



Fleet & Church Crookham Society



Local Listing of “Assets of Value” for Church Crookham

Developed by the Fleet and Church Crookham Society

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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to draw together in one comprehensive list many of the ‘things’ that make Church Crookham special.

The main focus is on heritage - especially those building in Fleet that have architectural merit, have a local ‘history’, or those that we have deemed to be of interest in any other way.

But it is more than heritage. We have included valuable assets such as community halls, open spaces and the like. We have called our list “Assets of Value”.

Our list was developed from many different sources, but three in particular, are worthy of special mention:

- The ‘local listing’ originally developed by Fleet UDC and later updated in 2001 by Hart DC. This was very much our starting point;
- By surveying many of the streets in Church Crookham to identify other buildings and features that were not included in the ‘local listing’, but that seem to us to be of merit;
- We have received substantial support from the Fleet and Crookham Local History Group (FCLHG). They have provided significant input as well as verifying many of the items we have included. We sincerely thank them for their help.

Many items on our list include the phrase “FCLHG has more”. This indicates that further information is available from them on request.

Any comments, suggestions or queries that you may have should be directed to Patric Downes – patric.downes@gmail.com

The Fleet and Church Crookham Society trusts that you find the content interesting and informative.

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Aldershot Road

Wyvern pub

Long established public house. The Lefroy family built The Wyvern in 1854.

(FCLHG has more)

Foresters

The Foresters, standing on the boundary of War Department land used for military training was first licensed in 1857.

(FCLHG has more)

Fleet Spiritualist Church

Fleet's only Spiritualist church.

Built by 1909 as a Mission Room. Used by Methodists for 30 years, Baptists for 20 years and Spiritualists for over 50 years. It was extended and the porch added in 1983.

(FCLHG has more)

Lynwood (Woodland)

Small area of woodland connecting Aldershot Road to Azalea Park (but not part of the park).

Left to Church Crookham, owned by Church Crookham Parish Council. They created the footpath and information plaque. Wynne Gardens built on the site of the house Lynwood.

(FCLHG has more)

Abercorn Recreation Ground

More or less on the junction of Sandy Lane and Aldershot Road. Privately operated?

Wyvern Cottage

Old cottage opposite the Wyvern public house

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Old, interesting buildings

8 & 10

Old, interesting buildings

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Old, interesting building

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Old, interesting building

Azalea Gardens

Azalea Park

Public park and play area

Basingbourne Road

Basingbourne Park

Valuable greenspace and recreation area

Baptist Church

Church Crookham's Baptist church

(FCLHG has more)

Beacon Hill Road

Tweseldown Pub

Renamed Tweseldown in 2000. Originally called the North Horns and appears on Greenwood's map of 1826, but was first licensed as an alehouse in 1856. The thatched and timbered building was burnt down in 1885 and replaced.

Fully refurbished as a pub / restaurant in 2017.

Bourley Road

Peter Driver Recreation Area and sports grounds

Sports ground and recreation area.

Peter Driver was a local Olympian. A hall was named for him, later became Shotts nightclub and was burned down, replaced by a care home. Annual memorial run in Fleet.

(FCLHG has more)

Tweseldown Race Track

Long established point-to-point race track

(FCLHG has more)

Bowenhurst Road

Holy Trinity Church

RC Church for Church Crookham

Coxheath Road and Cranford Road

Site of Gally Hill Brickworks that ceased by the end of the 19th century. The office, stables and flooded clay pit remain in 2017.

(FCLHG has more)

Crookham Park

Crookham Park allotments

Provided as part of the Crookham Park development.

Crookham Park Athletic track

Provided as part of the Crookham Park development.

Crookham Park community hall and recreation/play areas

Community centre for the Crookham Park development

Crookham Park SANG

Provided as part of the Crookham Park development.

Gables Road

The Orchard.

Built about 1868. Once home to Mary Dyson, widow of Charles Dyson and friend of Rev Anthony Lefroy and she ran a school there. House had a chapel. Built by Liming as shown on the original bell panel. Dining room has unusual wall paintings of larger than life figures, by another owner, Ken Ward.

(FCLHG has more)

Gally Hill Road

Infant School

The only old-style school building remaining in Church Crookham.

Built in 1911 by local firm S C Mardles.

(FCLHG has more)

War Memorial

WW1 and WW2

(FCLHG has more)

Christ Church

CoE church and hall.

Consecrated 1841, Rev Anthony Lefroy the first curate. Costs met by public subscriptions and funding from the Diocesan Church Building Society. Sgraffitto work inside by Heywood Sumner, prominent artist and archaeologist.

Christ Church was consecrated in 1841 and a small community gradually developed around it.

(FCLHG has more)

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Architectural interest and age

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Architectural interest and age

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Previously one large house, now separated into 2 dwellings

Heath Cottage

Corner of Award Road. Built by 1848.

(FCLHG has more)

Hampton Close

Hampton Farm House

c.1680, 'hidden away' in this much later housing development.

Park Place

Coach House

The Old Coach House belonged to Gally Hill House (previously named The Knoll and Crookham Knoll). It was first occupied by Miss Anna Sturges Bourne, a friend of Rev Lefroy, it was put up for sale in 1892 after her death and the title refers to an indenture of 1868. However, it seems that the house was built between the censuses of 1871 and 1881.

Later owners were Baron Nugent and his wife. In about 1950 it was bought by Prof Christopher Gregory who set up the Institute for the Study of Mental Images. He died in a road accident in 1964.

A newspaper report in September 1965 records the proposed demolition, which happened the following year.

The 1892 sale particulars state:-

The stabling also placed within a paved yard, comprises:- **coach-house** to hold three carriages; **harness room**; a three stall **stable, forage store and loft; closet for men; manure and ashpits** in yard and water supply; also pump to well with service pipes to the cisterns in the house.

Portland Drive

Chesilton Woods

Quetta Park

Quetta Park play area and recreation area.

Community Centre

Redfields Lane

Forge Cottage

c18. Brick structure with string courses. Tiled roof. Timber and tiled porch. Brick in chimney dated 1767.
(Hampshire Treasure)

The Old Horns

Brick structure with string courses. Tiled roof. Former public house. Licence transferred to Horns at Crondall at turn of century. Old Yew tree in garden.
(Hampshire Treasure)

Redfields

Country house and gate house now used as training centre. Main house 2/3 storeys with red brick and store quoins, window surrounds and string courses to elevation. Casement windows. Multiple chimneys with decorated stacks. Plain clay tile roof. Stone portico with 4 columns.

Small gate house in red brick and tile hanging to first floor. Modern replacement windows. Plain clay tile roof.

Included for architectural merit and local history.

Architect Alfred Eggar of Farnham. Built by W Birch of Farnham 1879, (datestone), for Mr Atty. Arthur Brandon, a London brewer, bought the estate and from 1911 to 1938 he experimented growing tobacco commercially. Home of St Nicholas School since 1994.

(FCLHG has more)

Sandy Lane

Old Post Office

On corner of Sandy Lane and Aldershot Road. Was built and run by Liming family.

(FCLHG has more)

Crookham Memorial Hall

Public hall and meeting space

Memorial to war dead, including civilians.

(FCLHG has more)

Willis Hall

Public hall and meeting space

65 (Firtree Cottage)

Interesting old cottage

Watery Lane

Velmead Farm

c.1660

c17. Mainly old brick with timber framing at gable ends.
Tiled roof.

(FCLHG has more)

War defences

For war defence features see Tim Denton's books and website.