

Nominate a Heritage Asset

Oriel Playing Fields, Bartlemas Close



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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)	✓
a landscape (an area defined by visual features or character, e.g. a city centre, village, suburb or field system)	

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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	✓
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: These playing fields form part of the historic endowment of Bartlemas Hospital, transferred to Oriel College in 1329, and forms part of the green setting to the Bartlemas Conservation Area.	

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	
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	✓
Communal: It is important to the identity, cohesion, spiritual life or memory of all or part of the community	✓
How is the asset locally valued as heritage?	
Aesthetics: The playing fields add to the 'green' feel of the Bartlemas Conservation Area and the surrounding streets while the mature woodland also enhances the visual quality of the area	
Communal: This area has communal value as the tradition of the Ascension Day service was revived in 2009 and takes place in the wooded area of the playing fields.	

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?	✓
Rarity ... Is it unusual in the area or a rare survival of something that was once common?	
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?	

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How does this contribute to its value?

Oxford's Identity:

This area of green space contributes to Oxford's identity as a 'green' city while also framing important heritage assets in a green background.