

Local Heritage List for Bromsgrove- Overview and Scrutiny Board Update

1st April 2026

- 1 To briefly reiterate, four parishes have adopted lists, draft lists have been prepared for Wythall and Bromsgrove, work continues on the lists for Lickey and Blackwell and Bournheath.
- 2 To remind members the conservation establishment has two positions of which one had been vacant from June 2025 until a new conservation officer started on 16th March. The shortfall, in terms of the Local Heritage List was managed by a conservation consultant whilst recruitment was progressed.
- 3 The part time Principal Conservation Officer continued to exclusively deal with the development management work, although some cases were sent out to external conservation consultants as this volume of work has been increasing.
- 4 This increase in DM work combined with the vacancy has resulted in the Principal Conservation Officer unable to take forward the Local Heritage List in a meaningful way.
- 5 In mid October we recruited a consultant for 2 days a week to work with us exclusively on the Local Heritage List. He has reviewed the work on the Bromsgrove area, the most densely developed area in the District, and looked at the streets which had not been previously considered, including Bromsgrove School. The draft list for Bromsgrove was completed in January 2026 and has been shared with relevant ward members.. The consultant then moved on to work on the list for Bournheath Parish and work on this list is nearing completion. The consultant will remain in post for another six months and will move onto the next parish on completion of the draft of the Bournheath list.
- 6 The new conservation officer will be allocated a parish/area shortly. Hopefully the recruitment of the new conservation officer will allow the Principal Conservation officer to spend more time on the Local Heritage List although in the short term this will depend on the amount of DM work.