

Area 3



'Newtown' the second of the two historic settlements in Baschurch was built from the 18th century. Its creation provided new amenities for Baschurch including the red sandstone ashlar school, the brick Wesleyan Chapel and Nightingale House (formerly a house) laterly the famous Orthopaedic Hospital which was the first open air hospital for cripples in the world, founded in 1900 by Dame Agnes Hunt. Nightingale House provides a very important social and cultural heritage link for the village which should be retained.

The centre of the 'new' town is at the junction where Nightingale House sits opposite The White House and is quite open. A high wall to south of The White House and the building line to the properties elsewhere are at the edge of the road, thus forming a strong sense of enclosure.

There are many traditional materials and features still in existence here, such as cast iron railings on sandstone plinths and timber sash windows.



Area 4



The busy main road through Area 4 makes it very busy and noisy at times.

It is the central shopping hub of the village and shows great community involvement.

The range of styles and use of materials here contribute to the overall character and setting, in that it is varied.

The views are limited due to tall hedging opposite the busy hairdresser, although to the North, at the junction, opens out onto open farmland indicating that no where is very far away from open spaces.

The sounds and smells here are dictated by the traffic passing and whether the fish and chip shop is open for business.



Baschurch 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.

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Baschurch Centre Conservation Area

Baschurch Centre conservation area was designated in February 2008 along with Prescott and Baschurch Station conservation areas.

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

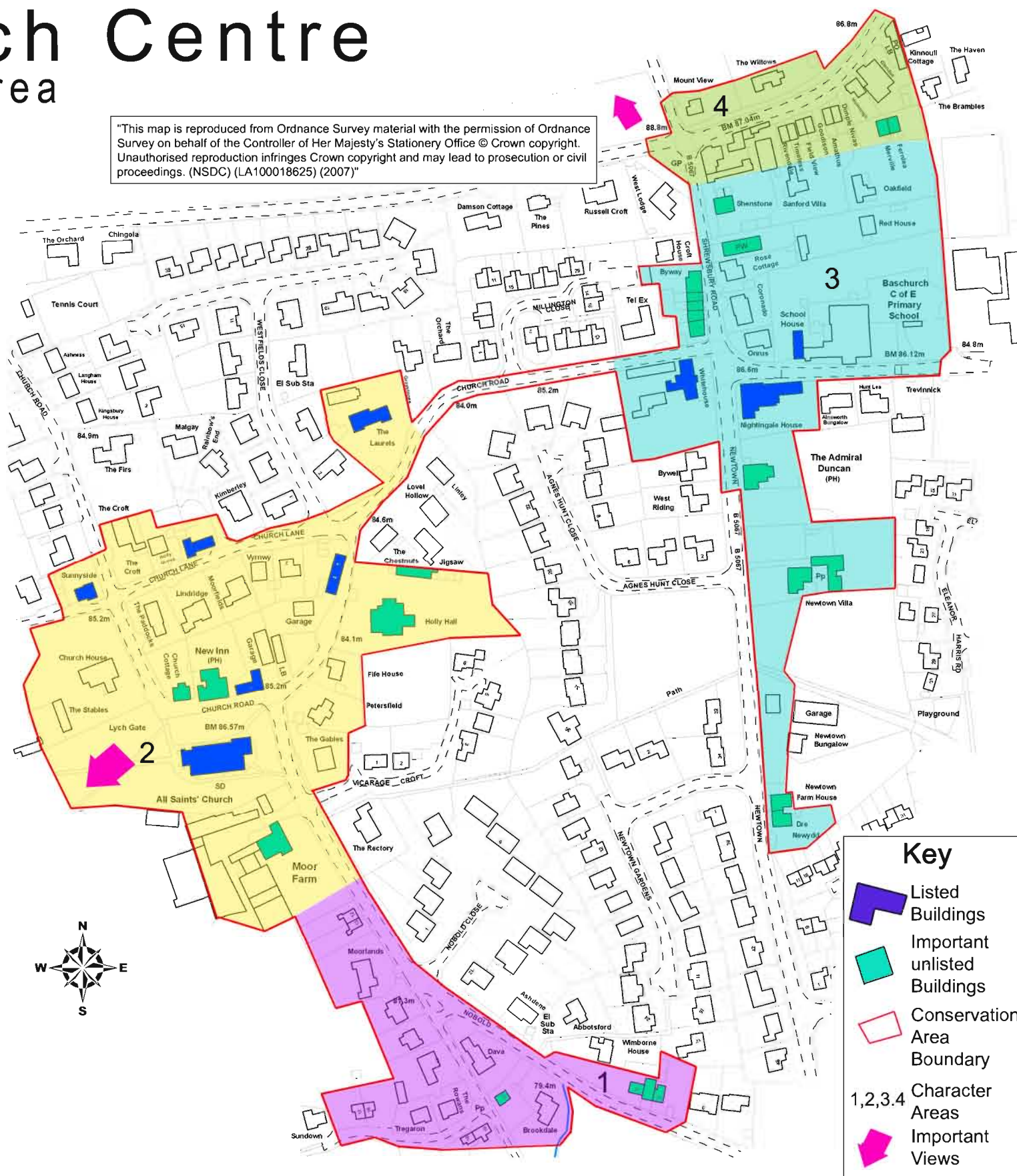
Baschurch

The attractive historic village of Baschurch is located within the district of North Shropshire, 14 miles North West of the county town of Shrewsbury. Baschurch is a large parish comprising of many smaller hamlets and the village of Baschurch is set in the southern part of the parish. The core of the village is in two parts, one around All Saints Church and the other around the crossroads to the East (Newtown). The housing types are mixed within these historic settlements, with traditional buildings interspersed with modern.

All Saints Church is a prominent focal point within the village, sitting high up on the junction of Church Road and Nobold. The red sandstone Church dates from the 13th century and is surrounded by a mixture of timber frame and sandstone properties. A sandstone wall is a re-occurring thread here and provides a link throughout the area between the properties. There is a high percentage of the traditional properties covered with slate roofing.



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Defining the special architectural and historic characteristics in areas. Areas 1 & 2

Heading into Area 1 from the south a tall hedge forms a sense of enclosure on the left with a row of three 19th Century brick cottages on the right. There are many modern twentieth century dwellings here built from brick and set back from the roadside within large plots.

A new development at Moor Farm (in Area 2) is underway at the edge of Area 1. Hedge and tree lines have been cut back and the new brick dwellings here sit uncomfortably prominent on the edge of Area 1 and Area 2.

Area 2 is dominated by All Saints Church which looks down over many of the other buildings. The setting is tranquil and within the churchyard there are views overlooking open fields, disturbed only by the large Yew trees which are so prominent in the churchyard. Busy garage businesses add some activity here, with cars coming and going. Many of the most historic buildings are located within close proximity of the Church. There are varied mix of colour and textures here, the Church, The New Inn and 7 Church Road provide an eclectic mix, which provides an interesting and varied street scene.

Going North East at the junction, where the road splits, is enclosed by tall hedging and trees, but with the sandstone wall still providing the thread which ties the area together and forms the boundary to 8 & 9 Church Road, which are listed.

Going left into Church Lane reveals another timber framed property before reaching Church Road once again, at the Western side. From this point another timber framed listed building is visible opposite, adjacent to Whitmore Lane. On turning south towards the Church the timber lychgate is in clear view, with the Church tower as its back-drop. Once again the Church is dominating the views at this point and on passing the lychgate the views towards open fields can be enjoyed once more over the churchyard.

