

Area 2



Continuing south down High Street the road opens out and buildings are more set back from the street edge. There are a pleasant mix of brick and rendered properties lining the street to your left as you head south. Some still have many traditional details intact, but also many have unfortunate modern interventions such as unsuitable uPVC windows. Large painted barge boards and decorative brickwork highlight these buildings as they stand tall on this side of the road. The Red Lion sits prominent back from the road with substantial traditional detailing including stone quoins and sash windows. This part of the village has examples of buildings once in business use, but are now residential. This has meant the loss of many historic qualities such as shop fronts and signage. Clear examples are the Post Office, but the old post box still remains outside. The Old Bakery, is only recognisable due to its name plate and the village shop which has only recently been closed but is now unrecognisable as a shop. The central part of Area 2 opens up with the grassed area on the entrance to Glebe Close. 20th Century properties are spaced out enabling open views between them. The brick bus stop creates a meeting and socialising point and the street furniture add further community characteristics. To your left heading south out of Area 2 sit two pairs of historic cottages, presumably originally once linked to Cheswardine Farm. These cottages also contain many traditional details and sit back from the road adding to the variety and styles within the village. Forrester's Hall sits on your right abutting the roadside. This was once used as the Village Hall until the Parish Hall was built in the early 1930's. The large building retains its date stone and large doors which were inserted when the hall became a bus depot in the 1930's.



Area 3



This area is mainly dominated by the large recreation ground which opens up this part of the village and creates a meeting point especially due to its relationship with the Parish Hall.

Cheswardine Farm is also a feature at the southern part of the village. The farmhouse stands proud on the road frontage and contains many prominent historic features. There is also a range of traditional farm buildings, which are only slightly visible from the road.

Views are also very important in this area, the Church Tower is prominent as it sits upon much higher ground, also the Wrekin is visible from many points here.

Dwellings including The Gables and Rose Cottage also make a valuable contribution to the Conservation Area with their location and historic details.

Modern housing developments loop around the recreation ground and meet the historic New House Farm on Westcott Lane which although is not included within the Conservation Area provides a historical viewpoint from within the village.

Cheswardine is an area of special architectural and historic interest within North Shropshire District, the character and appearance of which contributes towards its preservation and enhancement.

North Shropshire District Council are currently running a grant scheme for the repair of historic buildings in conservation areas.

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Cheswardine conservation area was designated in January 2009.

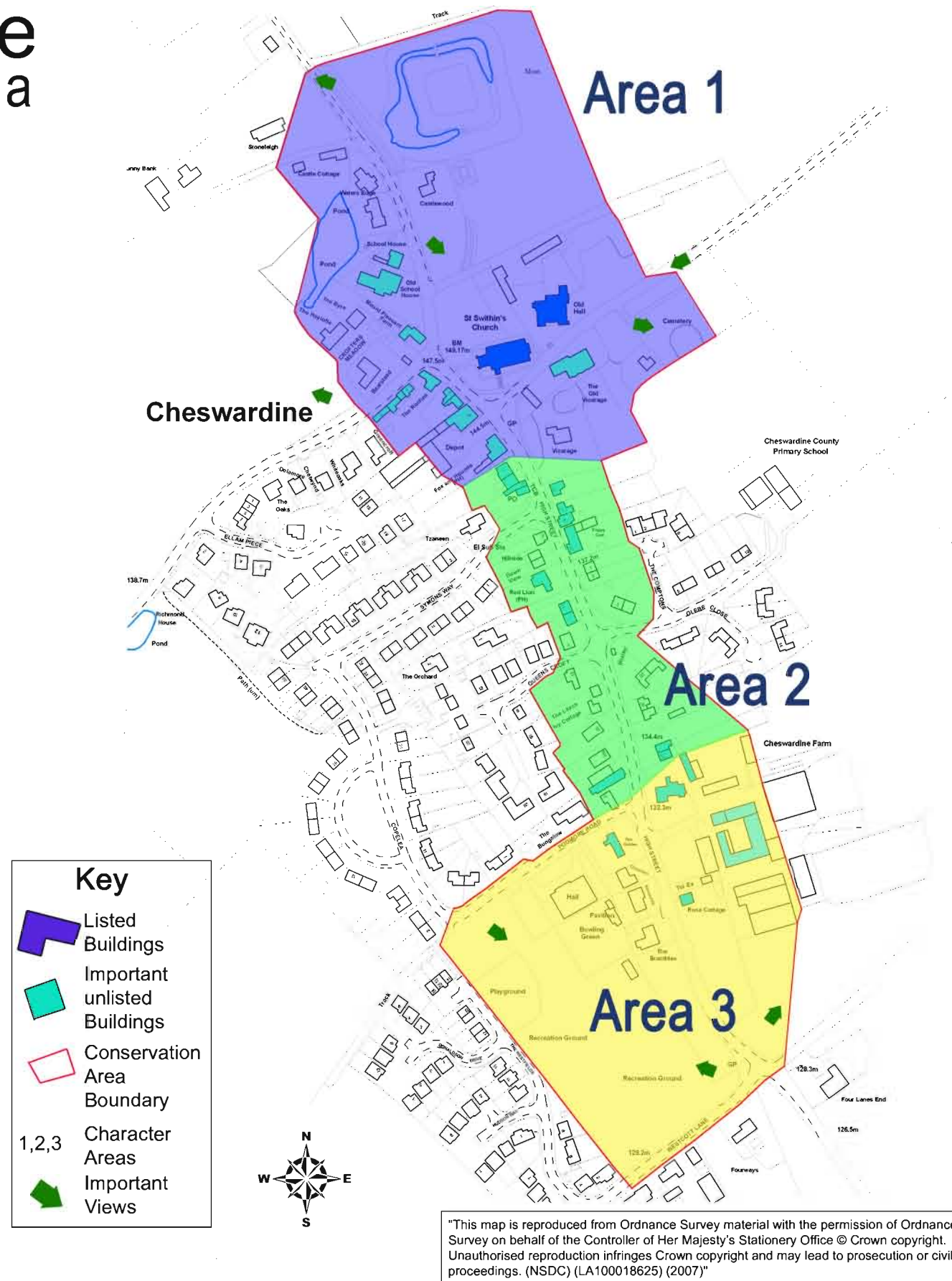
This leaflet has been specially produced to outline the designated conservation area in Cheswardine. It defines the special architectural and historic characteristics of the village.

The attractive historic village of Cheswardine sits centrally within its own parish. It is located within the district of North Shropshire, 25 miles north east of the county town of Shrewsbury.

Cheswardine was mentioned in the Domesday Book and the historic core of the village is to the north, with the prominent 15th Century Church of St Swithun sitting high up on the junction at the top end of High Street. Good examples of traditional building styles are located in this area around the Church.

As you head south through the village modern properties have been mixed between traditional buildings adding to the mixture of development in the village.

The area is well maintained and has many green open spaces and a mix of mature trees which adds to the historic character of the village. The open spaces also enhance views and create meeting points.



Area 1

Heading into Area 1 from the west you pass open farmland to your left and modern dwellings to your right. Upon entering the historic core of the village, traditional properties become more apparent and the Church is more prominent with views of its perpendicular style tower. To the left a terrace of three traditional workers cottages sit opposite mature trees, and a tall sandstone wall forms a sense of enclosure at this entry point. At the junction of High Street and Lawn Lane clear views of the Church and Church yard open up this area. The tall 15th Century tower overwhelms the large three storey traditional farmhouse which sits on this junction. Here, views towards the rest of the village are glimpsed.

Upon heading north up Lawn Lane, the old Victorian School Building and School House add an additional historic dimension to this area with the distinguished Victorian architecture and detailing. The road here becomes more enclosed and modern properties have been integrated. Tall mature trees and hedging line the end of this 'no through' road creating a great sense of enclosure. To the east here, at the very north of the village is the Moat which is also surrounded by tall trees. This is where Cheswardine Castle once stood. It was first recorded in 1330, and was noted to be of little strength. Unfortunately there are no building remains in existence.

As you head south in to the village the principal 'group' of historic buildings are located within close proximity of the Church. These are an eclectic mix of materials, styles and construction. This provides an interesting and varied street scene.

Glimpses of tall trees, brick walling and larger historic buildings are also visible down a small lane to your left which heads out of the village. A small village green with colourful planting opens up the southern part of Area 1, giving clearer sense to each end of the village.

Quiet movement through the village is the norm until drop offs and pick ups are made from the school which creates more traffic and activity.

