Pre 1800s.
Rarity	Rare local cottages with unique architectural details, includes the previous bakehouse, school master's house and blacksmith.
Aesthetic Interest	Some have unique features, such as a small door for a bakery bread oven, which is over a hundred years old. Another cottage's roof is thatched. Most have kept their original period features, such as beams, doors etc.
Group Value	Grouping of several cottages. Next to Hemsby School.
Archaeological interest	None
Archival Interest	History of Hemsby
Historic Interest	Some of the oldest surviving cottages in the village. Previously used as a local bake house. Another building housed the blacksmith
Designated Landscape	Gardens.
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	Part of the village's architectural history. These cottages continue to be used as private dwellings

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24 Mill Road



Description	Cottage on Mill Road, which was converted from a barn and outbuildings.
Age	Probably shown as a barn on the c. 1840 Tithe map
Rarity	None
Aesthetic Interest	Parts of it are thatched. Still has some of its original features, gate, barn doors etc. Outbuildings still remain.
Group Value	None
Archaeological interest	None
Archival Interest	None
Historic Interest	Hemsby tower mill, built in 1836, previously stood opposite the cottage before it was pulled down in 1924 (Norfolk Heritage Explorer).
Designated Landscape	Garden.
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	It is now a private home.

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Methodist Chapel



Heritage Asset & brief description	Methodist church at Taylor's Loke.
Age	Built in 1879.
Rarity	None
Aesthetic Interest	OS benchmark in brick frontage. Plaques on front dedicated to the architect, the other two are too eroded to read. Elements suggest the building was a converted barn room (barn door at top).
Group Value	None
Archaeological interest	None
Archival Interest	None
Historical Association	Used to have a Sunday school.
Designated Landscape Interest	Grassland/parking at back.
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	Part of the village's religious history. It is still used as a place of worship.

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Lacon Arms



Heritage Asset & brief description	Beachfront public house. Once had a thatch roof, but it was burnt away in 1970 and replaced with a tiled roof.
Age	Built 1934.
Rarity	None
Aesthetic Interest	Built in the style of a Dickensian Posting Inn. Has been refurbished but kept its architectural style.
Group Value	None
Archaeological interest	In 1979, a beaker pot with a barbed wire decoration (dating between 2300 BC - 1700BC) was unearthed nearby.
Archival Interest	History of Hemsby. Historic Environment Record.
Historical Association	Part of Lacons history, a Great Yarmouth brewery chain which was founded in 1760.
Designated Landscape Interest	None
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	It is still in use as a pub and restaurant. Part of Lacons and village heritage.

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Hemsby Post Office



Heritage Asset & brief description	The village's local post office, located on Ormesby Road
Age	Modern
Rarity	None
Aesthetic Interest	None
Group Value	None
Archaeological interest	None
Archival Interest	History of Hemsby
Historical Association	Four generations of the Church family, dating to the 1800s, have worked in the post office. A post office building has been on this site since the 1700s.
Designated Landscape Interest	None
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	Part of the village's community history. The building is still in use as a corner shop and post office.

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Congregational Church



Heritage Asset & brief description	Former Hemsby Evangelical Congregational Church located on Yarmouth Road. Photographic survey completed prior to conversion.
Age	Built in 1862
Rarity	None
Aesthetic Interest	Plaque on the front of building with date of erection.
Group Value	Graveyard. Memorial garden dedicated to Lady Diana
Archaeological interest	Originally had a coach house, stables and copper house. The graveyard is still intact. Nearby, early Saxon loom weights and pottery were found behind The Gables Guest House. There are around 100 tombstones, which are dated from 1850s to recent years.
Archival Interest	None
Historical Association	George William Beech is buried here (writer of Hemsby on Sea history and has a blue plaque at Pit Road)
Designated Landscape Interest	Has a graveyard attached. Also has a memorial garden dedicated to Lady Diana, for public use
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	When the church closed in 2009 it was reopened as a Youth Club. Historical and memorial links to the village. The graveyard is still in use. The building has now become a private house.

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WW2 Pillbox, King's Loke



Heritage Asset & brief description	Type 24 World War II Pillbox at corner of King's Loke.
Age	Built between 1939-1944.
Rarity	The King's Loke pillbox is in good condition and further inland, whereas other local pillboxes have been lost to erosion. A pillbox at Newport has been lost to the sea.
Aesthetic Interest	Built in an irregular hexagonal shape with flat roof. Has retained its brick cladding. Has a rear wall flat, with a door and two small windows.
Group Value	Believed to have been part of the defences for a Winterton radar station. There is another Type 24 pillbox at Seacroft
Archaeological interest	Part of the village's WWII defences. Local materials were used in pillbox construction.
Archival Interest	Record on Norfolk Heritage Explorer, Historic Environment Record and the National Mapping Programme
Historical Association	What remains of the coastal defences put in place during WWII.
Designated Landscape Interest	None
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	Historical value for future generations in remembrance of the war and its impact on the village.

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WW2 Pillbox, Richardson's Holiday Park



Heritage Asset & brief description	Type 24 World War II pillbox that can be found in the holiday park 'Richardson's', which was once known as Seacroft.
Age	Built between 1939-1945.
Rarity	None
Aesthetic Interest	Built in an irregular hexagonal shape with a flat roof. It also had camouflage paint/net put across the roof to help it merge with the surrounding area.
Group Value	Part of a series of anti-tank defences in the village during WWII, known as the 'coastal crust'.
Archaeological interest	The pillbox would have been built with local materials. The Seacroft Holiday Camp was believed to have been requisitioned as a military site previously.
Archival Interest	Norfolk Heritage Explorer. Historic Environment Record – the whole holiday park used to be a WW2 Military Camp
Historical Association	Used as part of defences during WWII.
Designated Landscape Interest	Sited on Richardson's Holiday Park
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	Historical value for future generations in remembrance of the war and its impact on the village.

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King's Head Village Pub



Heritage Asset & brief description	village pub on North Road.
Age	Started trading as a public house in 1846. On the c. 1840 Tithe map
Rarity	None
Aesthetic Interest	Two converted cottages joined together to form the public house. Mix of brick wall and older stone wall. Old pub sign featuring Henry the VIII. Free house signage at front. Original architecture, beams, are still inside.
Group Value	None
Archaeological interest	None
Archival Interest	None
Historical Association	None
Designated Landscape Interest	None
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	While it is still a public house at the moment, it is currently up for let. Still has features from the original cottage buildings.

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WW2 Pillbox, Former Pontins Site



Heritage Asset & brief description	Type 24 pillbox which can be found on the old Pontins site.
Age	1939-1945
Rarity	None
Aesthetic Interest	Built in an irregular hexagonal shape with a flat roof.
Group Value	Part of the WWII defences.
Archaeological interest	Built using local materials.
Archival Interest	None
Historical Association	After WWII, when the site was run by pontins, the pillbox was covered and the camp sign placed on top. Recently it has been unearthed.
Designated Landscape Interest	None
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	Historical value for future generations in remembrance of the war and its impact on the village.

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Railway Concrete Mileposts



Heritage Asset & brief description	Railway concrete mileposts bordering the Western side of the old Pontins site.
Age	The Yarmouth and North Norfolk railway stations were opened between 1877-1881
Rarity	None
Aesthetic Interest	Posts leftover from the railway line, bordering the local holiday camp.
Group Value	What remains of the railway line which ran through the village.
Archaeological interest	None
Archival Interest	Norfolk Heritage Explorer.
Historical Association	Part of the railway line which ran from Hemsby to Yarmouth. Put there by Midland and Great Northern Joint railway. Closed in 1959.
Designated Landscape Interest	Pontins holiday camp. Verges.
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	Part of Hemsby's tourism history when trains would travel from Great Yarmouth to Hemsby.

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Brick Kiln Coverts



Heritage Asset & brief description	Post Medieval Brick Kiln Coverts off Hall Road.
Age	Post Medieval: 1540AD to 1900AD
Rarity	None
Aesthetic Interest	Previously there were Brick Kilns in this area for baking. Site of local brickworks of William Bracey and Son.
Group Value	Is nearby where Hemsby Hall once stood and the remaining outbuildings
Archaeological interest	Local materials for village buildings were made here.
Archival Interest	Norfolk Heritage Explorer. Historic Environment Record. Norfolk Archaeological Index Primary Record.
Historical Association	The kiln and a tall chimney were standing here up until the 1960s, which was considered a local landmark.
Designated Landscape Interest	The site is designated a County Wildlife Site. The surrounding area is a 18th-20 th century woodland plantation with a variety of wildlife and fauna.
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	Part of Hemsby's history and heritage. Woodland with local wildlife that has prospered due to being left alone.

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Site of the former Pontins Holiday Park



Heritage Asset & brief description	Site of the former Pontins Holiday Park: Closed in 2009, currently being redeveloped
Age	Opened in 1920. Became Pontins in 1970s.
Rarity	Considered one of the earliest holiday parks in UK.
Aesthetic Interest	None
Group Value	Originally part of the Hemsby Holiday Park.
Archaeological interest	Was previously a WW2 base camp, occupying the holiday camp, with military buildings and earthworks seen via aerial photographs. Two ring ditches to the east, part of WW2 searchlight battery. A pillbox has been unearthed at the site.
Archival Interest	Norfolk Heritage Explorer. Historic Environment Record. Has featured in several videos of 'urban explorers'
Historical Association	Was originally part of the Hemsby Holiday Park opened in 1920s, before being separated from the site now known as Richardson's.
Designated Landscape Interest	Large area of grassland and trees, abandoned buildings and chalets left to become overgrown . Currently being redeveloped
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	Part of the village's tourism history. Some parts, such as the pillbox, remain to show Hemsby's involvement in the second world war.

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WW2 Spigot Mortar Emplacement

Heritage Asset & brief description	WW2 Spigot Mortar Emplacement on the dune edges of Hemsby beach. To the south is a type 22 concrete and brick pillbox almost completely buried by the sand.
Age	1939-1945
Rarity	None
Aesthetic Interest	None
Group Value	Part of village defences alongside pillboxes and anti-tank blocks in Newport and Hemsby
Archaeological interest	Made using local materials.
Archival Interest	Norfolk Rapid Coastal Survey in 2004. Norfolk Heritage Explorer
Historical Association	Village's anti-invasion defences for WW2
Designated Landscape Interest	Dunes and beach
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	Hemsby's WW2 history for future generations

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Midland & Great Northern railway line



Heritage Asset & brief description	Midland & Great Northern railway line running through Hemsby via Yarmouth Road and Kingsway. Closed in 1959.
Age	Railway was opened in 1878. Bridge age unknown .
Rarity	Bridge was considered unusual
Aesthetic Interest	Mileposts still remain from the railway
Group Value	None
Archaeological interest	None
Archival Interest	None
Historical Association	A deck over bridge previously stood over Martham Road, demolished in 2006
Designated Landscape Interest	None
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	Part of Hemsby's tourism history when trains would travel from Great Yarmouth to Hemsby

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Probable Bronze Age round barrows

Heritage Asset & brief description	Probable Bronze Age round barrows in Hemsby field areas, particularly at the weather station at Ormesby Road, field near Hall Road and East of Collis Lane.
Age	Bronze Age
Rarity	None
Aesthetic Interest	None
Group Value	None
Archaeological interest	Several archaeological finds have been discovered. Ring ditches, Neolithic mortuary enclosure and flints
Archival Interest	Norfolk Heritage Explorer
Historical Association	None
Designated Landscape Interest	None
Landmark Status	None
Social and Community Value	Of archaeological import as the fields are still intact. More could be found. Part of Hemsby's history.

