

## Nominate a Heritage Asset

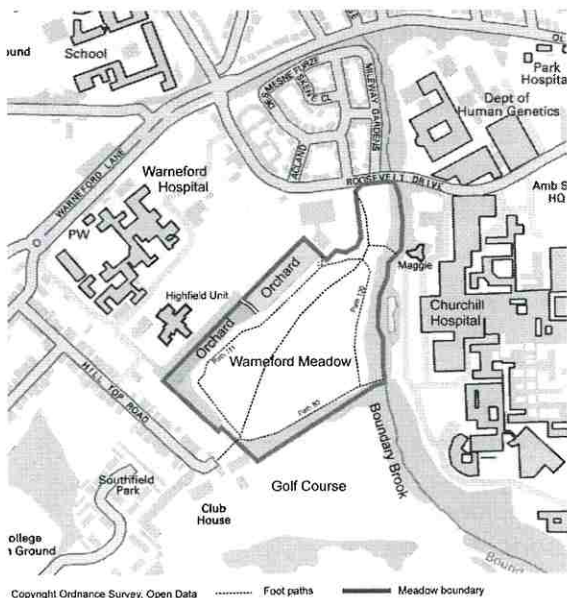
**Name and location of your candidate heritage asset** (please provide a photograph and a map showing its location): **Warneford Meadow, OX3 / OX4 (GR 540060)**



Warneford Meadow looking north



Warneford Meadow looking east



Map of Warneford Meadow and surroundings

<b>1. WHAT IS IT?</b> 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)	Y
<b>2. WHY IS IT INTERESTING?</b> Is it interesting in any of the following ways?	Tick / Rank

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<b>Historic interest</b> – a well documented association with a person, event, episode of history, or local industry	Y
<b>Archaeological interest</b> – firm evidence of potential to reveal more about the human past through further study	Y
<b>Architectural interest</b> – an example of an architectural style, a building of particular use, a technique of building, or use of materials	
<b>Artistic interest</b> – 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? Warneford Meadow is an area of unmanaged grassland (c. 7.5 ha.), bordered by an orchard planted in the 1940s. It has historic interest as one of the last open parts of Headington's South Field, and subsequently as part of the Warneford Hospital estate, acquired in 1918 to protect it from development. Archaeological excavations in 2006 found much Roman pottery, indicating the probable presence of a settlement and possible manufacture of earthenware.	

<b>3. WHY IS IT LOCALLY VALUED?</b> Is the interest of the asset <b>valued locally</b> for any of the following reasons?	Tick / Rank
<b>Association:</b> It connects us to people and events that shaped the identity or character of the area	Y
<b>Illustration:</b> It illustrates an aspect of the area's past that makes an important contribution to its identity or character	Y
<b>Evidence:</b> It is an important resource for understanding and learning about the area's history	Y
<b>Aesthetics:</b> It makes an important contribution to the positive look of the area either by design or fortuitously	Y
<b>Communal:</b> 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? Warneford Meadow is valued by local people as an area of unmanaged and accessible open space in an increasingly built-up part of East Oxford; for its natural beauty and visual appeal; for its ecological value, providing a home for a wide variety of plants, birds and invertebrates; and for the scope it provides for outdoor recreation. The value placed on the Meadow by local people was demonstrated by the widespread practical and financial support for the campaign to have it designated as a Town Green when it was proposed to be developed in 2006; this resulted in Oxfordshire County Council designating it as a Town Green in 2010, following a public inquiry and judicial review.	

<b>4. WHAT MAKES ITS LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE SPECIAL?</b> Do any of the following features make the heritage significance of the asset stand out above the surrounding environment?	Tick
<b>Age ...</b> Is it particularly old, or of a date that is significant to the local area?	
<b>Rarity ...</b> Is it unusual in the area or a rare survival of something that was once common?	Y
<b>Integrity ...</b> Is it largely complete or in a near to original condition?	
<b>Group value ...</b> Is it part of a group that have a close historic, aesthetic or communal association?	Y
<b>Oxford's identity ...</b> Is it important to the identity or character of the city or a particular part of it?	Y
<b>Other ...</b> Is there another way you think it has special local value?	Y
How does this contribute to its value? The Meadow is unusual as an area of unmanaged open space in a largely built-up part of East Oxford, but it also connects with the managed open spaces of South Park and the Southfield Golf Course, with the "wildlife corridor" following the Boundary Brook, and with the Lye Valley nature reserve. It also provides a setting for the listed early 19th century buildings of the Warneford Hospital (with which it is connected by its history), for the modern buildings of the Churchill Hospital and Maggie's Centre, and for the Edwardian houses of Hill Top Road.	