

**Monks Kirby Parish Local Heritage Assets (with map item numbers as: "#xxx"):**

**A. [#013] War Memorial; adjacent to The Revel School on Brockhurst Lane**

The War Memorial, erected following the First World War to commemorate the fallen of that and other wars from Monks Kirby and Street Ashton, is the focus of the annual Remembrance Day events;

Age: 1920s, in the typical style for these memorials with a standing cross over an inscribed plinth; *"In Honoured Memory of those from Monks Kirby and Stretton-under-Fosse who died in the Great War 1914 - 1918 that Britain might Remain Free"*

Rarity: unique within the Parish

Group Value: n/a

Architectural interest: n/a

Historic interest: this is its essential purpose;

Local landmark: Yes



Community value: Significant component of the village scene and valued for its contribution to the character of the old village

**B. [#042] The Revel Church of England Primary School**

The older buildings, fronting Brockhurst Lane, were built shortly before WW1 replacing a much earlier thatched building ("Brockhurst School"), the main part is now used a classroom within the present-day Primary School complex;

Age: 1912/13

Rarity: unique within the Parish

Group Value: n/a



Architectural interest: Built in the Arts and Crafts style; the windows are of particular note and some architectural importance. Originally there was an attractive bell turret on the central ridge which doubled as a chimney. Had this not been removed c1980 (it is visible in an image from the 1950s on [ourwarwickshire.org.uk](http://ourwarwickshire.org.uk)) there could have been a strong case for listing the building. The splendid great windows are important.

Historic interest: n/a

Local landmark: yes

Community value: an essential component of the life of the Village, ranking alongside St Edith's Church and The Denbigh Arms, and forms one element for prospective residents to consider when choosing where to live, particularly though not exclusively those with young families who will contribute to the future vitality of Monks Kirby.

### **C. [#043] Butcher's Shop**

This building, now unused and needing some restoration, is a visible reminder of retail activity from a bygone age, when every community had its shops for essential commodities, such as this for butchery.

Age: early 19<sup>th</sup> century;

Rarity: unique within the Village;

Group Value: one of a number of buildings in Monks Kirby erected during the 19<sup>th</sup> century from local bricks;

Architectural interest: constructed from local bricks laid in 'English Bond' (alternating stretcher and header bricks) and with lintels of oak, apparently original and still functional;

Historic interest: purely local;

Local landmark: provides a demarcation between the older buildings of the village and more recent structures on Bond End which last have replaced much earlier buildings now demolished and which have been built from mid to late 20<sup>th</sup> century;

Community value: n/a.



### **D. [#044] Bus Shelter**

This simple brick-built structure sits close to the centre of the Village and provides shelter for any residents waiting to take the bus to Rugby or Coventry and points in between including hospitals both St Cross (Rugby) and University Hospital (Coventry) and the well patronized schools' services.

Age: 1960s

Rarity: unique within the Parish

Group Value: n/a

Architectural interest: limited

Historic interest: n/a

Local landmark: yes



Community value: in support of the bus service (presently provided by National Express Coventry) which is regarded as a life-line to many and a proper alternative to car-use in an era of global warming. It also doubles as place for residents to exchange books and produce.

### ***E. [#038] Village Hall***

The Village Hall, at the mouth of Brockhurst Lane, was formerly a schoolroom (superseded by the present Revel School q.v.) and has been modified for use as a meeting place for village events: Parish Council and other meetings, mother-and-toddler group, coffee mornings and a host of other activities. The garden area to rear is also much valued for children's parties and the like.



Age: 19<sup>th</sup> century with minor alterations since. The interior has seen a number of improvements to enhance its usefulness as a meeting space;

Rarity: though there are other rooms available within the Village for meetings and so on the Village Hall provides more appropriate accommodation for many;

Group Value: though limited structural alterations have been effected, the original appearance is maintained and so sits well within the local 19<sup>th</sup>-century styles to be found around the Village;

Architectural interest:

Historic interest:

Local landmark:

Community value: one of a number of contemporary buildings in the Village possessing many common features in their construction.

### ***F. [#042] Former Convent***

Converted now into five private dwellings, the Convent retains the general layout and fabric of the original buildings. Some earlier structures,



particularly fronting onto Brockhurst Lane and adjoining what was the refectory, have been removed. The remainder, including a chapel and a schoolroom, have been transformed into dwellings. A large section of retaining wall, alongside the footpath to the west of the former refectory, remains and has been restored sensitively during the conversion.

Age: dated to the Imperial period (i.e. from 1815);

Rarity: n/a

Group Value:

Architectural interest: where it is visible, the brickwork conforms to the local preference for 'English Bond';

Historic interest:

Local landmark:

Community value: provides a fascinating link with earlier usages and a constant reminder of how Monks Kirby has developed and adapted through time.

### **G. [#036] Brick Works**

Situated on Monks Kirby Lane approx. 1 mile north of St Edith's Church, the Brick Yard or Works was much used to provide material for many of the older buildings in the village. While no complete original structures are extant, the area from which clay was extracted remains a depression in the ground [marked as "Quarry" here] within the curtilage of the present-day dwelling and provides an important link with earlier times. Sand from local sand pits (now ploughed-out but see #035 on Map) would be brought here to be combined with the clay into bricks which can be found in many local buildings to this day. [Graphic shows the site as it appeared on the 1886 OS map; while many of the buildings have been removed, only the main dwellings remain. 'ourwarwickshire.org.uk' notes many brickwork sites on an 1842 tithe award map, all of which are now lost.]



Age: 18<sup>th</sup> century

Rarity: unique within the Parish, any others having been erased long since;

Group Value: n/a

Architectural interest: n/a

Historic interest: considerable;

Local landmark: n/a

Community value: Significant component of the village scene and valued for its contribution to the character of the old village.

**Possible additions:**

**H. Little Walton**

We already have a Listed Property identified [#029] now Hobley's Furze (not to be confused with Hobley Furze, a wooded area on Coalpit Lane); in addition to numerous utilitarian farm buildings there are four other dwellings nearby. Of these, three – the Farmhouse, and the White House plus the original structure of the Barn – are visible in the 1886 OS map of the area.

- **Little Walton Farm**

The existing building appears to be around 200 years old as are most surrounding dwellings with the exception of Hobley's Furze which is seventeenth century half-timber (with brick infill and additions from early/mid 19<sup>th</sup>).



- **White Cottage**

Formerly The White House, the existing building is a substantial two-storey house of tile-over-brick and appears to be of a similar age to others in the group although the west elevation looks to include half-timbering with brick infill suggestive of an earlier period though much appears to be modern.



- **Farm Cottage**

A more modern structure than the others in the group, Farm Cottage is a single-storey wood-framed structure nestling behind a hedge on the left approach to the Farmhouse and round a left-hand bend after passing Hobley's Furze. A planning application was made in 2012 for "*Conversion of a residential outbuilding to a residential dwelling*" which is described as a 2-bed flat/maisonette.

- ***The Barn***

The existing building is a converted farm building, restored and extended, and of similar age to others in Little Walton; conversion in or from 2007.



### ***I. [#037] Cestersover***

There are/were several relics from a mill on the site, to the south of the present Cestersover Farm, while the site itself appears on OS maps as that of a ~~Medieval Village~~. It would appear that there were a number of ancient relics still visible on the surface from this era until fairly recently:

- Old millstone: [https://www.ourwarwickshire.org.uk/content/catalogue\\_wow/monks-kirby-cestersover-mill-4](https://www.ourwarwickshire.org.uk/content/catalogue_wow/monks-kirby-cestersover-mill-4)
- Overshot watermill wheel in trench with partial walling: [https://www.ourwarwickshire.org.uk/content/catalogue\\_wow/monks-kirby-cestersover-mill-2](https://www.ourwarwickshire.org.uk/content/catalogue_wow/monks-kirby-cestersover-mill-2)

Though the wheel was shown on photographs of 1971, by 1999 the iron wheel had been removed leaving only the trench and walling. In 2001 English Heritage de-scheduled the site as an ancient monument on the basis that, following extensive cultivation, no meaningful archaeology remained. In 2010 Cotswold Archaeology undertook a (limited) dig on the site:

<https://legacy-reports.cotswoldarchaeology.co.uk/content/uploads/2014/02/3310-cestersover-farm-eval-10235-complete.pdf>

and found only evidence of ditches and some Roman sherds.

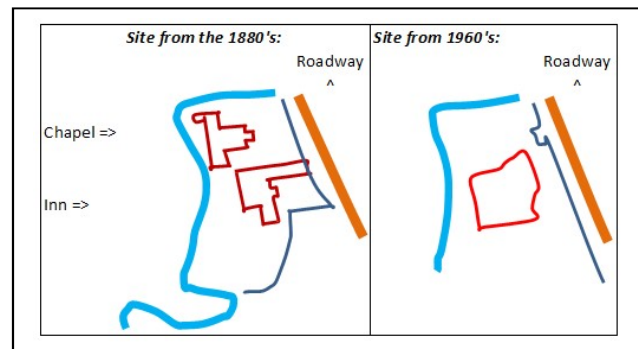
From more recent times we have three properties:

- Godfreys
- Hill Cottage
- Cestersover Farm

All of which are only accessible via a private driveway. The medieval moat of the Farm, shown on OS maps up to the 1960's, has now gone under modern outbuildings.

### J. [#034] The Bell

The present building, now no longer an Inn, is (at the time of writing) home to the former proprietor. Up until the 1960's (?) The Bell was in Pailton Parish but the boundary was redrawn to move it into Monks Kirby. In the nineteenth century there was a Baptist Chapel between the Inn and the stream which was still evident on OS maps until the 1960's but is now no longer there.



The Inn itself appears to have been substantially remodelled down the years, the present front elevation being constructed forward of the C19 structure to incorporate some previous outbuildings running west to east. Although the Smite Brook (here in light blue) and the roadway (here in brown) have not materially changed, the building and its curtilage have been adapted during the course of the last century. The sharp bends in the Brook to the south of the site have also been straitened.

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