

Alvechurch

Scarfield Wharf Stables

Scarfield Hill

B48 7SQ

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV001

Description / Summary

Stable building, probably built in 1861 after the 1847 wharf enlargement. A smaller building appears on the 1842 Tithe map, and this may be incorporated in the current building, but there are no obvious indications in the building fabric. Scarfield Wharf was originally constructed around 1806, following the construction of the canal stretch between Hopwood and Tardebigge, and included a winding hole, stables, machine house and weighbridge, the latter of which was taken from Hopwood Wharf. In 1808 the wharf was the southern terminus for a horse-drawn packet boat service, conveying goods and people between Alvechurch and Birmingham, although this enterprise only lasted 5 years. The stables likely used bricks from the then nearby Wynn's Brickworks, which operated from 1860-1939.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Mid-C19th with possible earlier parts incorporated. There are minimal signs of change to principal form and fabric since 1861, although windows and rainwater goods appear to be modern. The building is one of only a handful of surviving historic wharf buildings in the area.

Architectural Interest

Simple, utilitarian form with interesting brickwork.

Historic Interest

Historic association with the canal, particularly associated with Wynn's Brickworks as probable supplier for its principal fabric, and subsequent occupier as the brickworks leased the wharf for transporting its goods.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to canal corridor, strengthening the line of the bridge and marking an intersection of travel modes.

New Alvechurch Marina Building

Scarfield Hill

B48 7SQ

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV002

Description / Summary

Marina Offices and Chandlery, built in the 1980s-90s, to designs from local firm Frank Helm Associates.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Late C20th, but an authentic and unique design; possibly the only purpose-designed modern canal building in the area.

Architectural Interest

Unique, modern form appearing to reference the 'cloth and plank' cargo section of historic working canal boats. The building is designed specifically for visual interest as opposed to a utilitarian 'shed'.

Historic Interest

The conversion of the wharf from industrial use to leisure use was a key moment in its history and ensured its ongoing survival as a piece of canal infrastructure. The Marina building has been the hub of local canal life for over 40 years.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to canal corridor, modern but not jarring or harmful.

The Weighbridge Freehouse

Scarfield Hill

B48 7SQ

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV003

Description / Summary

Pub, originally weighbridge offices and machine room, probably built/rebuilt in 1847 as part of the wharf's expansion. It was converted to a pub in the late C20th after falling into disuse.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Mid-C19th with C20th conversion to pub. Exterior is well preserved; the only known surviving weighbridge building in the area.

Architectural Interest

Symmetrical composition, casement windows with raking surrounds, decorative brick hood moulds, large first floor window to gable facing canal.

Historic Interest

Historic association with the canal function, weighing goods for further transit at the road intersection, more recent social/communal importance as a pub.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to canal corridor, marking intersection of travel modes.

The Hydraulic Ram House

Located to the east of Rowney Gree

Rowney Green

BDC ID ALV0069

Description / Summary

A small brick structure with a flat roof. Located by a water course on the edge of Rowney Green. It was not possible to access so it was not clear whether any machinery remains. Hydraulic rams used gravity and water pressure to pump water.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Installed in the 1880's using just the energy of the stream to provide running water to both Rowney Green House Farm and Seechem Manor - over half a mile away. It only appears on the Third Edition of the OS in 1928.

Architectural Interest

Historic Interest

Provided an early supply of running water to properties in the village.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Hopwood Village Hall

Birmingham Road

B48 7AL

Hopwood

BDC ID ALV011

Description / Summary

Village Hall, formerly a lemonade factory given to the village by F.J.Batchelor, extended, converted and opened in 1914.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Largely early C20th conversion with late 20th century windows. Overall form is well preserved.

Architectural Interest

Large, striking bay window facing Birmingham Road, rowlock brick with plain tile window cills.

Historic Interest

Historic communal value, having been gifted to the village, and a focus of community life for over 100 years.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive feature, standing forward of predominant building line. Marks a 'second centre' for Hopwood village along with the canal bridge.

Wharf Cottages

Callow Hill Road

B48 7LR

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV013

Description / Summary

Cottages, formerly stables to Callow Hill Wharf from mid-C19th, which operated as a coal yard until around the 1920s.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Mid-C19th construction showing rare use of stone; very unusual for a low-status building of this age, which gives credence to the rumour that the stone was repurposed from Butterfield's demolition work at the nearby St. Lawrence's Church. Windows are modern Upvc replacements and there are signs of infilled openings.

Architectural Interest

Use of coursed, roughly squared stone, possibly taken from the village church. The slate roof has an unusually low pitch.

Historic Interest

Historic association with the canal's industrial use and the associated coal yard.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to canal corridor, marking intersection of travel modes.

The Bakery, 1A

Latimer Road

B48 7NP

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV014

Description / Summary

Part of former bakehouse, interwar, converted to dwelling in 1980s/90s.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Interwar building with later modifications, showing unusual design. Appears reasonably well preserved; porches and dormer may be later additions; windows may not be original.

Architectural Interest

Lancet Gothic features, rare for this era where diluted Arts & Crafts/Edwardian style dominated. Reversed gambrel roof and string course with corbelled corners add interest.

Historic Interest

Part of original bakery serving workers on interwar "New Station Road" estate, near train station.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Unique building within an otherwise homogenous streetscape, positive contribution.

Rosemary Cottages

Bittell Road

B48 7BN

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV018

Description / Summary

C19th cottages with functional connection to the canal and the needle-making industry.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

C19th, present on 1842 Tithe map. Simple/typical form, modernised with render and Upvc windows.

Architectural Interest

Historic Interest

Original two dwelling occupied by John Wareing in 1842 with wife and three sons, he was a 'Canal Labourer' and two of his sons were needle-makers. Connection with both canal and needle-making is important to the area; it is not clear if the house itself hosted cottage industry needle making.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to reservoir and canalside landscape; unusual interjection sitting in lowland adjacent to embanked, raised canal.

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Birmingham Road

B97 6RL

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV022

Description / Summary

Interwar, Modernist dwelling.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Constructed between 1927 and 1938, in a Modernist style, rare in the region, and reasonably well preserved in overall form.

Architectural Interest

Unusual and well executed Modernist dwelling.

Historic Interest

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to streetscape as a standout piece of architectural design.

The Crown Inn

Withybed Lane

B48 7PN

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV031

Description / Summary

C19th boaters' inn, known locally as the 'Drawbridge' or 'Heave-up' due to the former vertical lift bridge that was nearby.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

C19th, well preserved inn with attached stable block intact; some later subservient additions.

Architectural Interest

Simple architecture with some interesting details, including double rowlock segmental arch heads to ground floor windows, timber shutters to first floor, and dentilled eaves. Brickwork is flemish bond, accentuated with light headers.

Historic Interest

Social importance to village; historically more so to the canal and local Withybed community.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to canal corridor and road, marking intersection of travel modes and gateway to Withybed Green.

Havencroft Nursing Home

Formerly The Elms, Birmingham Road

B48 7AS

Hopwood

BDC ID ALV032

Description / Summary

Large, late C19th house occupying a prominent position in Hopwood, now a care home.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Late C19th with well-preserved frontage, but heavily extended to rear.

Architectural Interest

Asymmetrical composition with three bays. Left hand bay has canted bay window to ground floor with pediment; main entrance to central bay with moulded, two centred arch and brick buttressed porch with modillioned, moulded cornice and shaped pediment; right hand bay has two storey bay window with octagonal turret roof and three windows per storey under gauged brick segmental arches with key blocks and drip moulds. Roof is clay tiled with fish scale banding, attic storey dormer over central bay and gable over left hand bay.

Historic Interest

Original high status dwelling, occupied by Phoebe L Baker, widow of Richard Skidmore. Baker gave almshouses to Belbroughton (Wood Lane) in 1903.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Landmark building in streetscape with mature tree screen to frontage.

1 & 2

1 & 2 Birmingham Road, Hopwood

B48 7TR

Hopwood

BDC ID ALV036

Description / Summary

C19th canal cottages associated with original Hopwood Wharf.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Early to mid-C19th, plan form and simplicity preserved, but otherwise modernised.

Architectural Interest

Simple cottages, painted brick and recently re-roofed in clay tiles.

Historic Interest

Only surviving remnant of Hopwood Wharf after road widening and ceasing of the wharf's activities, housed canal workers including fume extraction attendant for Wast Hills Tunnel.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Forms gateway with pub opposite, marking location of canal/road intersection and the beginning of the southern portion of the village.

Post Office and Adjoining Building, 1

Bear Hill

B48 7JX

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV037

Description / Summary

C18th former grammar school, later post office and shops in village centre.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

C18th origins with later modifications, but reasonably well preserved overall form and materials.

Architectural Interest

Hipped slate roof with brick stacks, dentilled eaves. Rounded arch windows to second floor of left hand, rendered unit, with bow window to ground floor shop. Tripartite window to first floor projecting section of right hand unit and attractive, curved corner shop front to ground floor. Also, to the side and visible from access, original external stair on west gable end, originally leading to 2nd floor dormitories, and blue brick, gothic arched entrance door below.

Historic Interest

Originally a grammar school for the village, later post office and shops; a central part of village life under its various guises.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Marks the edge of the retail/commercial centre of the village, forming a gateway with the village hall opposite.

Town Mill

Radford Road

B48 7LD

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV038

Description / Summary

Former flour mill dating from 1875 at the edge of the village centre, now converted into commercial offices.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Late C19th, converted and modified but street-facing frontage is preserved. Rare example of remaining industrial building in local area.

Architectural Interest

Designed by locally renowned architect E.A. Day, nephew and inheritor of the practice of Henry Day, also responsible for a number of schools and churches, and one time mayor of Worcester. The principal building is three storeys with four bays, regularly laid out in typical industrial fashion with multipane windows under brick segmental arches.

Historic Interest

Historic economic importance to the village as a place of industry and employment.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Set back from the road, marks the edge of the village on the eastern extent along Radford Road.

The Old School House

School Lane

B48 7SA

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV039

Description / Summary

Dwelling constructed circa 1856, originally attached to adjacent former school as schoolmaster's house.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Mid-C19th, extended and adapted, but main body and more decorative east façade remain intact.

Architectural Interest

Designed by renowned architect William Butterfield. Roughly symmetrical east façade with half-hipped, clay-tiled roof and off-centre, stepped brick stack. First floor has black brick diapering and three casement windows. Ground floor has two casement windows under flat, polychromatic arches with segmental relieving arches above, and a central, stepped and gabled porch with such a shallow projection that its gable parapet doubles as its roof.

Historic Interest

Connection with the adjacent school, built to serve the parish in the nineteenth century.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Limited, edge of village and not particularly prominent.

Methodist Chapel

Chapel Lane

B48 7QH

Rowney Green

BDC ID ALV040

Description / Summary

Wesleyan chapel built in 1869, remains in use as a village church.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Mid-late C19th, extended to rear but otherwise well preserved; locally rare.

Architectural Interest

Simple, understated but with distinctive classical features; clearly Nonconformist.

Historic Interest

Local communal importance to village as a spiritual base and centre of community life.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Limited contribution due to location and scale.

Baptist Chapel

Red Lion Street

B48 7LG

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV041

Description / Summary

Baptish chapel built in 1860, remains in use as a Baptist church.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Mid-C19th, extended and adapted, but main body and more decorative east façade remain intact. Sunday school to rear added 1928 by Bloomer and Gough. Church is well preserved and locally rare.

Architectural Interest

Designed by well-known architect James Cranston in a High Victorian Gothic style. Cranston was also architect of, inter alia, the Grade II* listed pump rooms at Tenbury Wells. The church northeast gable of the church has grouped lancet windows in stone tracery, with a sawtooth brick, pointed arch. The east entrance door has a similar arch, whilst two small windows either side of the central group are set under drip moulds. The buidling is mainly brick and includes black/red polychromy.

Historic Interest

Local communal importance to village as a spiritual base and centre of community life.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribtution to streetscene; set back from established frontage line, but making its presence known through its decorative quality.

Old Railway Station

Station Road

B48 7SE

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV042

Description / Summary

Railway station built in 1859 as part of the Redditch railway. Now in use as a children's nursery.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Mid-C19th, extended and modified but the principal form is intact. The only station in this parish.

Architectural Interest

Simple single storey brick building with deep verge overhangs. Windows have rendered segmental arches with keyblocks.

Historic Interest

Important transport node historically connecting Alvechurch to surrounding towns and Birmingham; catalyst for growth of the village towards the southwest.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Limited contribution due to location and scale.

Bordesley Park Farmhouse

Dagnell End Road

B98 9BH

Beoley

BDC ID ALV045

Description / Summary

Bordesley Park Farm, Alvechurch. Partially extant 17th century unlisted farmstead with unconverted buildings.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Farmstead with C17th origins, now in use as a wedding venue.

Architectural Interest

The main farmhouse is a fairly typical brick building, with some diapering, segmental arched windows and a prominent east gable stack. Timber framing is visible to the rear, and one of the outbuildings has a gable dovecote which matches with an outbuilding on the Bordesley Hall site, 1.35km northwest.

Historic Interest

Historically associated with Bordesley Hall.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to Bordesley Park landscape as a historic farmstead.

Lodge Farm (now Rowney Lodge Farm and Alpine Lodge Farm)

Rowney Green Lane

B48 7QZ

Rowney Green

BDC ID ALV046

Description / Summary

Early C19th farmstead.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

At least 1842 (present on Tithe maps); appears to be earlier, farmhouse has been extended and modified but east façade is relatively well preserved. Farmstead retains some original outbuildings. The ownership of Lodge Farm was subdivided in the mid-1980s when the barns and some plots of land were sold off.

Architectural Interest

Farmhouse appears to follow Georgian fashion, with 3 symmetrical bays, low-pitched, hipped slate roof and a rounded arched entrance fanlight. The upper central and right windows are 4/8 sashes without horns, possibly original; the remainder are likely later replacements.

Historic Interest

No known notable associations or inhabitants.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to landscape as a partially preserved farmstead.

Village Hall

Bear Hill

B48 7JX

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV047

Description / Summary

Early C20th village hall.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Built in 1929, principal features are preserved although the dormer windows appear to have been replaced with Upvc.

Architectural Interest

Designed by Bloomer and Gough, red brick on stone plinth. Brick is in fourth course Flemish bond with black headers and has contrasting brick quoining. Windows to the east projecting gable have multi-layered, tile crease lintels, whilst those on the main body of the building are set between brick pilasters and have decorative brick and tile sub-cills. Doors have vertical, riveted timber bars. There are four, waney-edge timber dormers to the roof, with a louvred timber cupola to the ridge.

Historic Interest

Historic communal interest as a social hub to the village.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Prominent building on Bear Hill with unique architectural character.

Tunnel House

Wast Hills Lane

B48 7AT

Hopwood

BDC ID ALV048

Description / Summary

House adjacent to south entrance to Wast Hills tunnel, probably late C18th. Currently unoccupied and boarded up.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Late C18th, updated roof and porch extension; windows are boarded but potentially historic, overall form is well preserved. Unique building function in area.

Architectural Interest

Simple brick building with clay tiled roof, central and end stacks. Windows have two-layered segmental arches with a bottom row of red, rowlock bricks and a top row of blue brick headers.

Historic Interest

Historically associated with the canal tunnel's operation, important to local industry and commerce.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Prominent feature on Wast Hills Lane, very close to roadside and helping to mark the presence of the canal which is otherwise hidden in a deep cutting.

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Swan Street

B48 7RP

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV049

Description / Summary

Row of C18th cottages, originally a workhouse, now three dwellings including a barbers in Number 4.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

C18th origins, evidence of workhouse use is now limited; interior plan form may still show indications. Number 4's ground floor shop front is heavily modified. Rare typology for area.

Architectural Interest

Two-storey, linear brick range with slate roof and single brick stack. Dentilled eaves, three course brick string at first floor level and segmental brick arches to ground floor windows. The building's plinth shows signs of an older building beneath, including contrasting brickwork and stone to the north end.

Historic Interest

Historical use as a workhouse is of interest, important to the area's social history.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Not highly significant, but maintains the continuous building line along the west side of Swan Street.

Groveley Hall (Groveley House)

Birmingham Road

B31 4UH

Hopwood

BDC ID ALV050

Description / Summary

Originally C16th farmstead with substantial later alterations and extensions, now a dwelling.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

C16th origins, heavily modified and extended, but rare for its age. Some parts of timber frame still visible externally.

Architectural Interest

Timber frame and brick farmhouse, large modern brick extensions are of low interest.

Historic Interest

The manor of Groveley was owned in 1536 by the college of Westbury and granted to Sir Ralph Sadleir in 1544, then sold to John Coombes in 1548-9, and again to Sir John Lyttelton in 1550. Early in the nineteenth century it was sold by Robert Middleton Biddulph to John Pickering.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to landscape as a partially preserved farmstead.

Station Road Bridge (Bridge 60), Worcester and Birmingham Canal

Station Road

B48 7SQ

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV051

Description / Summary

Early C19th road canal road bridge.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Early C19th. Parapets rebuilt in poorly matched brickwork, but overall form is retained, as are stone end pier caps and the brickwork below road surface level. The lower parts of the arch stilt arrises, towpath side, have been replaced in blue brick, presumably due to previous rope wear.

Architectural Interest

Stilted arch road bridge, fairly typical design, stone end pier caps remain.

Historic Interest

Important as adjacent to first wharf on this section of the canal, key intersection for passenger boat trips also.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution as typical hump-backed canal bridge within canal environment

Bittell Bridge (Bridge 66), Worcester and Birmingham Canal

Bittell Farm Road

B45 8BJ

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV052

Description / Summary

Early C19th road canal accommodation bridge.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Early C19th. North side substantially rebuilt, but south side is substantially original.

Architectural Interest

Stilted arch road bridge, fairly typical design, rounded stone coping to south parapet remains.

Historic Interest

Marker of canal history, connecting local Bittell Farm with its land.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution as typical hump-backed canal bridge within canal environment.

Hopwood Bridge (Bridge 68), Worcester and Birmingham Canal

N/A	B48 7AQ	Hopwood	BDC ID	ALV053
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Description / Summary

Early C19th road canal accommodation bridge.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Early C19th. Substantially intact, some replacement brickwork to arch stilt arris, with rope marks, possibly an early repair.

Architectural Interest

Stilted arch road bridge, fairly typical design, parts of rounded stone coping to south parapet, and stone end pier caps, remain.

Historic Interest

Marker of canal history.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution as typical hump-backed canal bridge within canal environment.

Uplands

Coopers Hill	B48 7BX	Alvechurch	BDC ID	ALV054
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Description / Summary

Mid-C19th century dwelling.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Mid-C19th century, very well preserved and rare level of decorative style.

Architectural Interest

Predominantly red brick with banded blue/red clay tiled roof. Sawtooth brick eaves, verve and string courses at first floor and attic, stone lintels and cills to windows, with stone mullions at ground floor. Pointed, polychromatic brick relieving arches with recessed brick spandrels over stone lintels. 1/4 octagonal entrance porch with pointed arch door and two matching lights either side, all with decorative, coloured glass.

Historic Interest

Was home to local architect Francis Bromilow in early twentieth century; original architect and occupiers unknown.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Limited contribution due to location.

St Mary's Catholic Church

School Lane

B48 7SA

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV055

Description / Summary

Former mid-C19th century school, now a Catholic church.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Built 1856-8, poorly extended and modified but main body and gable is still legible. Paired with the school house, represents a rare survival of this typology of Butterfield's work in the region.

Architectural Interest

By William Butterfield, tall and steeply pitched, clay tiled roof; large, pointed arch window to street-facing gable and to rear. Rear has a flat head with later brick infill to arch spandrel above.

Historic Interest

A key part of village life in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Since the 1970s it has also taken on spiritual significance as a church.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Limited, edge of village and not particularly prominent.

The Peacock

Icknield Street

B38 0EH

Forhill

BDC ID ALV056

Description / Summary

Early C19th century public house, formerly part of the Weatheroak Estate.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Built circa 1826, extended and altered but principal form and a number of architectural features are preserved.

Architectural Interest

Original building in an L-plan, two storey with subservient rear range. Clay tiled roof with four, fluted brick end stacks and shaped timber barge boards. South gable stack flutes are mostly infilled. Rear range has dentilled corbelling to verge. Upper floor windows have projecting brick drip moulds. Rear stable block includes inset post box in wall.

Historic Interest

Social importance to surrounding area; in the mid-twentieth century was said to be the only licensed premises on Cadbury-owned land. Located at, historically, a crossroads; important for travellers through the area.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive, landmark building at a historic crossroads in an otherwise open area.

Dingle House			
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Birmingham Road	B31 4UE	Alvechurch	BDC ID ALV057
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Description / Summary

C19th century farmhouse and farmstead with unconverted outbuildings.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Assumed early C19th, well preserved including unhorned timber sash windows; extension to side is subservient and does not detract.

Architectural Interest

Farmhouse appears to follow Georgian fashion, with 3 symmetrical bays, and a low-pitched, hipped slate roof. Windows have moulded cornices and are 2/2 sashes without horns, possibly original. Central door has moulded cornice and pillaster surround.

Historic Interest

No known notable associations or inhabitants.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to landscape as a partially preserved farmstead.

Farmhouse and outbuildings at Brookhouse Farm

Stonehouse Lane	B48 7BB		BDC ID ALV058
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Description / Summary

C19th, three-storey farmhouse with outbuildings. Two have been completely rebuilt, two are in the process of being converted and one remains unconverted but with planning permission for residential conversion.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Assumed early C19th original; substantially rebuilt in 1858 (date stone), including farmhouse, but probably retained some parts of original outbuildings. Farmhouse is modernised but retains overall form; three-storey height is rare. Rear workshop has unusual industrial character, rare in area. The two barns to the east were recently demolished rather than converted, although clearly modern, the form of the originals has been retained, maintaining the layout legibility of the original farmstead. The imposing C19th barn to the front of the site and adjacent cow shed have been retained although are in the process of being converted.

Architectural Interest

Three storey, three bay painted brick farmhouse with clay tiled, gabled roof with brick end stacks. Windows are all modern, with segmental arches, and central door has later porch on brick pillars. Rear workshop has large, multipane metal windows at ground and first floor, with timber shuttered openings to the centre, all under polychromatic, segmental arches.

Historic Interest

No known notable associations or inhabitants.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to landscape as a partially preserved farmstead.

Farmhouse, Woodlands Farm (Woodlands)			
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Chapel Lane	B48 7QJ	Rowney Green	BDC ID	ALV059
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Description / Summary

C19th farmhouse and farmstead with unconverted outbuildings.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Assumed to be C19th, very fine and well preserved farmhouse. Adjacent barn is timber framed and likely to be earlier.

Architectural Interest

Two storey plus attic with two dormers in clay tiled roof with brick end stacks. Three bays with 8/8 sashes to both floors of right and left bays; central bay has infilled first floor window and 6/6 sash to ground floor, all horned. All windows have plaster quoin surrounds, ground floor also with drip moulds. The adjacent barn has visible queen post truss to the roof, with timber box-frame to first floor; ground floor not discernible but possibly a rendered masonry base.

Historic Interest

No known notable associations or inhabitants.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to landscape as a partially preserved farmstead.

Lea End House

Lea End Lane	B48 7AY	Lea End	BDC ID	ALV060
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Description / Summary

C18th farmstead with later farmhouse and unconverted outbuildings.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

C18th origins, west barn probably original as it shows remaining elements of timber frame. Farmhouse is later, Arts & Crafts character, probably late C19th but well preserved.

Architectural Interest

Two storey brick farmhouse with banded, clay tiled roof. Roughly H-plan with projecting left gable, flush right gable and secondary projecting gable off-centre. Entrance door is off-centre to right, adjacent to giant brick stack. Windows are all casements with a unique, beaded profile to transoms and mullions and have brick drip moulds over. Main entrance and secondary doors both have four-centred brick arches over.

Historic Interest

No known notable associations or inhabitants.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to landscape as a partially preserved farmstead; landmark building on Lea End Lane.

Peacock Cottage

Icknield Street

B38 0EH

Forhill

BDC ID ALV061

Description / Summary

C19th blacksmith's shop, now dwelling, with unconverted outbuilding.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Early C19th, maybe coeval with Peacock Inn adjacent, as they have some similar detailing. Modernised windows and doors, but form is well preserved.

Architectural Interest

Two storey brick cottage with half dormers at first floor. Ground floor windows have projecting brick drip moulds, matching the Peacock Inn. Projecting entrance porch has four-centred brick arch.

Historic Interest

Noted as house, blacksmith's shop and garden on 1842 Tithe apportionment.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to crossroads area as a secondary landmark, adding to group value with the Peacock Inn.

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Bear Hill

B48 7JX

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV062

Description / Summary

Late C19th cottages.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Built circa 1882, very well preserved externally, a rare example of simple domestic work by John Cotton.

Architectural Interest

Designed by John Cotton, symmetrical pair with a shared central brick stack from a plain tiled roof. Each cottage has a gable with timber-modillioned verges on moulded timber barge boards. First and ground floor windows have four-centred, chamfered brick.

Historic Interest

No known notable associations or inhabitants.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to continuous row along Bear Hill; understated but very well detailed.

The Swan Public House

Swan Street

B48 7RP

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV063

Description / Summary

C19th public house.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Mid-C19th, well preserved externally.

Architectural Interest

Four bays with wagon door to southern end and two canted bays either side of the entrance, which itself has a volute-bracketed cornice over. Upper floor windows are 4/4 sash with shallow, segmental arches.

Historic Interest

Historic communal importance to village.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Positive contribution to streetscape, stands out as a public building among a mainly residential street, but continues the sense of enclosure.

Fairfield

Radford Road

B48 7ST

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV064

Description / Summary

Early C20th detached dwelling.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Built in 1906, appears to have modern windows but otherwise well preserved, a rare example in area of Arts & Crafts at this scale.

Architectural Interest

Designed by Gerald McMichael and faced in what is described as 'purple' brick. Arts & Crafts in character, with two gable projections and a low, sweeping roof with dormers at first floor and attic level. The entrance door has a stepped, rounded arch and there are two substantial stacks arising towards the southern end.

Historic Interest

No known notable associations or inhabitants.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Located in a largely open area, it contributes positively to the landscape as a unique, landmark building.

Hopwood House Inn			
Birmingham Road	B48 7AB	Hopwood	BDC ID ALV065

Description / Summary

C19th public house associated with development of Hopwood Wharf.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Built in 1867, the building has been substantially extended to the south and west, although its principal canal-facing façade remains legible.

Architectural Interest

Simple, gabled rectangle form, with 2/2 sash windows and flat, rubbed brick arches and two canted bays to the ground floor. The roof ridge has decorative crest tiles, but these may be replicas as the main roof slates are not original.

Historic Interest

Historic communal importance to village and to the development of the canal and its users.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Forms gateway with cottages opposite, marking location of canal/road intersection and the beginning of the southern portion of the village.

Wast Hills House

Wast Hills Lane

B38 9ET

Alvechurch

BDC ID ALV066

Description / Summary

Early C20th mansion built for W.A. Cadbury.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

Built in 1905, the building has been altered and adapted but its overall form and character remain. Rare for its size and period.

Architectural Interest

Designed by Arthur E. McKewan, with a matching lodge adjacent to the access. The house is of roughcast over brick with sandstone dressings, diamond patterned gables and green slate roofs, rather like over-scaled Voysey. It has two storeys with attic and a spinal corridor to each floor with rooms at either side. The entrance front has a series of three gables at left and the single-storey service court at right. The fenestration is of two and three-light casements with stone surrounds and there are inserted C20th windows to the first floor. The doorway is at far left. It has a cambered arch with a keystone and to the immediate right of this there is a datestone which is inscribed "C / WA+EH / 1905". To right of this are two conjoined gables, the left hand one of which has a projecting C20th extension to the present dining room with a flat roof at ground floor level with four-light window. The kitchen court has a hipped roof with a louvred bellcote. The entrance hall has an inglenook fireplace with oak panelling, polychromatic tiling and a copper hood to the fire and fixed benches. There are stained glass windows to the inglenook showing a ship [probably of 1930s date] and to the heads of the basket-arched lights of the screen which divides the entrance lobby from the seating area. A broad spinal corridor at ground floor level has slender vertical panels to the walls which extend up to a plate rack and have niches with hood moulds and projecting shelves with brackets. The entrance hall staircase is of open-well design. The newel posts are of square section with carved foliage to the corners and caps. The study has fitted shelves, drawers and cupboards of mahogany. The mezzanine landing of the later [1910] staircase, at west, has a mullioned and transomed window of three lights including panels of Pre-Raphaelite-influenced design. Several of the ceilings at ground floor and first floor levels have panels with foliage in relief.

Historic Interest

Built for William Adlington Cadbury of the prominent local Quaker family. It was initially intended as a summer house for the family, who continued to also live at Edgbaston. Improvements in the roads between Wast Hills and Bournville and the purchase of a motor car made it possible to live at Wast Hills all year round and additions were built in 1910, also by McKewan. The Cadbury family gave the house to the University of Birmingham in 1968 and it was used as a conference centre until shortly before 2007.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

Despite its size, the dwelling is well concealed from public view, nevertheless it makes a positive contribution to the landscape as a landmark building.

Bordesley Hall			
The Holloway	B48 7QA	Rowney Green	BDC ID ALV067

Description / Summary

C18th hall and its former gardens and park.

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

C18th hall with possible earlier origins for the original park. The hall was heavily modified, extended and its immediate setting developed in the C20th, however much of this has now been removed to make way for a residential development.

Architectural Interest

The southeast elevation is of most interest and comprises two storeys divided into five bays, with a projecting central bay with entrance portico under, it appears, a copper roof. First floor windows are 8/12 horned timber sashes and ground floor 12/12 to match. There are stone details such as a square string course and moulded cornice, but most detailing is lost due to the fact the building has been roughcast rendered. A raised forecourt is laid out in front of this elevation, from which there are restricted, but still available in glimpses, views out across the landscape, including the hall's former parkland and beyond.

Historic Interest

The hall's origins are associated with Lord Foley, and the land is thought to have originally been part of Bordesley Abbey's estate, sold to Edward Lord Windsor in the sixteenth century, following the Dissolution. A number of associated farmhouses and barns in the area also add to the historic group value of the Bordesley estate.

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest

The landscaped park has been eroded and subdivided and a tree belt south of the Hall now obscures much of the view to and from the Hall and its former parkland landscape, however views to the southeast remain possible, particularly in winter months when the deciduous trees shed their leaves. Despite erosion, there remain untouched pockets of the nineteenth century parkland, visible from the site and identifiable in aerial photography. This includes small stands of trees, ponds, boundary positions and the scar of one of the historic footpaths through the park.

Canadian War Memorial

On land close to the corner of Rown

Rowney Green

BDC ID ALV068

Description / Summary

A small plaque with the following wording, THIS MAPLE TREE WAS PLANTED TO REMEMBER
FO H H BARTON
PO G J GALLAGHER
Sgt CRG LONG
PO J H MAGNES
Sgt A J O'Neill
OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES WHEN THEIR WELLINGTON BOMBER CRASHED AT
ROWNEY GREEN ON 9 NOV 1943
“WE WILL REMEMBER THEM”
Alvechurch Ex-servicemen Association 2007
It is mounted on the ground adjacent to a Maple Tree

Age, Authenticity and Rarity

A modest, early 21st century memorial, which remembers the Canadian airmen killed when their plane crashed in Rowney Green during the Second World War.

Architectural Interest

Historic Interest

Commemorates a significant event from the Second World War which occurred in Rowney Green

Townscape/Villagescape/Landscape Interest