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Bartlemas Conservation Area

Designated 16 July 1976

Extended N/A

Bartlemas Conservation Area, No.9

Bartlemas can come as a surprise to those who turn off the Cowley Road, opposite the former Regal Cinema. It comprises a small Oxfordshire hamlet of farmhouse, cottage, with a former medieval leper hospital and chapel that, through chance of ownership, has retained its own isolated identity inside the suburbs of the city.

Contained by trees, playing fields, allotments, school and modern vicarage, the situation of the group of historic buildings maintains the illusion of a green country setting. The area contains three listed buildings. St Bartholomew's Chapel, the former hospital houses and the Bartlemas Farmhouse. Bartlemas Cottage and its outbuilding are also of an historic interest and character. All these buildings are built in stone, as are several boundary walls.

The former East Oxford Local Plan acknowledged the value of this historic hamlet surviving in the area. It recommended that its value to the community is such that recognition should be given to it by designating it a conservation area. The City Council therefore designated Bartlemas on 16th July 1976.