

Nominate a Heritage Asset

East Ward Allotments, Cricket Road (including the Boundary Brook Nature Reserve)

1. WHAT IS IT? Is it one of the following?	Tick
a building or group of buildings	
a monument or site (an area of archaeological remains or a structure other than a building)	
a place (e.g. a street, park, garden or natural space)	y
a landscape (an area defined by visual features or character, e.g. a city centre, village, suburb or field system)	

2. WHY IS IT INTERESTING? Is it interesting in any of the following ways?	Tick / Rank
Historic interest – a well documented association with a person, event, episode of history, or local industry	y
Archaeological interest – firm evidence of potential to reveal more about the human past through further study	
Architectural interest – an example of an architectural style, a building of particular use, a technique of building, or use of materials	
Artistic interest – It includes artistic endeavour to communicate meaning or use of design (including landscape design) to enhance appearance	
What is it about the asset that provides this interest? Historic interest: The allotments at Cricket Road are first recorded on the 1899 Ordnance Survey Map. Whilst it was expanded in the early 20 th century the new areas were later developed for schools with playing fields and housing, leaving the original 19 th century area. In 1990 community volunteers created a nature reserve in the west of the allotments with a mosaic of habitats.	

3. WHY IS IT LOCALLY VALUED? Is the interest of the asset valued locally for any of the following reasons?	Tick / Rank
Association: It connects us to people and events that shaped the identity or character of the area	
Illustration: It illustrates an aspect of the area's past that makes an important contribution to its identity or character	y
Evidence: It is an important resource for understanding and learning about the area's history	
Aesthetics: It makes an important contribution to the positive look of the area either by design or fortuitously	y
Communal: It is important to the identity, cohesion, spiritual life or memory of all or part of the community	y
How is the asset locally valued as heritage? Illustration: The allotments illustrate the provision of public land for cultivation by numerous small lessees as a means of meeting the needs for feeding an urban population. This is a particularly early example of the allotment movement as public philanthropy. Aesthetics: The allotments and nature reserves provide an attractive outlook from surrounding housing as green open space. Communal: The allotments bring together an active community of allotmenters, as well as the more recent groups of conservation volunteers who help to manage the nature reserve. Both groups contribute to the development of community cohesion.	

4. WHAT MAKES ITS LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE SPECIAL? Do any of the following features make the heritage significance of the asset stand out above the surrounding environment?	Tick
Age ... Is it particularly old, or of a date that is significant to the local area?	y
Rarity ... Is it unusual in the area or a rare survival of something that was once common?	

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Integrity ... Is it largely complete or in a near to original condition?	
Group value ... Is it part of a group that have a close historic, aesthetic or communal association?	
Oxford's identity ... Is it important to the identity or character of the city or a particular part of it?	
Other ... Is there another way you think it has special local value?	
<p>How does this contribute to its value?</p> <p>Age: The allotments have existed for in excess of 110 years and preserve an element of the open landscape that has been replaced by the densely packed streets of the suburb's houses and other buildings many of which it pre-dates. As such it is considered to be an early element of the landscape.</p> <p>Oxford's identity: The allotment forms one of a series of green spaces that surround the East Oxford Suburb and separate it from adjacent areas such as Cowley Marsh and Florence Park, contributing to its identity as a distinct neighbourhood, with a well defined character provided by the extent of Victorian and Edwardian development.</p>	