

Briefing note

Cornwall Local Heritage List Pilot

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Cornwall Council has been successful in bidding for funding from MHCLG for a pilot project to consider the feasibility of creating a local heritage list. We have identified two pilot areas, Redruth and Clay Country and are looking for local people and groups from these areas to take part.

What is Local Heritage Listing?

Local Listing is the identification of valuable aspects of our past which have interest which relates to the local area. It can be an object, building, landscape or archaeology; however it cannot relate to anything which is not permanent or is moveable just as ships or trees.

Local heritage listing is something which is carried out by the communities who live, work and learn in an area and are best placed to understand and identify their heritage. It is about identifying aspects of our past which have value and meaning so that this can be studied and understood in order to pass it onto future generations. It can also be used to help guide decisions about new development.

It should be noted that Local Listing doesn't protect buildings from demolition and doesn't change what works require permission in the way a Conservation Area or formal designation would. Being locally listed can also be a material planning consideration for new development in some circumstances.

The project is being run in two areas, Redruth and the Clay Country. The Clay Country has been chosen as it not well-represented on the national heritage list and has a rich and distinctive heritage. China Clay has been dug in Cornwall since the mid-18th century and the industry has had a dramatic effect on the landscape. The Local Heritage List project in Redruth is complementary to the Heritage Action Zone project.

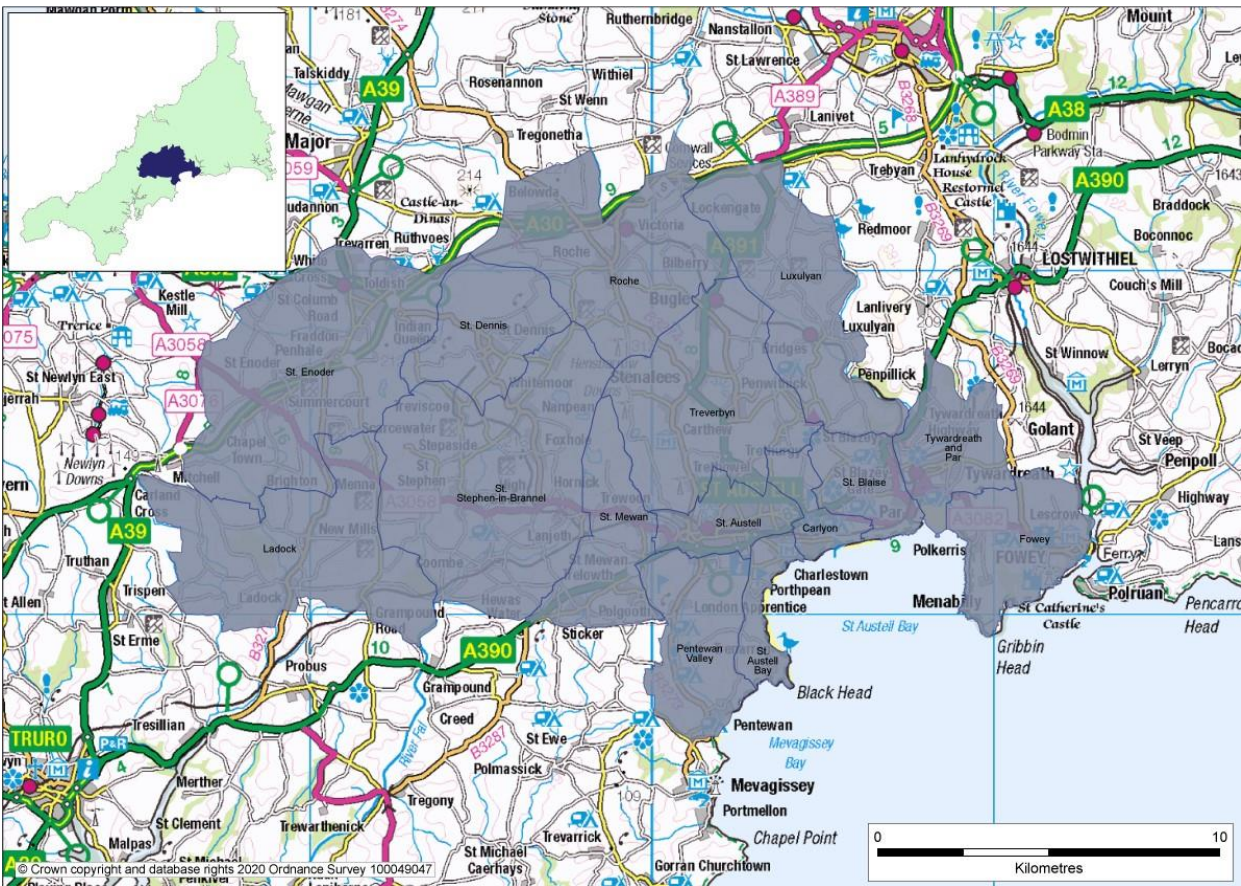
What are non-designated heritage assets?

Another term which might be seen used for a Local Heritage List is a 'non-designated heritage asset' this is defined as:

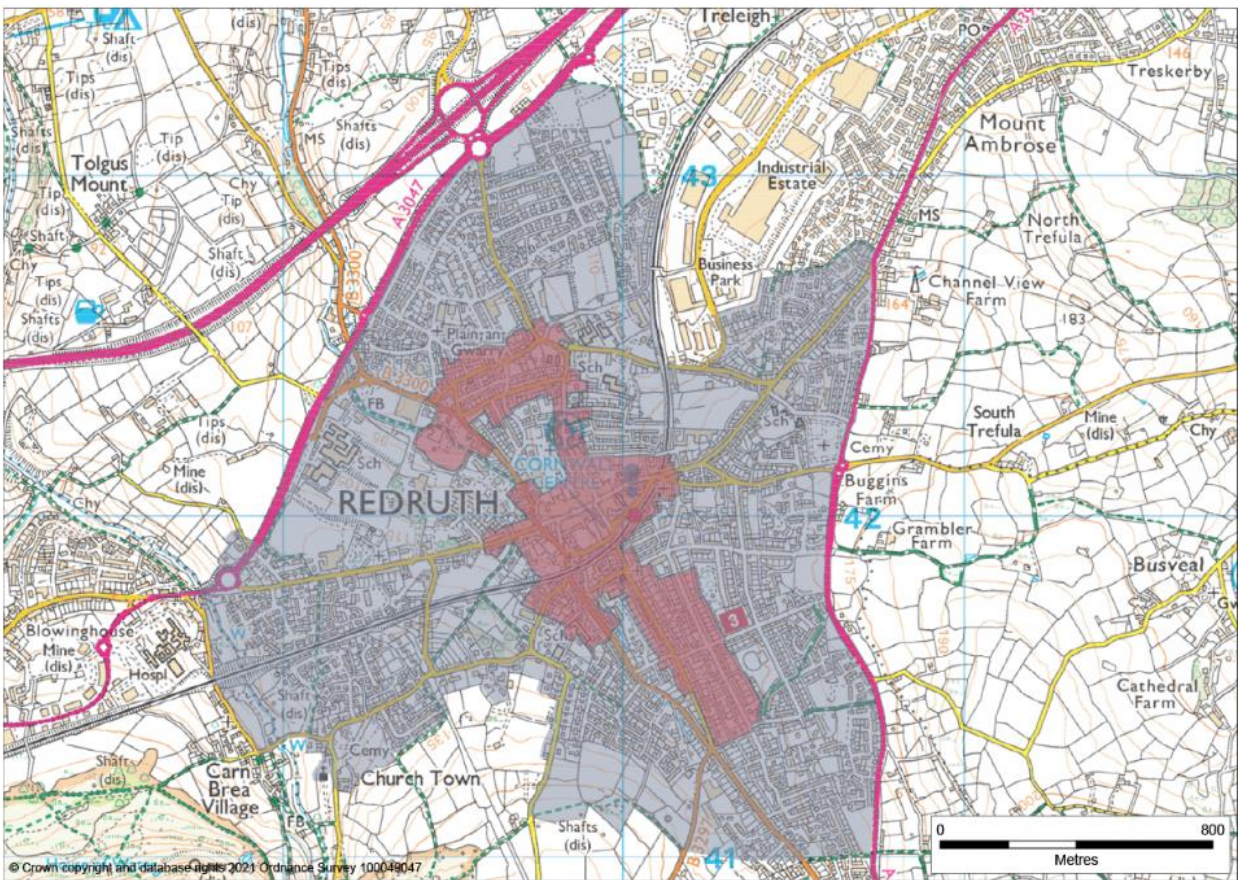
“buildings, monuments, sites, places, areas or landscapes identified by plan-making bodies as having a degree of heritage significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, but which do not meet the criteria for designated heritage assets. A substantial majority of buildings have little or no heritage significance and thus do not constitute heritage assets. Only a minority have enough heritage significance to merit identification as non-designated heritage assets.” (PPG)

Key Facts:

- The project runs until the end of December 2021
- Cornwall Council was awarded the maximum grant of £70,000 from the national allocation of £1.5 million.
- There are 22 pilot areas nationally.
- Software company Exegesis have been commissioned by MHCLG to provide a website for the project to allow volunteers to input proposals for the List.
- Once a proposal for Local Listing is made it is reviewed by a panel of experts against agreed criteria for designation. The final list would be put forward for formal adoption.
- Proposals for local listing primarily come from the community and can be made by individuals, groups, or during the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans. They can also be identified by the Local Planning Authority during the consideration of Planning Applications.
- Local Listing can be a material planning consideration; however, it doesn't alter when permission is needed for development.
- Local Listing promotes interest in the distinctive heritage of Cornwall. It is recorded on the Council's online mapping system and Historic Environment Record, increasing our understanding of Cornwall's past.
- The Cornwall and Scilly Historic Environment Record (HER) is the definitive record of the historic environment of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. It includes information, photographs, plans & surveys, on all aspects of the past from the earliest traces of human occupation to the present day.
- The contact email address for the project is: locallisting@cornwall.gov.uk



Area covered in Clay Country



Area covered in Redruth