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**Land off Falstaff Street, Shrewsbury****Archaeological Desk Based Assessment****SUMMARY**

*The Centre of Archaeology, based at Staffordshire University, was commissioned in August 2017 by Base Architecture & Design Ltd to undertake an archaeological desk-based assessment at Land off Falstaff Street, Shrewsbury. The assessment comprised a search of the readily accessible documentary and historic cartographic sources from the Shropshire HER, Shropshire Archives and information obtained from a site visit undertaken on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.*

*The assessment has been prepared in accordance with government guidelines laid down in NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework: Department for Communities and Local Government 2012) in advance of a proposed development. A pre-application has been submitted to Shropshire County Council regarding the construction of seventeen two and three storey semi-detached residential properties on waste ground to the north of Falstaff Street, Shrewsbury.*

*The proposed development sits within an area of low historic and archaeological potential. The site was defined in the mid-C20, when it became part of the wider Greenfields allotments. Before this it had been part of the park attached to mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, Green Fields/Broom Hall house. It is likely that this site is a fragment of a the former private park and there is no evidence to suggest that this dated from much earlier than 1800.*

*The chance discoveries in the immediate area of prehistoric worked flints, flint axe head and socketed axe suggest that there was a prehistoric presence in the area and the archaeological discovery of the Roman enclosure just north of the development area suggests limited potential for further Roman remains in the area. As the site lies within what was once the park attached to Green Fields/Broom Hall house features may exist within the development area related to these developments. The known presence of the former WWI POW camp in the area also suggests there is potential for significant early 20th century remains within the area.*

*The assessment concludes that given the potential for archaeological deposits within the study area, further archaeological mitigation is required. This mitigation could take the form of a watching brief during the construction of the houses or a small evaluation prior to the commencement of the groundworks.*

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**Land off Falstaff Street, Shrewsbury****Archaeological Desk Based Assessment****1 INTRODUCTION****1.1. Background to the project**

- 1.1.1. In accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2012), this document is a desk based assessment of land off Falstaff street, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, (NGR SJ 49500 13800).
- 1.1.2. The assessment was commissioned Base Architecture & Design Ltd in relation to the proposed construction of seventeen two and three storey semi-detached residential properties, on land which is presently waste ground.
- 1.1.3. This report outlines the results of the assessment, which has been prepared in accordance with the Institute for Archaeologists *Standard and Guidance for Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment* (revised 2014).
- 1.1.4. This report has been prepared based upon information current and available as of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Details of archaeological terms used in this report are given in the glossary appended as Appendix 2.
- 1.1.5. The report should be read in conjunction with the latest drawings prepared by Base Architecture & Design, Shrewsbury (Appendix 1).

**1.2. The planning background**

- 1.2.1. A pre application was submitted to Shropshire County Council in respect of the proposed construction of seventeen, two and three storey semi-detached properties on undeveloped, waste ground to the north of Falstaff Street, Shrewsbury.
- 1.2.2. This Desk Based Assessment has been completed in accordance with government guidelines laid down in NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework: Department for Communities and Local Government 2012). This Desk Based Assessment provides background archaeological and historical information and judgements on the significance and impact to support the planning decision process. Further archaeological work may be necessary to comply with the conditions of planning permission.

**2. LOCATION AND GEOLOGY****2.1. Site location**

- 2.1.1. The proposed development site is located to the north of Falstaff Street. It is located, approximately 1.6 km (0.994 miles) to the north east of Shrewsbury town centre and 130m to the west of the River Severn (Figure 1). The Historic Environment Record for Shropshire (HER) indicates that the assessment area lies within the former grounds of Greenfields house. There are a number of other sites of interest in the near vicinity to the site. A large number of additional sites are recorded within the 750m radius of the site.

- 2.1.2. The development site covers a total area of approximately 4,522 square metres and is centred on NGR SJ 49500 13800.
- 2.1.3. The development site is bounded approximately 50m to the west by residential housing, beyond which is Greenfields Primary School playing field. Spring Gardens playing fields are located immediately to the east of site and Greenfields allotments are located immediately north. Residential housing consisting of mainly 19<sup>th</sup> century housing is located on both sides of Falstaff Street to the south of the site.
- 2.1.4. The site itself is roughly rectangular, narrowing at the north-eastern end. It is presently occupied by rough pastoral ground which is overgrown with self-seeded trees and shrubs. The site boundary is marked by a 5ft sandstone wall on the south, 7ft hedge on the east and panel fencing and mature trees on the west. There is no physical boundary on the north of the site. Access to the site is through several gaps in the boundary hedge on the eastern side and through the open boundary on the north (Figure 1: Appendix 1).
- 2.1.5. For the purposes of the current assessment, a buffer zone of 750m (referred to hereafter as the 'study area') around the proposed development site boundary ('the site') has been included to place it within its immediate archaeological and historical context. Where relevant, sites located beyond the study area have been included, where they have been shown to be of direct significance to the understanding the study area within its local context.

## **2.2. Geology**

- 2.2.1. The underlying geology of the study area comprises mudstone, sandstone and conglomerate rocks of the Salop Formation. The superficial geology comprises Quaternary glacial till of the Devensian phase. This includes sand and gravel deposits from seasonal and post-glacial meltwaters (British Geological Survey 2016). The site lies at about 99.7m AOD and is uniformly level across the entire site.

## **2.3. Statutory designations**

- 2.3.1. No world Heritage Sites or sites included on the Tentative List of Future Nominations for World Heritage Site (September 2017) are situated within the study area or its vicinity. There are no Scheduled Monuments located within the site of the study area. There are no designated heritage assets within the proposed development area. Full descriptions are included below (Table 1) and locations are indicated in Figure 2. There are no statutory designations within the study area although the site once sat within the grounds of the former Green Fields/ Broom Hall house dated to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

## **2.4. Relevant Planning Policy and Guidance**

- 2.4.1. The effect of a proposed development on the significance of designated and non-designated heritage assets is a material consideration in determining a planning application. Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework sets out the national planning policy in relation to the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment. It recognises that heritage assets are irreplaceable, and that any harm or loss should require clear and convincing justification. It states that local planning authorities should recognise that heritage assets are an irreplaceable resource and conserve them in a manner appropriate to their significance (National Planning Policy Framework, Section 12, Para.126 and 132).

- 2.4.2. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2012) states: *'Where a site on which development is proposed includes or has the potential to include heritage assets with archaeological interest, local planning authorities should require developers to submit an appropriate desk-based assessment and, where necessary, a field evaluation to provide the appropriate level of information on the significance of the heritage asset and the potential impact of the proposed development on the asset's significance'* (NPPF 2012, Section 12, Paragraph 128).
- 2.4.3. Shropshire County Council provided an initial consultation response to the request for planning consent. In this document it was recommended that a detailed desk based assessment be undertaken as there was insufficient information to assess the impact of the proposed development. This Archaeological Desk Based Assessment is part of a wider scheme of archaeological work necessary to clarify the archaeological potential of the development site.

### **3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

#### **3.1. General aims and objectives**

- 3.1.1. The general aim of the archaeological desk-based assessment was to collate existing archaeological and historic information relating to the proposed development site and its immediate environs (the study area), and to assess its significance. An additional aim was to assess the impact of the proposed development on the immediate and surrounding area. This information will assist informed decisions to be made regarding any further archaeological input which may be required by means of mitigation as the proposed development proceeds through the planning process.
- 3.1.2. All work follows the Institute for Archaeologists' (IfA) *Code of Conduct* and adheres to their *Standard and Guidance for Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment* (revised 2014).
- 3.1.3. The objective of the project was to gain an understanding of the archaeological and historical development of the development site and wider study area, and thereby assess the potential for the survival of below-ground archaeological remains. An analysis of the documentary sources and the significance of the site enables the impact of the proposed development to be assessed.

#### **3.2. Project-specific aims and objectives**

- 3.2.1. Project specific aims, were as follows:
- To assess the potential and significance of the site.
  - To assess the potential for surviving below ground remains and their significance.
  - To assess the impact of the proposed development on surviving below ground remains.
  - To assess the impact of the proposed development on the setting of the surrounding area
  - To recommend a strategy for further archaeological investigation, where the character and value of the resource is not sufficiently defined to permit a mitigation strategy or other response to be devised.



- 3.2.2. The specific objectives highlighted above may be used to answer the agendas highlighted in *The Archaeology of the West Midlands. A framework for research* (Watt Ed. 2011, 185). Key priorities that emerge in this document which are relevant to the site and Shrewsbury in general are based on the advancement of the knowledge of the range of periods in its long development. A number of general research themes have emerged from this document, these span the known period of occupation of the region, from the Upper Palaeolithic to the modern era. General themes of environmental and settlement change, geographic distributions of populations, organisation of societies, development of technology, craft and trade and the development of monumental architecture are just a small example of the large number of research objectives which may be of relevance to the site and study area. Further invasive archaeological investigations may hope to further advance this knowledge and clarify the research objectives.

#### **4. METHODOLOGY**

##### **4.1. Documentary research**

- 4.1.1. All work has been carried out based upon plans supplied by the client of their agent.
- 4.1.2. The archaeological resource is by its nature an incomplete record. Where there are significant alluvial or colluvial deposits, made ground or lack of archaeological investigation, archaeological remains can remain undetected.
- 4.1.3. A search was made of the readily available primary and secondary historical sources. The following sources have been consulted to assess previous land use and archaeological potential:
- Archaeological databases, historic documents and secondary and statutory sources.
  - Previous maps of the area (enclosure maps, district maps and Ordnance Survey maps).
  - Archaeological Records (Shropshire Records Office, Shropshire Council Historic Environment Record (HER), OASIS, Archaeology Data Service).
  - Historical background material (Staffordshire University Library).

##### **4.2. Walkover survey**

- 4.2.1. A walkover survey of the proposed development area was undertaken in September 2017. An assessment of the topography of the study area and any above-ground archaeology, including standing buildings around the periphery of site was possible during this visit. An assessment of the siting and potential consequences of the proposed development was considered whilst on this site visit. Its location and association in relation to other sites of known archaeological, architectural or historical value was considered. Further detailed correspondence with the architects for the proposed construction, assisted in the formulation of the proposed mitigation strategy.

##### **4.3. Significance and Impact**

- 4.3.1. Consideration of the archaeological and historical significance of the site has been achieved through the collection of known material and searching the documentary sources, visiting site and through discussion with the site developer. Analysis of this evidence forms the basis for

the discussion the potential impact of the proposed development on the wider area. The evidence is viewed with respect to the possible positives and negatives that the development will have on the development site and local area (or example through dissemination of the results and increased public knowledge). Both the Standard and Guidance for historic environment desk-based assessment (CIfA 2014) and National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2012) documents have been reviewed to provide an accurate assessment of the significance of the site and impact of the development site upon it.

- 4.3.2. The significance and impact of the development site and has been identified and viewed using the staged approach laid out in *'The Setting of Heritage Assets, Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning: 3'* (Historic England July 2015). The nature, extent and level of significance has been investigated through identifying which heritage assets and settings are effected, assessing the degree to which these settings make a contribution to the heritage asset, assessing the effects of the proposed development on that significance.

#### **4.4. The concept of significance**

- 4.4.1. A key principle for managing change to heritage assets is understanding significance. This is embedded within current government policy in the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework, 2012). A key objective in the NPPF is 'the desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of heritage assets...' (NPPF para.126). The NPPF advises that the more significant the heritage asset the greater weight should be given its conservation (policy 132). Historic England issued Conservation Principles in 2008 to explain the importance of understanding what is significant before making changes to a historic building. This document sets out four main aspects of significance: evidential (or archaeological), historical, aesthetic and communal.
- 4.4.2. Assessments of significance rely on a combination of comparative analysis, an understanding of the building or site's development, its position in the history of architecture and design and the extent to which the setting is important. Assessments depend on using judgement in relation to the quality of the original design and fabric and the subsequent level of alteration. Within the four main categories of heritage value, the level of significance can be measured and assigned to hierarchical levels: Exceptional – an asset important at the highest national or international levels, including scheduled ancient monuments, Grade I and II\* listed buildings and World Heritage Sites. The NPPF advises that substantial harm should be wholly exceptional.
- High – a designated asset important at a national level, including Grade II listed building and conservation areas. The NPPF advises that substantial harm should be exceptional.
  - Medium – an undesignated asset important at local to regional level, including buildings on a Local List (non-statutory). May also include less significant parts of listed buildings and conservation areas. Heritage assets in this category should be retained where possible, although there is usually scope for adaptation.
  - Low – structure or feature of very limited heritage value and not defined as a heritage asset. Includes later additions to listed buildings or settings that are of low value. The removal or adaptation of structure or features in this category is usually acceptable where proposals will enhance a related heritage asset.
  - Negative – structure or feature that harms the value and significance of a heritage asset. Wherever practicable, removal of negative features should be considered, taking account of setting and opportunities for enhancement.

## **5. ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

### **5.1. Introduction**

- 5.1.1. This section of the assessment summarises the known archaeological and historical developments of the site within the context of the immediate surrounding study area as a whole. The study area was limited to 750m surrounding the site. Not all of the events and monuments are described below. The sites which have been described have relevance to the overall chronology and settlement/ agricultural/ industrial usage of the study area. The physical development of the study area and development site itself is described in more detail with reference to the mapping evidence, in Section 6 below.
- 5.1.2. The Historic Environment Record for Shropshire (HER) indicates that there are several known archaeological and historical sites within the assessment area. The study area is close to the Ditherington Mill Industrial complex, which has had much influence on this area of Shrewsbury as a whole. It is also in close proximity to a number of other known sites and archaeological interventions recorded within the Shropshire Historic Environment Record (See Appendix 3 for the full record).
- 5.1.3. There is a significant number of sites recorded in the HER including prehistoric, medieval, post-medieval and modern settlement evidence, within the vicinity of the study area (see Figures 2 and 3). In particular, a Roman enclosure lies 210m to the north- northwest of site, and three separate prehistoric find-spots are known within 100m of the study.

### **5.2. The prehistoric period (Neolithic and Bronze Age)**

- 5.2.1. There have been a number of chance discoveries of prehistoric artefacts within the study area. These have all been recovered a short distance from site. A conical butted stone axe (**01582**) was recovered in 1946, 6-7 feet beneath the ground surface during pipe-laying in Falstaff Street, 50m south of site. The axe is thought to be Early Neolithic to Late Neolithic in date. A worked flint and associated unworked flints (**01579**) were found in 1934-7 in the topsoil of Greenfields Allotments, 130m north of the site. The flint scatter is thought to date to the Neolithic period. A four-ribbed socketed bronze axe (**02619**) was found in river gravels, in 1956, again at Greenfields allotments, 140m north-west of site. The axe is of a type typical of the Late Bronze Age. This prehistoric evidence, although sporadic perhaps suggest that this area may have provided a suitable location for settlement or agricultural activities due to likelihood that the area lies away from the flood plains on fertile river gravel terraces of the River Severn.

### **5.3. The Roman Period**

- 5.3.1. One Roman feature is known to exist within the study area. Despite the existence of the known main Roman Road located further south of the Shrewsbury and the major Roman city of Wroxeter (Viroconium) located 5 miles to the south east of the town, not much is known about the Roman history of Shrewsbury. It is believed that Shrewsbury was settled in the 5<sup>th</sup> century, at the fall of Roman Britain, by refugees from Viroconum. There have not been large amounts of physical evidence for this to be confirmed.

- 5.3.2. An enclosure of Roman date (**04713**) was identified through magnetometry survey and excavation at Greenfields in 1995 220m to the north- northwest of site. An enclosure, represented by a continuous ditch, broken only by entrances on the north and south sides was identified. The enclosure was 33m east/west by 30m north/south and spanned a long period. Three phases of activity were represented, ranging from the early 2<sup>nd</sup> century to the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century and perhaps into the 4<sup>th</sup> century. It is thought that the enclosure was associated with a Roman building, although this was not identified. The pottery, which consisted of 224 sherds was recovered from three distinct ditch fills. Elsewhere across Shrewsbury there have been chance finds of Roman coins and pottery but as yet there no other definitive evidence to support the likelihood of a large Roman settlement in Shrewsbury has come to light.

#### 5.4. The Saxon Period

- 5.4.1. The settlement of Shrewsbury was probably founded as a town in the 8<sup>th</sup> century by the Saxon rulers of Mercia. The name Shrewsbury comes from the Saxon name 'Scrobbesbyrig'. Its location on the river crossing on the road between the known Saxon burhs of Hereford and Chester proved advantageous. The earliest written mention of the town is from the year 901 by which time it had become important border post between the Anglo-Saxons and the Britons in Wales.
- 5.4.2. Within the study area there was a chance discovery of a hoard of 200 Saxon coins (**01467**). The coins were discovered in 1936 at Castle Foregate, 800m to the south of site. They were discovered 3 feet below the surface and were arranged in neat piles as though they had been stacked on a level bottom. Half of the coins were destroyed by the pick during discovery and seven of the remainder were passed to Shrewsbury Museum. The coins are dated to Edward the Elder (901-925) and a deposition date of around 920 is suggested.

#### 5.5. The medieval period

- 5.5.1. The historic core of Shrewsbury town has a largely unaltered medieval street plan. There are many surviving timber- framed buildings many of which make up part of the over 600 listed buildings. Medieval Shrewsbury boasted a castle, Benedictine abbey, hospital of Saints Giles and George and town walls. It was a well defensible town on the Welsh borders and as a result of the growth in the wool trade during this period it prospered. The study area sits just outside of Shrewsbury's main centre and as a result the medieval period is not well represented in the HER record for this area.
- 5.5.2. Of the five medieval suburbs of Shrewsbury laid out during the late Saxon and medieval periods two are located in the study area. The suburbs of Coton Hill (**08388**) and Castle Foregate (**08389**) are located to the south west and south respectively, approximately 700m and 830m from site. Both suburbs lie to the north centre of town, Coton Hill was probably a satellite settlement of Shrewsbury and was periodically cut off from the town by seasonal flooding, its alternative name being Coton Island.
- 5.5.3. An 11<sup>th</sup> century strap mount (**08510**) was recovered just west of Ellesmere Road in or around 1999, by a metal detectorist. This strap mount was sub-triangular and had a lion depicted on its face. It has been dated to the 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> century and is likely to have been in the area as a result of accidental loss.
- 5.5.4. Several medieval monuments are located within the study area. Chapel Yard and the postulated site of St Catherine's Chapel at Coton Hill (**01528**) is located 610m to the south-west of site. The Chapel was first mentioned in 1480, nothing however, remains of it today. A

canal/ water channel of medieval date known as the 'Barge Gutter' (**01535**) is located 860m to the south-west of the site. The original date of construction is not known but it is mentioned in 1531, its purpose was to allow barges to avoid the weir on the River Severn. Coton Hill fishwier (**02956**), used to direct the passage of fish and provide an easier fishing opportunity was located close to the barge gutter on the main River Severn, 800m to the south-west of site. This weir was the common weir of the town during the medieval period until the 19<sup>th</sup> century, undergoing numerous repairs and replacements throughout this time.

- 5.5.5. Despite the known and extensive medieval heritage of Shrewsbury, very little is represented within the study area. This is primarily due to the location, being on the northerly extent of the main settlement. The site is not located within any of the historic suburbs of Shrewsbury and probably represents the outlying land used for agricultural purposes during this period.

## **5.6. The post-medieval period**

- 5.6.1. Several monuments dating to the post medieval period are present in the study area, especially towards the south, around the outskirts of the main core of the medieval settlement. The proliferation of post-medieval structures in the study area is as a result of the gradual development of the centre throughout this period and the survival of a number of these buildings. The site of a probable 16<sup>th</sup> century (1550) house known as Myttons Mansion (**01529**) is located 660m to the south-west of site. Adjacent to this is a row of once four (now two) 16<sup>th</sup> century timber framed and brick clad houses (**10216**) which perhaps originated as the barn of Myttons Mansion, later becoming sub-divided into houses. No visible remains of the mansion survive. A possible further early 17<sup>th</sup> century mansion house, known as Benbow house (**01530**) was also once present at Coton Hill, 830m to the south-west of site. A motor-car showroom which currently sits on the site may have original elements of the building fabric at its core, however much of the remainder relates to 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century reconstructions. Also located in Coton Hill is the site of a probable brickworks (**06769**), including its clay-pit, which is located behind Primrose Terrace, 550m to the south-east of site. Shrewsbury Canal (**03410**), which was completed by 1797 and in operation until 1922, was located approximately 430m to the east of the site. The canal comprised a 17 mile length and was built to provide an easier route for the shipment of coal and iron from Donnington Wood to Shrewsbury and to join the existing canal from Coalport. Ditherington Flax Mill took advantage of this this newly constructed transport network by locating just east of the canal. A canal terminus and wharf (**28099**) was constructed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century at the southern end on the canal. The canal was backfilled in 1944.

## **5.7. The Modern Period**

- 5.7.1. The majority of the monuments recorded in the HER are dated to the modern period. For the purposes of this report this covers the period from 1801 onward. Ditherington Flax Mill (**06731**) and its associated building complex makes up most of the recorded monuments and events for this period, reflecting its international importance. Ditherington Flax Mill, which is important for being the world's first iron-framed building, is technically very late 18<sup>th</sup> century, with the main mill having been constructed in 1796-7. It is located approximately 380m to the east of site, however this is still well outside the boundaries and there is no association with the site. The majority of the other buildings were constructed throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century, hence its inclusion here. There were two main building campaigns; the first after the agreement in 1796 to purchase the site and the second after 1809, following the addition of new buildings and rebuilding after a destructive fire. Several buildings and ancillary features make up the current complex each of which has its own monument number and eight of these

are listed buildings. The site of several other former buildings, now demolished are also recorded. The buildings are classified as follows; Ancillary features including the gas works (**04529**), the main mill or Spinning Mill (**10235**), the Cross Mill (**17303**), Apprentice House (**17304**), Stove House and Dye house (**17305**), The stables (**17306**), the workshop and offices (**17307**), the Flax Warehouse (**20171**), the bleach works, (**15615**), the malt kiln (**21755**), the site of the northern malt silo (**30948**) and the site of the southern malt silo (**31544**).

- 5.7.2. The site of a group of several cluster houses (**28828, 28829**), built around the late 18<sup>th</sup> century to early 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Sultan Inn, constructed 1832 (**28849**) and further workers housing (**31284**) built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, build a broader picture of the Ditherington Flax Mill complex. There have been numerous recorded archaeological and architectural activities on the site undertaken between 1988 and 2013, these include buildings assessments, photographic surveys, archaeological trial pits, condition surveys, desk based assessments, trial trenching and community excavations. The details of these are recorded in the Shropshire HER (Appendix 3).
- 5.7.3. Greenfields House and estate is thought to have been laid out the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century in the area immediately to the west of the development area, the main buildings of which would have been located around 30m away. The estate would have had a house, outbuildings, park and grounds. A stable range on the northern boundary survives today. The development site itself would have once formed a part of the grounds owned by the house.
- 5.7.4. Two railway lines cut through the study area. The first is the London and North Western Railway (The Shrewsbury to Crewe Branch) (**05501**). The line was opened in 1858, it is located 240m to the east of site. A further line, the Shrewsbury and Chester Railway (**08444**), opened in 1846. This line eventually became amalgamated with the Great Western Railway, it is located approximately 460m to the east of the site. A railway goods shed and possible railway workshop (**20608**) dating to around the 1840's, lies on the west side of the Shrewsbury and Chester railway line. The building forms part of the group of buildings which includes Shrewsbury station itself. Several brickfields are recorded (**06732, 06733** and **06769**), these former clay pits and brickworks provided the bricks used in the 19<sup>th</sup> century expansion of Shrewsbury. The former Shrewsbury gas works and gasometer (**06768**) was located approximately 540m to the southeast of site. Several Mills and malt-houses (**06734, 06739, 06754, 06755, 06770** and **28101**) are recorded in the Shropshire HER. These mills were used as corn mills and saw mills, some of these saw conversion of their use during the period of their existence. A rifle range of 19<sup>th</sup> century date existed just west of Coton Grange (**08508**).
- 5.7.5. Several other 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century buildings are also recorded in the HER. These include the site of a former school house (**21485**), the former St Catherine's Hall (**31875**), the United Church (**31891**) and Mission Room (**31887**) at Greenfields, the site of a Baptist Chapel at Castle Foregate (**32077**) and the site of a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel at Castle Fields (**32078**). The significance of these being that they provide further evidence of the diversity of buildings and sites across Shrewsbury.
- 5.7.6. Three 19<sup>th</sup> century farms/ farmsteads were located relatively close to the site. Greenfields farm (**26882**) was located 500m to the north west and Coton Hill Farm (**20130**), with its associated Ice House was located 500m to the south west on the western side of the railway line. A further farmstead (**26883**), now known as Limehurst Home was located 240m to the northwest of site. The proposed site does not sit within the boundaries of any of these farmsteads.
- 5.7.7. The site of a former World War II POW camp (**29129/ 32787**) was located on what is now the Spring Gardens Playing fields to the east and possibly along Ellesmere Road to the west. The



site is known as Camp No 23 and was in use up until 1948. It is possible that the proposed development site lies within the boundaries of the POW camp, which may lie less than 100m away in both directions.

## **5.8. Undated**

- 5.8.1. Several skeletons were found 6ft down in clay on Mount Pleasant estate in 1961 (**01543**). These skeletons were not recovered with any datable material and therefore remained undated. These were located 420m to the northwest of site. A perforated Whetstone (**01583**) was recovered from near to the Shrewsbury Gas Works before 1892. This has remained undated as several dates are possible, ranging from the prehistoric through to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century in date.

## **5.9. HER Sites Tables**

- 5.9.1. The various recorded monuments and events have been described in detail above. For ease of reference, these are summarised in tabulated form below and their locations are illustrated in Figures 2 and 3. The most significant and representative of the monuments and events are illustrated. Table 1 shows the events and table 2 the monuments registered within the Shropshire HER.

HER Ref	Type*	Associated Monument/ Building Number	Site name/ description	NGR	Period/ Date
ESA2077	FO	01528	Chapel yard and postulated site of St Catharine's Chapel, Coton Hill	SJ 4921 1346	?
ESA2078	FO	01529	Mytton's Mansion	SJ 4919 1337	?
ESA2123	FS	01579	Find Spot in c.1934-37 of Flint implements at Greenfields Allotments, Shrewsbury	SJ 4957 1408	Prehistoric
ESA 2128/29 & 3924	FS	01582	Find Spot in 1946 of stone axe at Falstaff Street, Greenfields, Shrewsbury	SJ 4955 1388	Prehistoric
ESA2130 & 3925	FS	01583	Find Spot before 1892 of a perforated whetstone at Shrewsbury Gas works	SJ 4975 1343	Poss. Modern?
ESA3450/51	PAW	04713	Rectilinear Roman Enclosure (mid 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> century) identified through archaeological evaluation, Ellesmere Road, Greenfields, Shrewsbury	SJ 4957 1415	Roman
ESA4787	FO		Wroxeter Hinterland Project 1994-1999. Field Walking Surveys and Excavations	SJ 5500 0950	Roman
ESA4835	DBA		Assessment of flood defence scheme alongside River Severn, Shrewsbury, in 2002. 49 known archaeological monuments and 30 listed buildings.	SJ 4952 1286	Medieval, post-medieval and modern
ESA4836	DBA	08507	Assessment of Shrewsbury North West Relief Road in 2002. Monuments identified- cropmark enclosures, ring ditches and linear features, Willow pool (monument 00010) and Site of former ridge and furrow in Shrewsbury	SJ 4996 1390	?
ESA5478	DBA		Building Survey and DBA of Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury. Includes main mill complex and ancillary features, constructed 1797 onward.	SJ 4996 1390	Modern
ESA5587	DBA		Shrewsbury Urban Archaeological Database Project	SJ 49500 12500	?
ESA5846	DBA	01545, 08508, 08514, 08515, 08516, 08517, 08518	Stage 2 Assessment of Shrewsbury North West Relief Road in 2004. Monuments Identified- Hencote mill (monument 08508), Rifle range west of Coton Grange (monument 08508), Former gravel quarry, Shelton (monument 08514) Holloway, Shelton Lane (monument 08515), Earthwork ridge and furrow north of the Mount (monument 08516), surviving ridge and furrow east of Gravel Hill Farm (monument 08517) and Holloway, Corporation Lane (monument 08518).	SJ 4804 1454	?
ESA5872	FO	01530	Desk Based Assessment of Furrows Garage site.	SJ 4928 1323	Modern
ESA6160	AS	06731, 10235	Archaeological Watching Brief on window alteration at Ditherington Flax mill	SJ 4986 1381	Modern
ESA6161	AS		Archaeological Watching Brief on hydro-geological trial holes. Identified a significant amount of below ground archaeology still remaining on the site of Ditherington Flax mill. Undertaken 2005	SJ 4985 1386	Modern
ESA6331	FO	26881	Structural Survey of Moveage Farmhouse and outbuildings, Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury	SJ 4938 1463	?
ESA6342	AS		Archaeological trial pits to inform redevelopment and conservation of Ditherington Flax Mill. Undertaken 1999	SJ 4985 1392	Modern
ESA6397	FO	20115, 21541	Building recording undertaken at The plough Public House, Castle Foregate and the site of the Red Lion inn, Castle Foregate	SJ 4948 1324	
ESA6439	DBA and FO		Field Survey Report of Ditherington Flax Mill 2004.	SJ 4986 1386	Modern
ESA6656	FO		Three colour photos of 52-54 St Michael's Street in 2005.	SJ 4970 1356	



ESA6796	DBA		DBA of the sub-surface archaeological resource of the Ditherington Flax mill and Maltings. Undertaken 2009	SJ 49864 13864	Modern
ESA6797	AS		A series of evaluation trenches were undertaken at Ditherington Flax mill. The results demonstrated that structural remains survived as sub-surface features. Undertaken 2010	SJ 49878 13843	Modern
ESA6798	FO	06731, 17305, 21755, 30948	Building Recording at Ditherington Flax Mill. Undertaken 2011-12	SJ 49860 13839	Modern
ESA 6956	FO		Building recording and photographic survey of south silo at Ditherington Flax Mill. Undertaken 2013	SJ 49830 13808	Modern
ESA7081	FO	06731	Archaeological Watching Brief at Ditherington Flax Mill. Undertaken 2006-2007	SJ 49864 13864	Modern
ESA7085	FO	06731	Archaeological Watching Brief at Ditherington Flax Mill. Undertaken 2008	SJ 49843 13839	Modern
ESA7255	FO	03410	Management plan of Old Shrewsbury Canal	SJ 51666 14322	Modern
ESA7324	FO	06731, 28833, 28838	Community excavation at Ditherington Flax Mill. Undertaken 2013	SJ 49892 13909	Modern
ESA7469	FO	04713	Gradiometer Survey on land at Ellesmere Road/ Hubert Way, Shrewsbury. Undertaken 1994	SJ 49573 14159	?
ESA7749	FO	32058	Photographic Survey of outbuildings to the rear of The Bird in Hand, 51 Coton Hill	SJ 49222 13346	?
ESA7880 & ESA7881	FO	06731	Photographic Survey of interior and exterior of Ditherington Flax Mill. Undertaken 1988 and 2000	SJ 49864 13864	Modern
ESA7921	FO	16743, 31875	Building survey of Friends Meeting House, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury	SJ 4908 13503	Modern
ESA7957	FO	10235	Hygrothermal modelling at Ditherington Flax Mill.	SJ 49848 13791	Modern
ESA 7987	FO	32058	Photographic record of outbuildings to the rear of the Bird in Hand in 2016 prior to demolition	SJ 49216 13338	Modern
ESA7995	FO	10235, 21755	Heritage Impact Assessment of Flax Mill Malting. Stage II Project	SJ 49872 13827	Modern
ESA7406	FO	17306, 17307	Building Survey of stables and office blocks at Ditherington Flax Mill. Undertaken 2015	SJ 49824 13791	Modern

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FS: Archaeological Find-spot	PAW: Previous Archaeological Work
HPG: Historic Park or Garden	SAM: Scheduled Ancient Monument
LB: Listed Building	FO: Field Observation
DBA: Desk Based Assessment	

**TABLE 1: Events registered with the HER within the wider study area (see Figure 2)**

HER Ref	Type*	Associated Event Number	Site name/ description	NGR	Period/ Date
01467	FS	1191	Hoard of 200 Late Saxon (901-925) coins. Discovered 1936 at Castle Foregate.	SJ 495 131	Saxon
01528	M	2077	Chapel yard and postulated site of St Catherines Chapel, Coton Hill	SJ 4921 1346	Medieval
01529	M	10216	The site of a probable 16 <sup>th</sup> century house- Myttons Mansion	SJ 4198 137	Post-medieval
01530	M	5872	Early 17 <sup>th</sup> century mansion, now within modern fabric of motor car showroom	SJ 4926 1321	Post-medieval - modern
01535	M	2083	Barge Gutter, Coton. A canal and water channel of medieval date	SJ 4905 1327	Medieval
01579	FS	2123	Find Spot in c.1934-37 of Flint implements at Greenfields Allotments, Shrewsbury	SJ 4957 1408	Prehistoric
01543	M		Skeletons discovered on Mount Pleasant estate in 1961	SJ 499 142	?
01582	FS	3924, 2128, 2129	Find Spot in 1946 of stone axe at Falstaff Street, Greenfields	SJ 4975 1343	Prehistoric
01583	FS	3925, 2130	Find Spot before 1892 of perforated whetstone at Shrewsbury Gas Works	SJ 4975 1343	?
02619	FS	1403	Find in c.1956 of socketed axe from one of the allotments at Greenfields	SJ 497 141	Prehistoric
02956	M	01535	Coton Hill Fishweir. A fish weir decayed by the 16 <sup>th</sup> century. Medieval to Post-medieval date	SJ 491 134	Medieval – post-medieval
03410	M	4744, 5634, 7255, 4819, 6796, 6797, 8218	A 17 mile route of the canal completed 1797, operated until 1922	-	Modern
04529	M	5478, 6342, 6161	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	SJ 4987 1391	Modern
04713	M	7469, 3450, 3451	Roman enclosure, Greenfields. Early 2 <sup>nd</sup> century – 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> century AD	SJ 4946 1416	Roman
05501	M	6270	London & North Western Railway (Shrewsbury to Crewe Branch. 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	SJ 5144 2862	Modern
06731	M	5478, 7880, 6342, 7881, 6439, 6160, 6161, 7081, 7085, 6796, 6873, 6797, 6798, 7324	Ditherington Flax Mill complex.	SJ 4986 1386	Modern
06732	M	6797	A 19 <sup>th</sup> century brickfield. Now St Michaels Street Recreation Ground	SJ 4980 1360	Modern
06733	M		A 19 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> century brickfield behind Primrose Terrace.	SJ 49700 135	Modern
06734	M		Malthouse, on the western part of the Castle Mills Corn Mill complex of the later 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	SJ 4963 1332	Modern
06735	M		St Michaels Street Gas Works built 1820.	SJ 4960 1327	Modern
06739	M		The site of a 19 <sup>th</sup> century and later saw mill.	SJ 4941 1330	Modern
06754	M		A corn mill on the Shrewsbury Canal Terminus Wharf	SJ 4962 1319	Modern
06755	M		Castle Mills Corn mill, later the maltings, Shrewsbury. In use until 1986.	SJ 4970 1330	Modern
06768	M		The site of a 19 <sup>th</sup> century and later gas works.	SJ 4979 1344	Modern

06769	M		The site of a probable post-medieval brickworks, behind Primrose Terrace	SJ 4970 1342	Post-medieval
06770	M		The site of a 19 <sup>th</sup> century and later saw mill	SJ 4946 1359	Modern
08388	M		Suburb of Coton Hill, One of Shrewsbury's five medieval suburbs.	SJ 4919 1339	Late Saxon to post-medieval
08389	M	7154	Suburb of Castle Foregate, One of Shrewsbury's five medieval suburbs.	SJ 4941 1304	Medieval to post-medieval
08444	M	6742	Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Chester Railway. Opened 1848.	SJ 3930 2556	Modern
08508	M	5846	Rifle range west of Coton Grange of 19 <sup>th</sup> century date.	SJ 4864 1437	Modern
08510	FS		An 11 <sup>th</sup> century strap mount found west of Ellesmere Road before 1999.	SJ 492 145	Medieval
08518	M	5846	Holloway, Corporation Lane. A hollow way of medieval to post-medieval date	SJ 4893 1418	Medieval to post-medieval
10216	LB	01529	A row of four 16 <sup>th</sup> century houses, now 2, protected by Grade II listing	SJ 4919 137	Post-medieval
10218	LB		An early 20 <sup>th</sup> century public house, protected by Grade II listing	SJ 4920 1339	Modern
10219	LB		No 25 Coton Hill. A house c.1800 protected by Grade II listing	SJ 4920 1340	Modern
10220	LB		No 27 Coton Hill. An early 19 <sup>th</sup> century house, protected by Grade II Listing	SJ 4921 1341	Modern.
10235	LB	5478, 6342, 6439, 6161, 6160, 6796, 6873, 7957, 7995	Main Mill or Spinning Mill, Ditherington Flax Mill. Constructed in two major phases of 1796-7 and after a fire in 1809. Protected by Grade I Listing.	SJ 4986 1381	Modern
10255	M		Victorian water pump at junction of Ellesmere Road and Greenfield Street.	SJ 4929 1381	Modern
10550	LB		Church of St Michael, St Michaels Street. Dated 1829. Protected by Grade II listing.	SJ 4970 1363	Modern
15408	M		The site of a demolished early 18 <sup>th</sup> to late 19 <sup>th</sup> century toll house, Ditherington	SJ 5024 1433	Modern
15409	M		The site of a demolished toll house/ toll bar, early 18 <sup>th</sup> to late 19 <sup>th</sup> century, Coton Hill	SJ 4930 1358	Modern
17303	LB	5478, 6439, 6161, 6796, 6873	The Cross Mill at former Ditherington Flax Mill, Spring Gardens. Building of 1812. The site is protected by Grade 1 listing.	SJ 4986 1385	Modern
17304	LB	5478, 6439, 6161, 6796, 6873	Apprentice House of former Ditherington Flax Mill, Spring Gardens. Built c.1812. Protected by Grade II* listing.	SJ 4986 1385	Modern
17305	LB	5478, 6342, 6439, 6161, 6796, 6873, 6798	Stove House and Dye House at former Ditherington Flax Mill, Spring Gardens, Ditherington. Constructed c.1800. Protected by Grade II* listing.	SJ 4983 1383	Modern
17306	LB		Stables of former Ditherington Mill, Spring Gardens. Built c.1800. Protected by Grade II listing.	SJ 4982 1378	Modern
17307	LB	5478, 6439, 6873, 7406	Workshop and Offices of former Ditherington Flax Mill, Spring Gardens. Built c.1800. Protected by Grade II listing.		Modern
20115	LB	6397	The Plough Public House, Castle Foregate. A late 17 <sup>th</sup> or early 18 <sup>th</sup> century house. Protected by Grade II listing.	SJ 4952 1325	Modern
20130	LB		Ice House at Coton Hill Farm, Corporation Lane. Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century. Protected by Grade II listing.	SJ 4911 1380	Modern

20131	LB		Nos 11, 12 and 14 Coton Hill. Row of three 17 <sup>th</sup> century cottages. Protected by Grade II listing.	SJ 4919 1333	Modern
20132	LB		Coton Hurst, No 41 Coton Hill. A mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century house. Protected by Grade II listing	SJ 4925 1340	Modern
20155	LB		Canal Tavern Public House and attached outbuilding range. New Park Road	SJ 4967 1324	Modern
20166	LB		Water Pump (Conduit Head) c.1870 at 137 St Michaels Street. Protected by Grade II listing	SJ 4965 1348	Modern
20167	LB		Nos 56-59 (Consecutive), St Michaels Street, Ditherington. A terrace of 4 houses (now 3) built before c1800 as the apprentice House for the Ditherington Flax Mill.		Modern.
20168	LB		No 55, St Michaels Street, Ditherington. Built c.1800 of the same 'Great Bricks' as the earliest phases of the Flax Mill. Protected by Grade II Listing.	SJ 4973 1360	Modern
20171	LB	5478, 6439, 6796, 6873	Flax warehouse at former Ditherington Flax Mill, Spring Gardens. Constructed c.1810. Protected by Grade I listing.	SJ 4989 1386	Modern
20680	M		Railway shed, west side of Shrewsbury and Chester Railway near Coton Hill	SJ 4930 1329	Modern
21079	M	6999, 5818, 6253	Milestone on the B5067, opposite Normanton Retirement Home, Ellesmere Road of late 18 <sup>th</sup> / early 19 <sup>th</sup> century date	SJ 4928 1456	Modern
21485	M		Site of a two storey Victorian school House, New park Street.	SJ 4988 1323	Modern
21541	M	6397	Site of the Red Lion inn, Castle Foregate. Late 17 <sup>th</sup> or early 18 <sup>th</sup> century in date.	SJ 4947 1323	Modern
21572	M	6342	Railway siding at the former Ditherington Flax Mill. Laid in 1858.	SJ 4984 1393	Modern
21755	LB	5478, 6439, 6798, 7995	Malt Kiln at Ditherington Flax Mill. Protected by Grade II listing.	SJ 4977 1385	Modern
26882	M	6427	Greenfields Farm, Farmstead dating from the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	SJ 4908 1425	Modern
26883	M	6427	Lymehurst Home. Farmstead dating from the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	SJ 4937 1410	Modern
27868	M	6427	Coton Hill Farm. Farmstead dating from the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century	SJ 4911 1375	Modern
28099	M		Shrewsbury Canal Terminus and Wharf of the Shrewsbury Canal.	SJ 49558 13137	Modern
28101	M		The Beynons and Bage, Castlefields Flax Mill. Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century in date.	SJ 4977 1314	Modern
28828	M	5478, 6796	Site of two cluster houses. Ditherington Flax Mill. Late 18 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> century in date.	SJ 49940 13852	Modern
28829	M	5478, 6796	Group of four cluster houses o late 18 <sup>th</sup> / early 19 <sup>th</sup> century	SJ 50025 13966	Modern
28830	LB	6796, 6797	Site of Warehouse (Packing Shop), Ditherington Flax Mill, completed 1801. Incorporated into Grade II listing of stables.	SJ 49841 13774	Modern
28831	M	6796	Site of Gas lighting system retort house, coal house and lime store at Ditherington Flax Mill	SJ 49874 13940	Modern
28832	M	6796	Site of the round gas holder constructed 1842, now demolished. Ditherington Flax Mill	SJ 49856 13935	Modern

28833	M	6796, 7324	Site of Stables and pigsties, Ditherington Flax Mill, constructed 1849	SJ 49886 139 16	Modern
28834	M	6796	Site of building north of stables and pigsties. Ditherington Flax Mill	SJ 49885 13927	Modern
28835	M	6796, 6797	Boiler Houses and Chimney, Ditherington Flax Mill. Replaced late 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	SJ 49875 13814	Modern
28836	M	6796	Site of Wood Shed. Ditherington Flax Mill. Possibly early 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	SJ 49860 13923	Modern
28837	M	6796	Site of Drying Shed, Ditherington Flax Mill. Possibly early 19 <sup>th</sup> century	SJ 49855 13913	Modern
28838	M	6796, 6797, 7324	Site of Wash House, Ditherington Flax Mill. Mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century	SJ 49897 13907	Modern
28839	M	6796	Site of Privies, Ditherington Flax Mill. Mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	SJ 49878 13908	Modern
28840	M	6796	Site of Fire Engine House, Ditherington Flax Mill. Mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	SJ 49871 13907	Modern
28841	M	6796	Site of Gas Meter. Ditherington Flax Mill. Mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century	SJ 49870 13904	Modern
28842	M	6796	Site of Waste Room. Ditherington Flax Mill, Mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	SJ 49868 13902	Modern
28843	M	6796	Site of Thread Room, Ditherington Flax Mill. Mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	SJ 49863 13894	Modern
28844	M	6796	Site of Rectangular Gas Holder, Ditherington Flax Mill. Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	SJ 49857 13884	Modern
28845	M		Site of unknown building . East side of Waste House and Thread Room, Ditherington Flax Mill.	SJ 49869 13895	Modern
28846	M	6796	Site of small circular kiln. Ditherington Flax Mill. Mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century	SJ 49839 13952	Modern
28847	M	6796	Site of Privies, Ditherington Flax Mill, Mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	SJ 49826 13778	Modern
28848	M	6796	Structural remains of a lodge located next to the east main entrance gateway. Ditherington Flax Mill. Mid to late 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	SJ 49856 13763	Modern
28849	M	6796	Site of the Sultan Inn, and ancillary buildings, east of Ditherington Flax Mill.	SJ 49972 13914	Modern
28850	M	6796	Site of Drying Shed, Ditherington Flax Mill. Mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	SJ 49827 13812	Modern
28851	M	6796, 6797	Formal Gardens, fountain and greenhouse, east of Apprentice House, Ditherington Flax Mill. Mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	SJ 49906 13887	Modern
29022	M		Open Brethren, Gospel Hall, John Street	SJ 49903 13394	Modern
29129	M		The site of Green Fields Prisoner of War Camp. Former WWII camp No 23	SJ 4962 1395	Modern
30948	M	6796, 6798	Site of northern malt silo, Ditherington Flax Mill	SJ 49862 13882	Modern
31284	M	6796, 6797	19 <sup>th</sup> century industrial worker's housing, E of Shrewsbury Canal, Ditherington Flax Mill. Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	SJ 49908 13799	Modern
31333	M		Castlefield War memorial. In the grounds of St Michael's Church	SJ 49711 13617	Modern
31544	M	6956	Site of southern malt silo, Ditherington Flax Mill. Constructed 1951.	SJ 49830 13808	Modern
31868	M	7579	Site of searchlight emplacement, The Moveage, Mont Pleasant	SJ 4938 1462	Modern
31875	M	7921	Former St Catherine's Hall, the Friends Meeting House, Corporation Lane, Coton Hill. Early 20 <sup>th</sup> century in date.	SJ 49068 13503	Modern
31887	M		United Church, Greenfields. 20 <sup>th</sup> century in date.	SJ 49350 13784	Modern

31891	M		Mission Room associated with United Church, Greenfields Street	SJ 49348 13815	Modern
32058	M	7749, 7987	Bird in Hand Public House, Coton Hill. 19 <sup>th</sup> century in date	SJ 49210 13350	Modern
32077	M		Site of Baptist Chapel, Castle Foregate. 1830-1848	SJ 49346 13354	Modern
32078	M		Site of Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, New Park Road, Castle Fields. 1837- 1973	SJ 49739 13182	Modern
32787	M		Green Fields prisoner of war camp 23. WWII POW camp.	SJ 492 138	Modern

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DBA: Desk Based Assessment	M: Monument

**TABLE 2: Monuments registered with the HER within the wider study area (see Figure 3)**

## **6 MAP REGRESSION**

### **6.1 Mapping Evidence**

- 6.1.1 The maps available for the study area: the Greenfields area of Shrewsbury, cover the period from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century to the modern day.
- 6.1.2 **THE GREENFIELDS/BROOM HALL ESTATE.** The earliest depiction of the estate which included the site is the Tithe Map and its attached apportionment of 1849, when the estate was known as Lower Greenfields. This is supported by the modern Field Names Map, based on the same sources, which was compiled in 1973. The Tisdale map of 1875 (Figure 4) shows boundaries, topography and building footprints essentially unchanged from 25 years previously, with the estate now named Green Fields.
- 6.1.3 The estate is an irregularly shaped enclosure, bounded on the west by the Shrewsbury -Wern turnpike road. The estate is set in a landscape with the typical features of Parliamentary enclosure -fields of uniform size with straight boundary lines set at right angles. The north, east and south boundaries of the estate follow these geometrical lines. The date of the enclosure of this part of Shropshire is unknown. Other parts of the parish were enclosed in 1781 and 1813, and the enclosure here could be earlier or later.
- 6.1.4 Lower Green Fields is the largest enclosure shown in Coton Township, comparable with a group of five large enclosures bordering the Severn to the south west. This may reflect a marshy character hinted at in the Tisdale map, associated with the former riverbed to the east of the site. Two enclosures on the south east side are designated Upper-and Lower-Fishpond field, and a pond is shown adjoining the estate boundary there.
- 6.1.5 The estate comprises a park, with a substantial house set in a domestic curtilage at the northern end, and linked by a curving driveway to the Wern turnpike. A square enclosure



north-west of the house is bordered by a footpath and includes a belt of trees and possibly a watercourse. This suggests a domestic pleasure ground. There is no direct evidence of the date of the house, but a number of reasonable deductions can be made. The house is a substantial size and has a regular footprint with two cross wings. There is a stable range on the northern boundary, which survives (Figure 9). There are no farm buildings, and the 1849 mapping indicates no field divisions within the park. This indicates the Green Fields house and associated estate was a gentleman's residence, rather than a farmhouse. Its location, and the - admittedly scanty - evidence of the style and materials of the stable range indicate a late 18<sup>th</sup> to early 19<sup>th</sup> century date. It may be contemporary with the nearby farmstead at Lymehurst Home.

- 6.1.6 **DEVELOPMENT OF THE ESTATE TO 1965.** Street directories show the development of the estate between 1863 and 1941. In 1863, and until c.1913, the estate was occupied by William Patchett, Major Patchett from 1882, and Colonel Patchett from 1905. There is no entry for the Colonel in the Kelly directory of 1913, and the Wilding directory of 1916 describes Broom Hall (the remamed (Green Fields house) as "void". Patchett was in possession during the most significant phase of the estate's development in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Although this is not recorded by mapping until the 1925 edition of the Ordnance Survey, all the southern part of the park, more than half of the total, was allocated for building c.1880. The development centred on Greenfields Road has many dated houses, the earliest dated 1881. This development was largely complete by 1894, and included the realignment of the drive leading to what was now Ellesmere Road.
- 6.1.7 The division of the park ran in a straight east-west line linking the northern end of Falstaff Street and Percy Street. This line forms the southern boundary of the site. There is a rough stone wall at this point which continues west for some distance, with a discontinuity between Percy Street and Hotspur Street, whence it continues to Ellesmere Road, including a gateway at the northern end of Hotspur Street. It seems likely that the wall dates from the division of the estate c.1880, though this cannot be confirmed by mapping. Its details including Grinshill stone checker-work at the Falstaff Street end, may be because it bordered the grounds of 'The Grove', a substantial house on the west of Falstaff Street, demolished c.2000.
- 6.1.8 The 1889, 1902, 1903, 1927 and 1938 editions of the Ordnance Survey, show a small building at the north-west corner of the site, and another smaller building adjoining the path now forming the northern boundary (this probably lies just outside of the site boundary). These are omitted from the 1965 edition, and they have left no visible trace (Figures 5, 6 and 7) Colonel Patchett was also in possession when the estate was renamed Broome Hall in 1905. It was subsequently spelt Broom Hall.
- 6.1.9 After a period of changing tenancies, Broom Hall came into the hands of one Homer Hawkins in 1922, and remained in his hands until the directories cease in 1941. The estate was described as an Agricultural College from 1925 to 1931, after which Hawkins was listed as a "Tutor". There is no indication from mapping of any changes to the buildings during this time. It seems that this period marks the end of Broom Hall as a gentleman's residence.
- 6.1.10 **DEVELOPMENT FROM 1965.** By 1965, some significant changes had appeared. The estate had been further reduced by the laying-out of Percy Street North, immediately south-west of the house, although this proposed development has not been built. North and east of the end of Falstaff Street, some of the Eastern side of the park had been allocated as a playing field. The former E boundary had been eradicated, and the current E boundary of the site had been established, with a hedge and footpath.

- 6.1.11 This is the earliest evidence of the establishment of the site as a separate entity. There is no question that the site was defined between the 1938 and 1965 editions of the Ordnance Survey (Figure 8). As the site was in use as allotments in 1965, it is very likely that the change had taken place during World War II. Two fields adjoining the northern boundary of the estate had been allocated as allotments since at least 1925, a change which may have dated from World War I. These allotments remain in use.
- 6.1.12 The 1973-1994 Ordnance Survey edition continues to show the site as allotments, and records the building of Greenfields School. This and the Hemsworth Way development occupy what was formerly the supposed pleasure ground north-west of Broom Hall. It is likely that the footpath forming the northern boundary of the site is associated with these developments, as it is absent from the 1965 edition. Broom Hall itself appears to have been demolished since 1994.
- 6.1.13 In summary the site has not significantly changed in terms of usage throughout the period covered by the mapping, whereas the surrounding areas have become more developed and occupied by domestic housing stock. The site has remained free from structures and has avoided major development throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

## **7 PREVIOUS ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK**

A description of previous archaeological work undertaken in the area is mentioned above (Section 5). A specific summary of previous archaeological work within the development site and the wider study area is given here together with a brief statement of their results.

The Shropshire Historic Environment Record does not record any archaeological fieldwork events within the proposed development site itself. There has been archaeological fieldwork in the immediate area, with the majority being undertaken at Ditherington Flax Mill, detail of which will not be discussed here, but is available to view in the Historic Environment Record results within Appendix 3.

### **7.1 Within the study area**

- 7.1.1 No archaeological events are recorded within the proposed development site. The study area contains a number of known archaeological events the majority of which are non-intrusive desk based assessments and development impact assessments (for flooding and relief roads). These revealed additional sites in the area, previously unknown, through documentary research, none of which are within the proposed site boundary. Further building recording and photographic recording has been undertaken on various buildings within the study area, none of which are relevant to the proposed development site.
- 7.1.2 The single archaeological excavation outside of the numerous interventions which have occurred at Ditherington Flax Mill, was the excavation of the Roman Enclosure at Ellesmere Road, Greenfields (Event number **ESA3450/51**). As mentioned above this revealed ditches and pottery of mid 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> century in date. It is thought that this enclosure was associated with a building, although this remained unidentified. Being only 220m to the north of site, activity at this period may have impacted on the surrounding land, including the proposed development site. The Wroxeter Hinterland Project, which looked at the reach of Wroxeter Roman town into its surrounding areas, was undertaken between 1994 and 1999. This covered the study area, and the whole of Shrewsbury in general. However, it did not involve any intrusive archaeological work within the study area.



- 7.1.3 The find-spots of the prehistoric flint implements at Greenfields Allotments (**ESA2123**), the stone axe at Falstaff Street, Greenfields (**ESA2128/9**) and the socketed axe from Greenfields Allotments (**02619**), provide further chance evidence of an early presence in the area. Significantly these were recovered relatively close to the proposed development.

## **8 LOCATION SURVEY**

### **8.1 Site Visit**

- 8.1.1 The area which is affected by the development proposals lies within land which is currently unused and is overgrown vegetation. Views of the site are obscured by the large quantity of self-seeded shrubs and trees which populate the entire area. The site extends to a total area of approximately 4,522 square metres (see Figures 10 and 11).
- 8.1.2 The site is located to the north of the existing buildings named The Old Coach House, The Grove and Ty Wen, these buildings are late 20<sup>th</sup> – early 21<sup>st</sup> century and replace the earlier buildings present on the 19<sup>th</sup> century mapping. The modern building named the Old Coach House is directly adjacent to the site. There are no northerly windows on this property and the proposed site is unlikely to obscure any possible views. The late 19<sup>th</sup> houses at the northern end of the eastern side of Falstaff Street will overlook the proposed development.
- 8.1.3 The site does not currently contain any buildings or structures and as the sources suggest, this has been the case throughout the majority of its known history. As mentioned above the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century editions of the Ordnance Survey, show a small building at the north-west corner of the site, probably related to the Green Fields/ Broom Hall house estate. This is omitted from the 1965 edition, and has left no visible trace. The site sits on flat land and there are housing developments to the south and west and further to the north. Greenfields allotment is located immediately north of the site and the large trapezoidal shaped Spring Gardens Recreation ground is located to the east. The recreation ground consists of open playing fields to the south of which there is a fenced children's playground. The playing fields and children's playground also has an associated tarmac car park.
- 8.1.4 The site of the Ditherington Flax Mill Complex, which lies 380m to the east of the site, the view of which is obscured by a large group of mature trees alongside the Bagley Brook and the London and Northwestern railway line.

## **9 APPRAISAL OF THE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT**

### **9.1 *Description of the Proposed Development***

- 9.1.1 The proposed buildings are designed to be purely of domestic use. Seventeen two and three storey buildings are proposed. These are to be a mixture of modern terraced and semi-detached houses. The detached houses at the northern end of the development have a larger plot than those to the south. It is proposed that each plot has individual or shared driveways. These are to be accessed by a northerly extension to the existing Falstaff Road. The remainder of the area is to be landscaped with soft landscaping and trees. The established trees along the western boundary are to be retained where possible. The houses are designed to be sympathetic in design to the existing houses along the northern part of Falstaff Road. (See Appendix 1).

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## 9.2 **Physical Impact- Archaeology**

- 9.2.1 **The Prehistoric Period.** The chance discoveries of prehistoric flint implements, a Neolithic flint axe head and Bronze Age socketed axe in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century are evidence of a prehistoric presence in the immediate area. As yet, there has not been any settlement evidence identified with these find-spots. The development site sits in the fertile area to the west of the Bagley Brook and could therefore have been a potentially suitable location for settlement or agricultural activities for these prehistoric communities.
- 9.2.2 **The Roman Period.** There is no direct evidence of Roman activity within the development area, however, significantly, a Roman enclosure site is known at Greenfields, close to the north of the site. This site is thought to have had an associated building, although this was not identified. The likelihood is that if evidence is recovered within the development site for Roman activity, this would come from artefacts dropped or discarded while moving across the area. The site is not located on any major trade or communications route between urban centres and is not located near to any known major Roman road, which is known to have passed the southernmost periphery of Shrewsbury.
- 9.2.3 **The medieval period.** There is no evidence of early medieval or medieval activity in the development, or its immediate vicinity. The development site is located at a significant distance from the main medieval settlement of Shrewsbury, which was originally made up of five suburbs, laid out in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, which spread uphill outside the castle. The development site lies north of these suburbs on what was likely, at the time, to have been agricultural land. The recorded medieval monuments are located at a significant distance away from the site. Any medieval archaeological remains are likely to originate from artefacts dropped or deliberately discarded.
- 9.2.4 **The post-medieval period.** There is no evidence of features or structures dated to the post-medieval period in the proposed development area. It appears that the site did not hold prominence during the post-medieval period and as with the medieval period the development site is located at a significant distance from the original settlement at Shrewsbury. The site probably continued to lie within an area which would have been used as agricultural land.
- 9.2.5 **The modern period.** There is much evidence for increased activity in the general study area throughout the modern period. The proliferation of mills, factories and the introduction of the canal and railway lines suggest a landscape increasing industrial prosperity. The most significant local development was the construction of Ditherington Flax Mill in the later 18<sup>th</sup> century. This is likely to have significantly changed the landscape when it was introduced around the same time as the Canal. Ditherington Flax Mill itself is a contained unit, with outbuildings, workers housing and transport connections. None of these encroached on the development site. The construction of the proposed buildings would not affect the associations between the known modern constructions. The mid-19<sup>th</sup> century Green Fields/ Broom Hall House was located immediately east of the proposed development area on land which was once likely to have been part of the estate. One building depicted on the 19<sup>th</sup> century mapping, and probably related to the house was once located in the northern part of the development area. The site of the former World War II POW camp, located on what is now the Spring Gardens Playing fields to the east and possibly along Ellesmere Road to the west, has had no associated archaeological interventions. Its extent, development and preservation has yet to be characterised. It is possible that the proposed development site may have once sat within the limits of the camp.

9.2.6 Groundworks associated with the proposed development will have a detrimental effect on any earthfast archaeological remains that might be contained within the proposed development area. The proposed development area is located in close proximity the known Roman Enclosure at Greenfields, the former and the former WWII prisoner of war camp located at Spring Gardens Playing fields to the east and possibly along Ellesmere Road to the west, however the proposed development area itself is un-attested archaeologically.

9.2.7 The preservation of potential archaeological remains within the proposed development area is difficult to predict. The cartographic sources indicate that the proposed development area has remained free from structures in recorded history, apart from a single building located to the north of the development area, which may be associated with Green Fields/ Broom Hall House. The HER indicates the potential of archaeological remains in close proximity to the proposed development area and there may be as yet un-identified archaeological remains within the proposed development area.

### 9.3 ***The archaeological potential, impact and significance of the proposed development***

9.3.1 It has been shown above that the proposed development sits within an area of low archaeological potential, however the excavation of any foundations has the potential to disturb any below ground archaeology which may be present. The presence of worked flints in the immediate vicinity and the close proximity the Roman enclosure, Green Fields/ Broom Hall house and the former WWII POW camp makes this an area of low sensitivity. The depth of the foundations would certainly cause disturbance to the underlying deposits, should any exist.

9.3.2 The level of significance of the heritage value of the site is considered to low as categorised in the NPPF. The local archaeological assets are of regional importance, however the proposed development does not itself affect the significance of the known heritage assets, in the immediate area.

9.3.3 The development area is located on previously undeveloped land. No modern building has taken place on this area. The area is currently unused and has become overgrown with self-seeded trees and shrubs.

9.3.4 The stripping of the overburden, reduction in ground levels and excavation of the foundations of the proposed development would impact on any preserved archaeological deposits should they be present. Any preserved deposits or artefacts recovered would contribute to a greater understanding of the northern limits of the settlement of Shrewsbury.

9.3.5 The construction of the proposed development will not visually effect the line of sight between the listed buildings at Ditherington Flax Mill. This view is currently obscured by a trees and is a considerable distance away on relatively flat land.

## **10 CONCLUSION**

10.1 This Desk Based Assessment has revealed a significant amount of archaeological data surrounding the proposed development area. The groundworks will be limited to the areas of proposed disturbance.

10.2 The site was defined in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century , when it became part of the wider Greenfields allotments. Before this, it had been part of the park attached to Green Fields/Broom Hall house. Its western boundary was the fence enclosing the domestic curtilage of the house, which remained essentially unchanged from 1849. The southern boundary was formed by a

wall, probably dating from the division of the estate c.1880, and the northern boundary may have been defined as late as the 1990s. It is clear that this site is a fragment of a former private park. There is no evidence to suggest that this dated from much earlier than 1800.

- 10.3 The chance discoveries in the immediate area of prehistoric worked flints, flint axe head and socketed axe suggest that there was a prehistoric presence in the area and the archaeological discovery of the Roman enclosure just north of the development area suggests limited potential for further Roman remains in the area. As the site lies within what was once the park attached to Green Fields/Broom Hall house, features may exist within the development area related to these developments. The known presence of the former WWII POW camp in the area also suggests there is potential for early 20<sup>th</sup> century remains within the area.
- 10.4 The proposed development will not affect the significance of the known heritage assets in the immediate area. The local Listed Buildings are at a distance that their setting will not be immediately effected by the construction of the proposed buildings.
- 10.5 Further archaeological investigations may hope to further advance this knowledge and clarify the research objectives outlined in; *The Archaeology of the West Midlands. A framework for research* (Watt Ed. 2011, 185). Subject to review and revision by the county archaeologist, this assessment concludes that given the potential for archaeological deposits within the study area, further archaeological mitigation is required. This mitigation could take the form of a watching brief during the construction of the houses or a small evaluation prior to the commencement of the groundworks.

## **11 REPORTING**

This written report will be made publicly accessible, as part of the Shropshire Historic Environments Record. Two copies of the report will be lodged with Shropshire County Council. One bound copy and digital PDF/A copy on CD-ROM will be provided.

On approval and completion of the report the appropriate OASIS (Online Access to the Index of archaeological investigations) form will be completed and the report will be submitted to OASIS.

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The historical research and site assessment were undertaken by William Mitchell of the Centre of Archaeology who also produced the current report. The report was edited by Kevin Colls who also managed the report for the Centre of Archaeology.

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- 1903 Six inch OS Map
- 1927 25 inch OS Map
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Figure 1 - Location plan (reproduced from OS open sources)



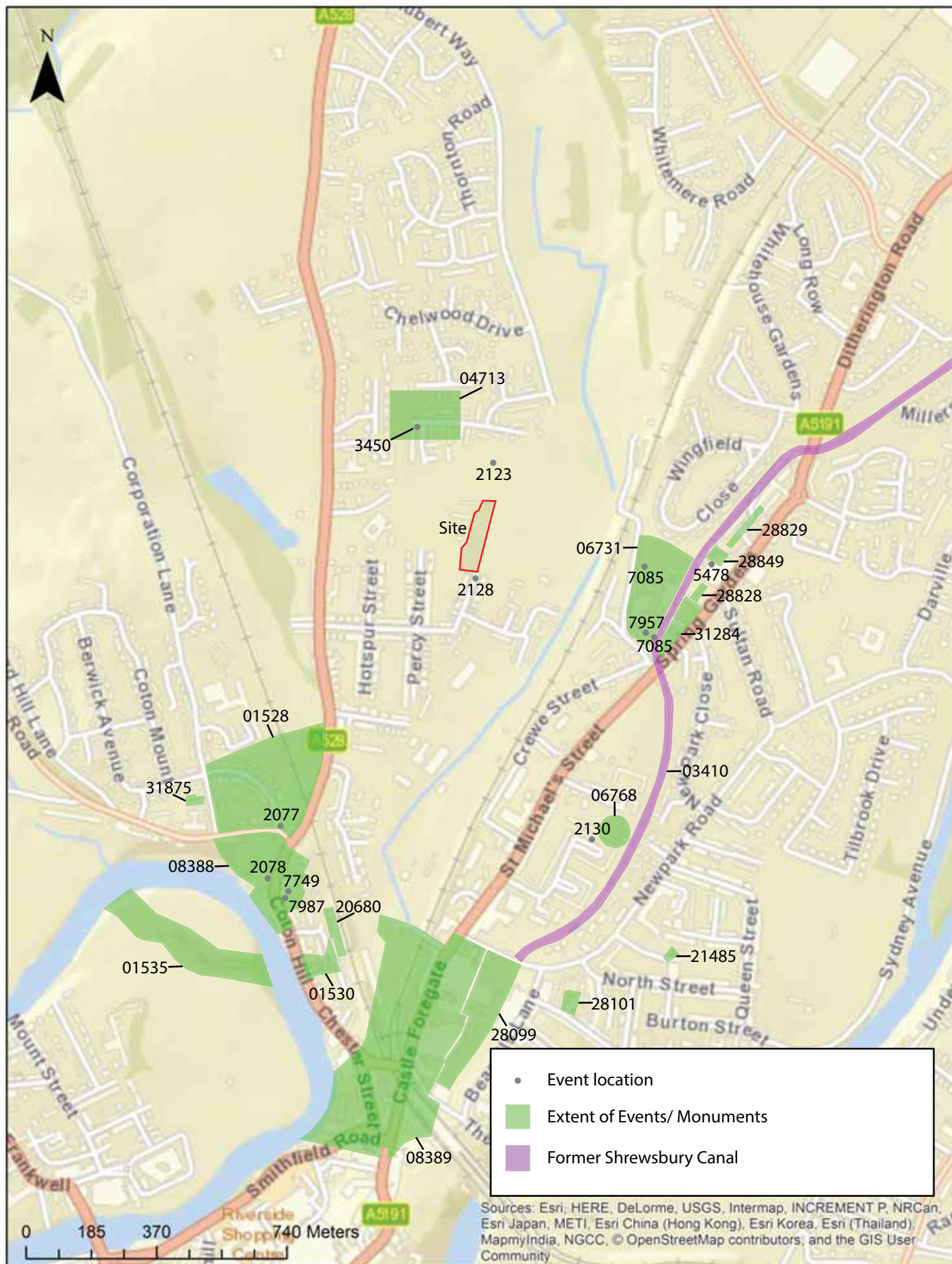
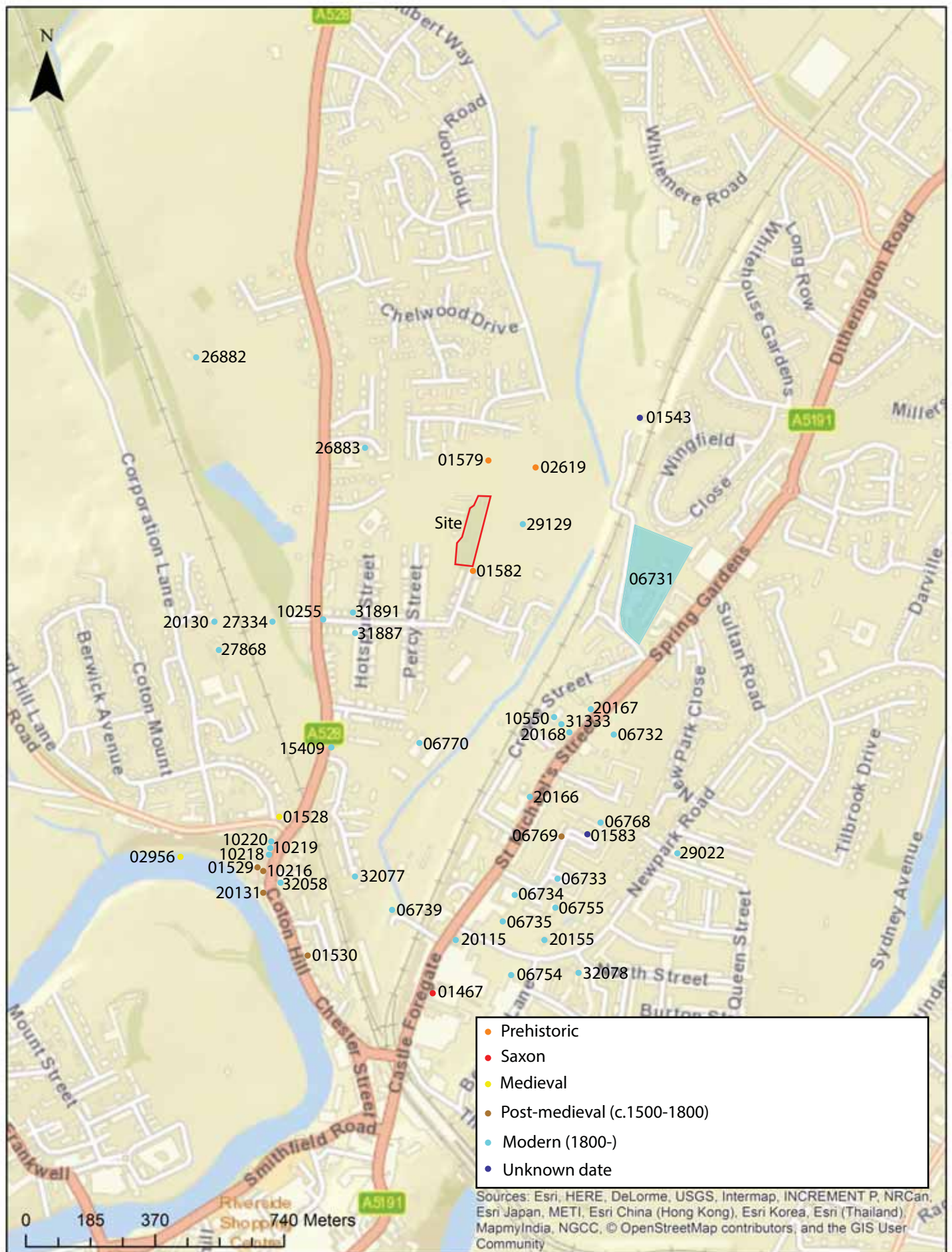
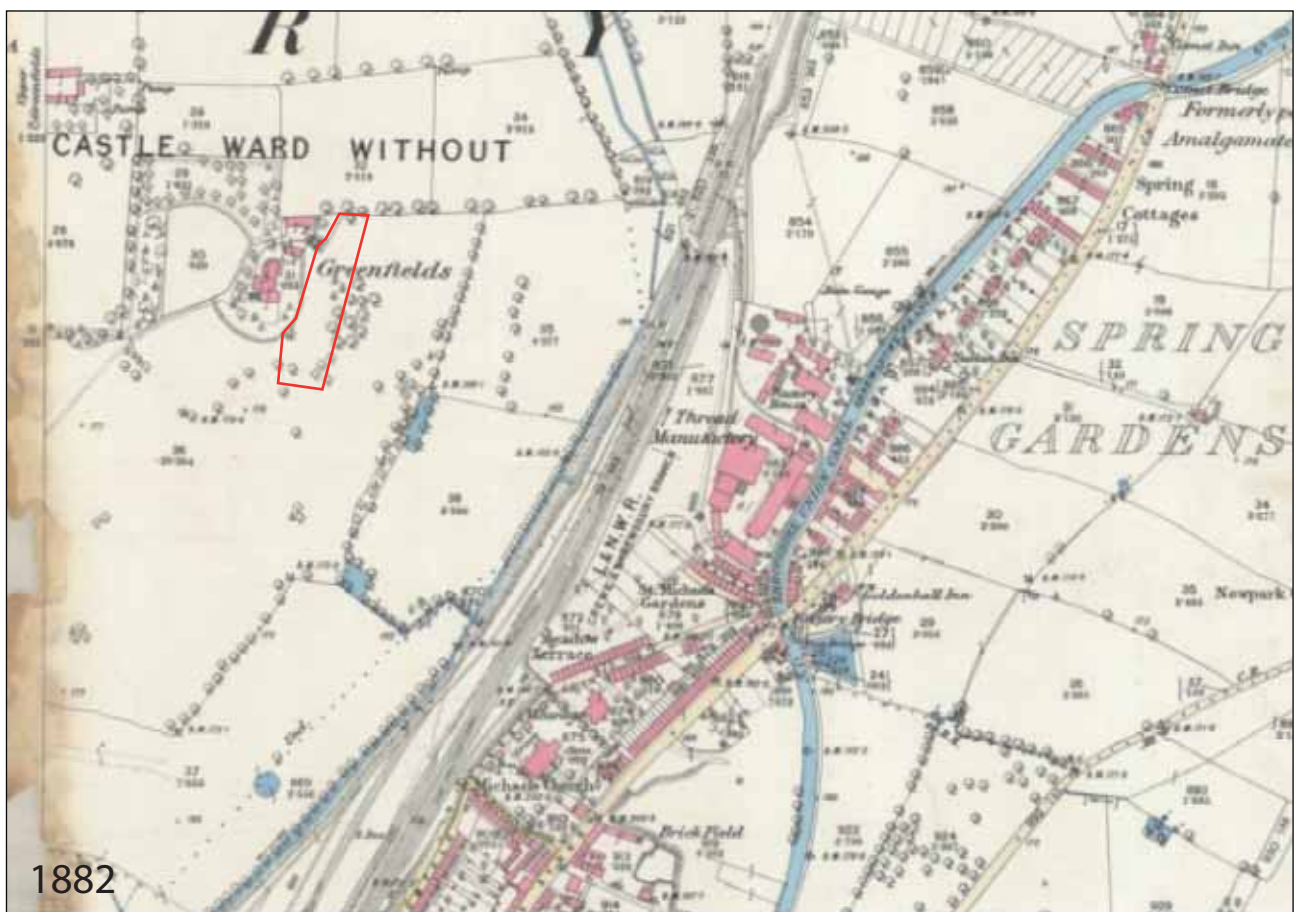
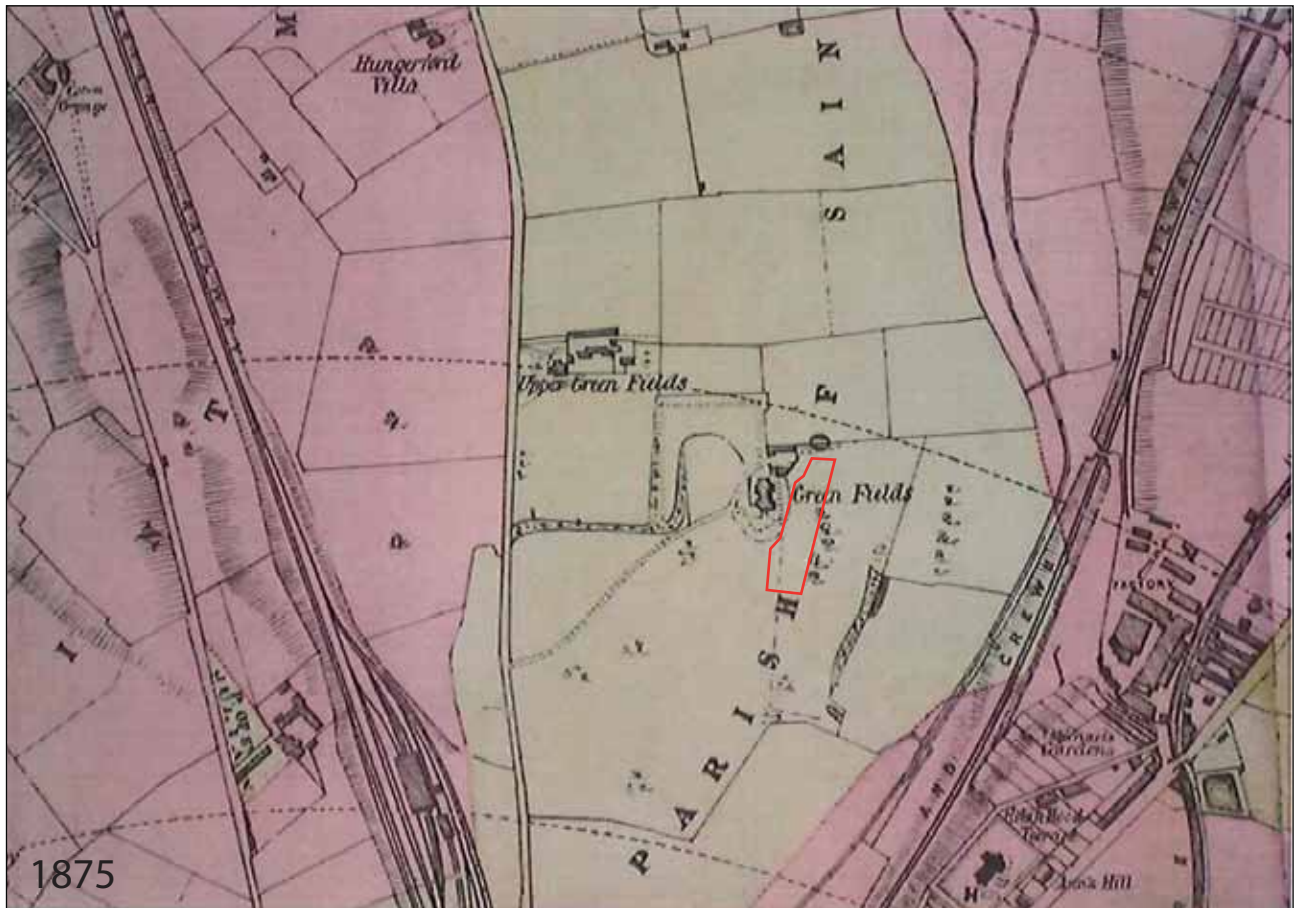


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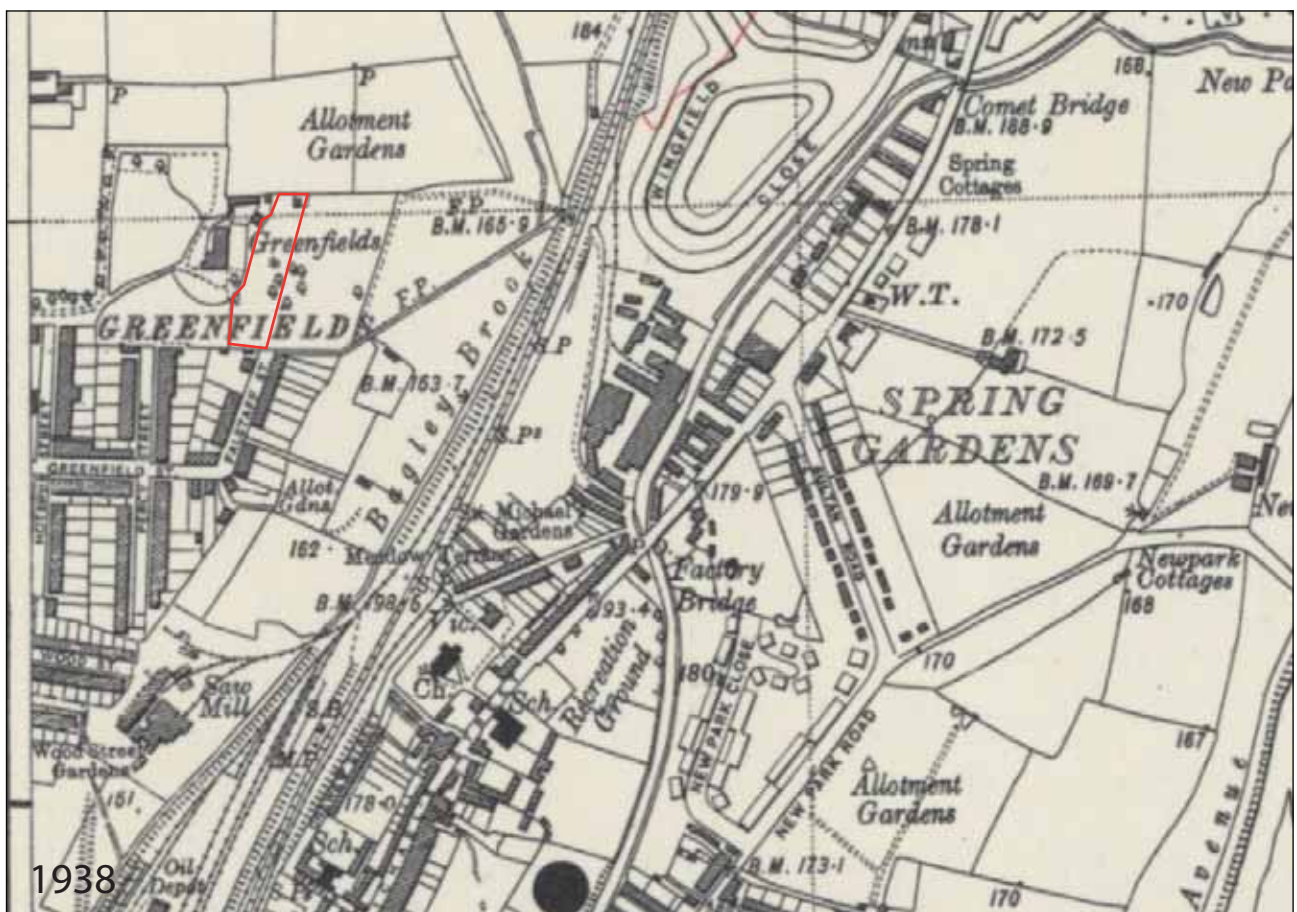












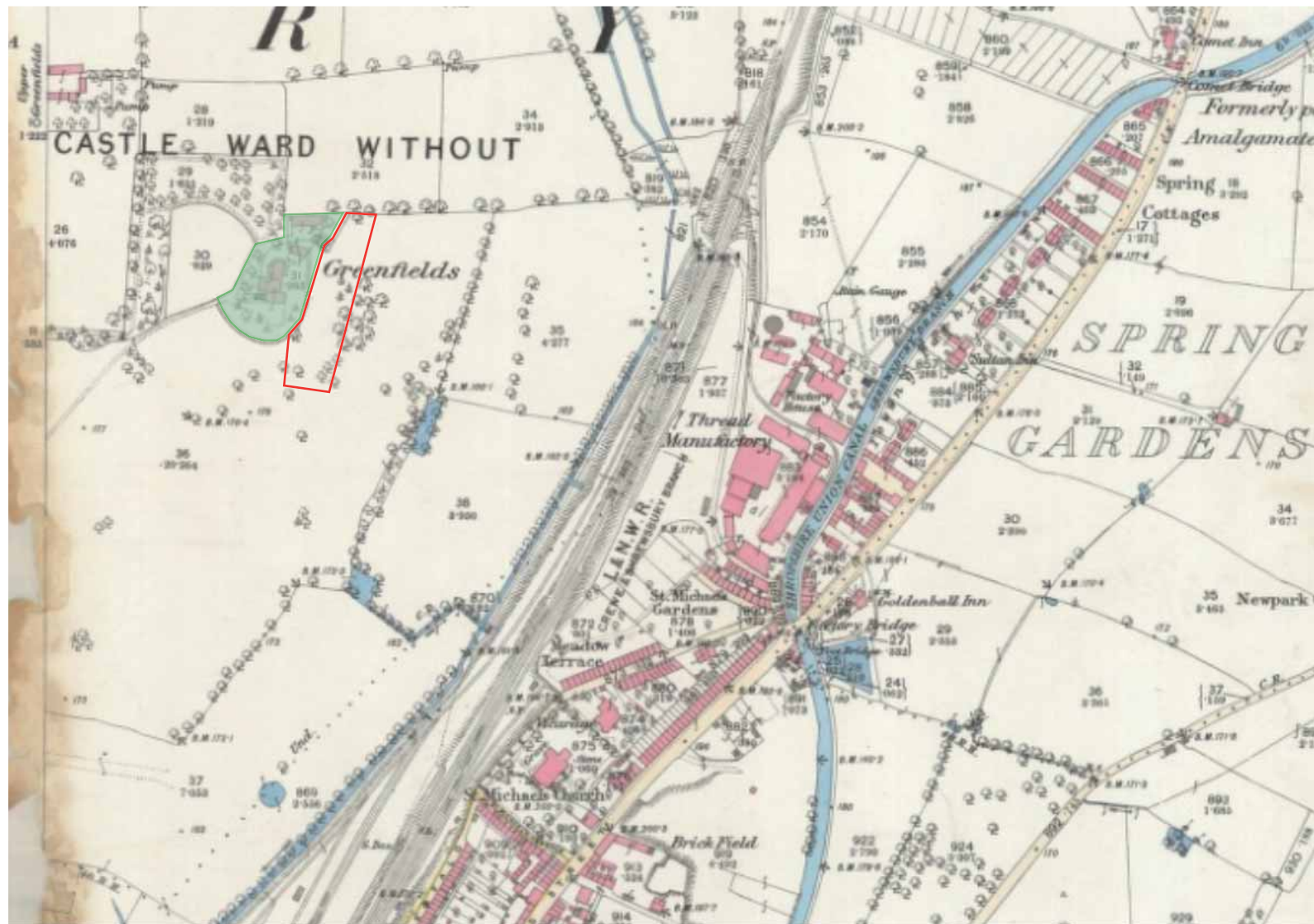




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- Location of Green Fields House (later Broom Hall)
- Site

Figure 9- Location of Green Fields / Broom Hall on 1882 25 inch OS Map





Site facing north



Site facing northwest





Site facing southwest

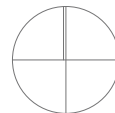


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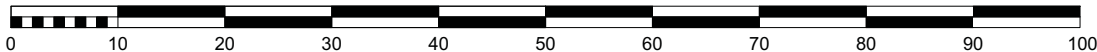
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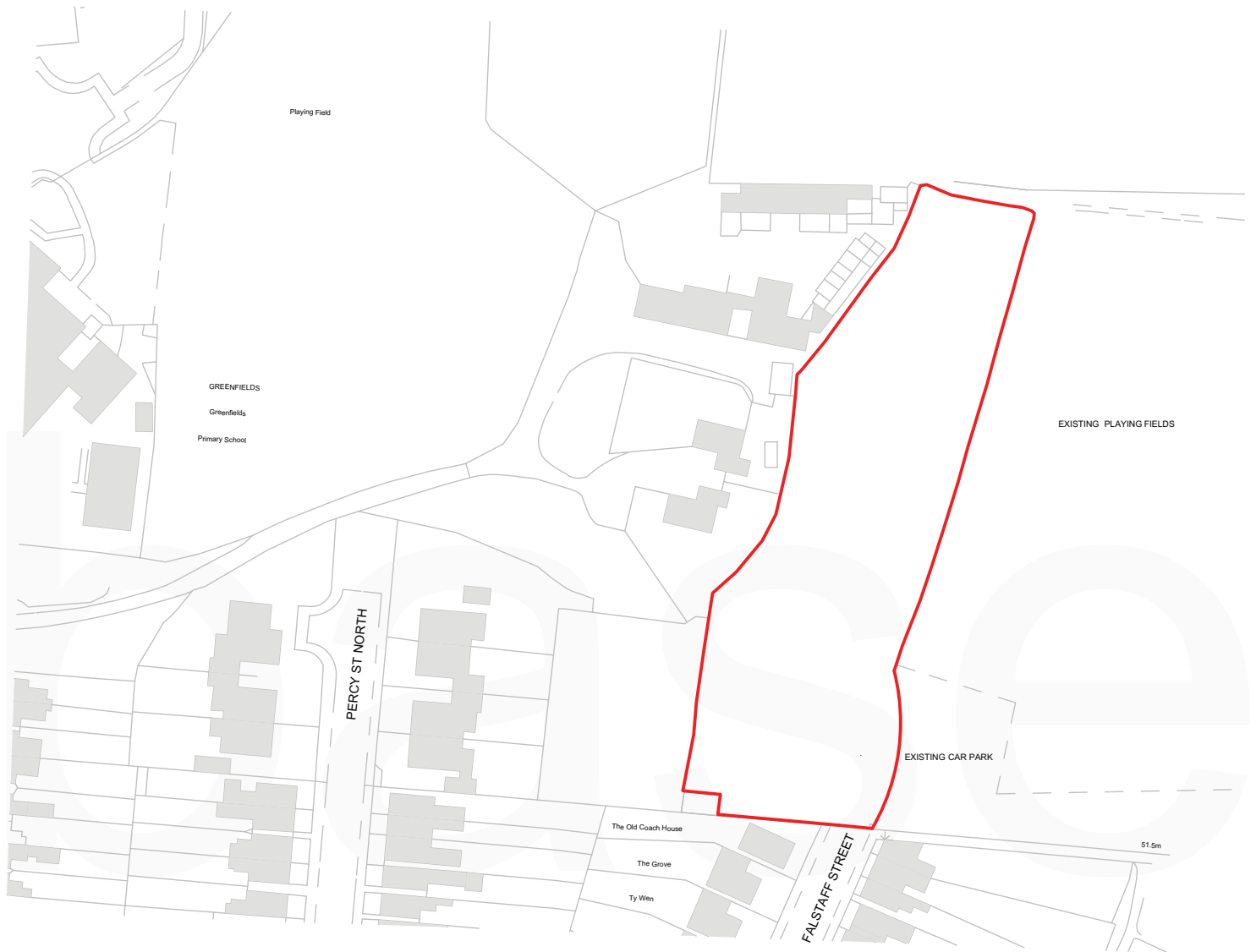
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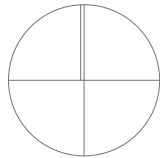


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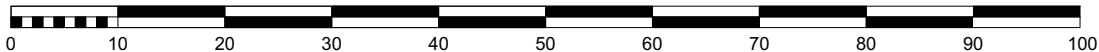
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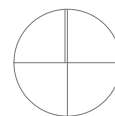


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## APPENDIX 2: Glossary of terms

### Archaeological periods and date ranges

Period	Date range
<b><i>Prehistoric</i></b>	
Paleolithic	500,000 BC – 10,000 BC
Mesolithic	10,000 BC – 4,000 BC
Neolithic	4,000 BC – 2,400 BC
Bronze Age	2,400 BC – 700 BC
Iron Age	700 BC – AD 43
<b><i>Historic</i></b>	
Roman	AD 43 – AD 410
Anglo-Saxon/ Early medieval	AD 410 – AD 1066
Medieval	AD 1066 – AD 1539
Post-medieval	AD 1540 – AD 1800
Modern	AD 1801 - present

### Statutory designations

#### ***Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM)***

'Scheduling' is the process through which nationally important sites and monuments are given legal protection. A schedule has been kept since 1882 of monuments whose preservation is given priority over other land uses. The current legislation, the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, supports a formal system of Scheduled Monument Consent (SMC, see below) for any work to a designated monument.

#### ***Conservation Area (CA)***

Conservation Areas are any areas of '*special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance*' and are designated by Local Authorities. There are now more than 8,000 conservation areas in England. Designation introduces a general control over the demolition of unlisted buildings and provides the basis for policies designed to preserve or enhance all the aspects of character or appearance that define an area's special interest.

#### ***Listed Building (LB)***

A 'Listed Building' is a structure that has been placed on the statutory lists of buildings of '*special architectural or historic interest*' compiled by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on advice from English Heritage. When a building is listed, it is listed in its entirety, which means that both the exterior and the interior are protected. In addition, any object or structure fixed to the building, and any object or structure within the curtilage of the building, which although not fixed to the building, forms part of the land and has done so since before 1 July 1948, are treated as part of the listed building.

#### ***Locally Listed Building (LLB)***

A Locally Listed Building is a building, structure or feature which, whilst not Statutorily listed by the Secretary of State, a local authority feels makes a significant contribution to the local environment and an important part of an area's heritage due to its architectural, archaeological significance or historical associations. Inclusion on a Local List does not give a building any statutory protection.

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**Registered Parks and Gardens**

The *Register of Parks and Gardens of special historic interest in England*, compiled and maintained by English Heritage, currently includes nearly 1450 sites, divided into three grade bands. The majority of the sites identified through the *Register* as being of a sufficiently high level of interest to merit a national designation, are designated Grade II. Around 30% of the 1450 are considered to be of exceptional historic interest and are awarded a star giving them Grade II\* status while a further 10% are of international importance, and are classified as Grade I.

**Historic Battlefields**

The English Heritage Register of Historic Battlefields identifies forty-three important English battlefields. Its purpose is to offer them protection and to promote a better understanding of their significance.

**Primary Record Number (PRN)**

The number given to a particular site by the Historic Environment Record.

**National Heritage list for England (NHLE)**

The number given to a particular site by the Historic Environment Record.

**Event Data Record (EDR)**

The number given to a particular site by the Historic Environment Record.

**The planning process****Scheduled Monument Consent (SMC)**

The Secretary of State must be informed about any work which might affect a monument above or below ground, and English Heritage gives advice to the Government on each application. In assessing each application the Secretary of State will try to ensure that damage done to protected sites is kept to a minimum. **Written consent must always be obtained before any work can begin.** Some development may also need planning permission.

**Listed Building Consent (LBC)**

Listed Building Consent (LBC) is required in order to carry out any works to a Listed Building which will affect its special value for listing purposes. This will almost certainly be necessary for any major works, but may also be necessary for minor alterations and possibly even repairs and maintenance. LBC may also be necessary for a change of use of the property. **It is a criminal offence to carry out work which needs listed building consent without obtaining it beforehand.**

**The archaeological process**

The principal stages for handling archaeology within the planning process, in line with the Government's *Planning Policy Guidance notes PPG 15 and PPG16* are:

- **Pre-determination:** desk-based assessment, archaeological evaluation:
- **Post-determination:** preservation *in situ*, preservation by record (excavation).

**Stages of archaeological work**

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***Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI)***

Any programme of archaeological work will normally be undertaken in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI), clearly stating the scope and extent of work, the aims and objectives, and the methodology to be employed during the course of work. The WSI will be prepared by the contracted archaeological organisation and approved in advance of work by the archaeological officer of the relevant LPA.

***Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment (DBA)***

An archaeological desk-based assessment (DBA) constitutes a first stage, non-invasive assessment of the archaeological potential of a site, undertaken in advance of any development. Research will normally comprise a search of all readily available documentary and archival sources pertaining to a site combined with an on-site 'walkover' survey to assess surviving archaeological remains/ built heritage of the area.

***Archaeological Evaluation***

An archaeological evaluation is a limited programme of intrusive or non-intrusive fieldwork undertaken to establish the extent of survival of archaeological deposits within a site and to determine the character, date, state of preservation and potential significance of any buried remains. An evaluation is often required prior to the determination of a planning application for development and will normally be undertaken subsequent to a desk-based assessment. A variety of techniques may be employed including geophysical survey, fieldwalking, trial trenching and test pitting. The results of evaluation will be used to establish the necessity for and determine the requirements of any further stage of archaeological work.

***Archaeological Excavation***

An archaeological excavation is a programme of controlled, intrusive fieldwork, normally undertaken by means of open area excavation, with the purpose of examining and recording archaeological deposits, features and structures identified by documentary research and/ or archaeological evaluation. Archaeological excavation will normally lead on to a programme of post-excavation analysis and publication.

***Archaeological Watching Brief***

An archaeological watching brief is a formal programme of observation and investigation conducted during any operation carried out for non-archaeological reasons within an area or site where there is a possibility of archaeological deposits being disturbed or destroyed. Groundworks will normally be undertaken by a principal contractor under the supervision of an attending archaeologist.

***Preservation in-situ***

Foundation design to avoid or minimise impact on archaeology may be sought. This might include locating buildings to avoid archaeology: display of remains: sympathetic location of piled foundations and piling techniques: raising floor or ground beam levels: the routing of services: management of ground water. Landscaping and planting may also be constrained. Monitoring over a number of years after completion may be needed to assess if the preservation techniques have been successful.

***Historic Building Recording (HBR)***

A Historic Building Record (HBR) is a programme of work intended to establish the character, history, dating, form and archaeological development of a specified building, structure or complex and its setting. A programme of historic building recording will often be required as a condition of planning consent/ listed building consent, to be taken in advance of (pre-determination) and/ or during building refurbishment/ alterations/ demolitions (post determination).

HBR can be undertaken to a range of different levels (Levels 1 – 4 as defined by English Heritage) dependent upon the significance of the building under consideration and the extent of the proposed works

### **APPENDIX 3: Historic Environment Record Data**

# Shropshire Council HER: Monument Full Report

01/09/2017

Number of records: 107

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
01467	Find Spot in 1936 of Saxon coin hoard at Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury	Find Spot

A hoard of about 200 coins discovered in 1936. The coins are of Edward the Elder (901-925) and a deposition date of c 920 is suggested.

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## Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Late Saxon - 901 AD to 925 AD)

Evidence	FIND
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## Description and Sources

### Description

A hoard of about 200 coins discovered in 1936 by workmen building a new garage for the Shrewsbury Industrial Co-operative Society. The coins were arranged in neat piles as though they had been closely stacked on a level bottom, about 1 yard below the surface, but the first blow of the pick shattered half of them to dust. Seven coins were passed to the Shrewsbury Museum, of which six now survive. The coins are of Edward the Elder (901-925) and a deposition date of c 920 AD is suggested <1>

### Sources

- (00) Card index: Site and Monuments Record (SMR) cards (SMR record cards) by Shropshire County Council SMR, SMR Card for PRN SA 01467. Location: SMR Card Drawers
- (01) Article in serial: Early Shrewsbury - An Archaeological definition in 1975 (Trans Shropshire Archaeol Hist Soc) by Carver Martin O H (1973/ 1974), p260-261. Location: ESA red (multiple) / SMR Library
- (01a) Newspaper article: Article in Shrewsbury Chronicle (Shrewsbury Chronicle) by Anon (1936-Feb-28). Location: not given

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## Location

### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 495 131 (136m by 200m) SJ41SE

### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
Ecclesiastical	St Mary, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
	Dispersed

### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

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## Designations, Statuses and Scorings

### Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Urban Archaeological Database - 60420	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 01467	Active

### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

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## Land Use

### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

### Other Land Classes - None recorded

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## Related Monuments - None Recorded

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## Associated Finds

FSA1191	COIN HOARD (Large quantity) (Late Saxon - 901 AD to 925 AD)	METAL
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## Associated Events/Activities

**HER Number** 01467

**Site Name** Find Spot in 1936 of Saxon coin hoard at Castle Foregate,  
Shrewsbury

ESA3922 1936 observation (Event - Intervention)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 01528 **Site Name** Chapel yard and postulated site of St Catharines Chapel, Coton Hill

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
01528	Chapel yard and postulated site of St Catharines Chapel, Coton Hill	Monument

The site of a medieval chapel.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

CHAPEL (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1540 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

First mentioned in 1480, when Thomas Pryde fined for not opening the hermitage of Saint Catherine at Coton. In 1484, among rents in decay is one pro capella de Coten Thome Mytton. Rent of 1d recorded for the chapel in 1521 and 1580, the latter charged to Richard Mitton, who in 1575-6 sold a barn in Coton, adjoining a pasture called the Chappel Yard on the west and the Queen's highway on the east. A 1658 rental mentions a Chapel yeard atte Coton Hill. In 1825 it was noted that a Mr Mytton had recently sold a piece of land called the Chapel Yard. Name of Chapel Yard confirmed on the Tithe Apportionment of 1850, where it is described as pasture. The Coton Crescent-Berwick Rd development began c 1895 and is shown as nearly finished on the 1902 OS map. The tollgate at Coton Hill was probably erected 1758 but it is not known if a toll gate house was also erected <2>

Chapel yard is shown on the 1850 tithe map. The SMR mapping shows the extent of Chapel Yard as well as the postulated site of the chapel itself. In the mid 19th century the Chapel Yard was virtually without buildings, but it is possible that the road frontage was built up at an earlier date <3>

#### **Sources**

- (00) Card index: Site and Monuments Record (SMR) cards (SMR record cards) by Shropshire County Council SMR, SMR Card for PRN SA 01528. Location: SMR Card Drawers
- (01) Card index: Ordnance Survey Record Card SJ41SE4 (Ordnance Survey record cards) by Ordnance Survey (1960). Location: SMR OSRC Card Drawers
- (02) Deskbased survey report: Summary of Documentary Research by Teare M (1986). Location: SMR
- (03) SMR comment: Comments by SMR compiler in SMR database by Gathercole E Clare (1999/ 2002), 30/07/2004. Location: SMR database

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4921 1346 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

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### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations**

Conservation Area	Shrewsbury	Active	DSA8826
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#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Urban Archaeological Database - 62664	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 01528	Active

### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**HER Number** 01528

**Site Name** Chapel yard and postulated site of St Catharines Chapel,  
Coton Hill

***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA2077 1960 field observation by the Ordnance Survey (Event - Survey)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 01529**Site Name** Myttons Mansion

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
01529	Myttons Mansion	Monument

The site of a probable 16th century house.

**Monument Types and Dates**

HOUSE (16th century - 1550 AD?)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

**Description and Sources****Description**

Nos 20, 21 and 22, Coton Hill [SMR PRN 10216], are thought to be originally the barn of Mytton's Mansion, which formerly covered a considerable part of the adjoining land. Mytton's mansion was built by Thomas or William Mytton in about 1550 soon after the family moved from Vaughan's Mansion (SA 10576). It probably faced the river <1a>

Nothing was visible. The land behind the supposed barn is occupied by a house of C19 or C20 date and its garden. W Horton FI 1991 <2>

**Sources**

- (00) Card index: Site and Monuments Record (SMR) cards (SMR record cards) by Shropshire County Council SMR, SMR Card for PRN SA 01529. Location: SMR Card Drawers
- (01) Card index: Ordnance Survey Record Card SJ41SE6 (Ordnance Survey record cards) by Ordnance Survey (1960). Location: SMR OSRC Card Drawers
- (01a) Monograph: Old Houses of Shrewsbury by Forrest H E (1935), p91. Location: not given
- (01b) Monograph: Buildings of England (Shropshire) (Buildings of England) by Pevsner Nikolaus (1958), p288. Location: Library SH\_HS Pe
- (02) Field recording form: Site Visit Form, 11/10/1991 (SMR site visit form) by Horton Wendy B (1991-Oct-11). Location: SMR

**Location****National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4918 1337 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded****Designations, Statuses and Scorings****Associated Legal Designations**

Conservation Area	Shrewsbury	Active	DSA8826
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**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Urban Archaeological Database - 62665	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 01529	Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded****Land Use****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded****Other Land Classes - None recorded****Related Monuments**

10216	Nos 19-22 (Consecutive), COTON HILL, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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**Finds - None recorded**

**HER Number** 01529

**Site Name** Myttons Mansion

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA2078 1991 field observation by Shropshire County Council (Event - Survey)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
01530	Benbow House (St Mary's Vicarage), Coton Hill	Monument

The site of: a motor vehicle showroom of 20th century date, a vicarage of 19th to 20th century date, a house of 17th to 19th century date.

### Monument Types and Dates

HOUSE (17th century to Late 19th century - 1600 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

VICARAGE (Mid 19th century to Early 20th century (pre-war) - 1867 AD to 1906 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

MOTOR VEHICLE SHOWROOM (Early 20th century (pre-war) to 21st century - 1906 AD to 2004 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Benbow House, now St Mary's Vicarage, Coton Hill, an early C17 black and white mansion, much altered and added to, is interesting in that it was the birthplace c1635 of Admiral John Benbow [<1a>]. The house is now used as a motor car showroom and offices and the ground floor has been completely modernised. The upper storey is as illustrated by Forrest. No trace of the C17 building was found. No C17th fabric found during the conversion. OS FI 1960 <1>

Benbow House depicted on John Wood's 1838 map <2>

A report of a discovery in 1881 describes 'a curved segment of wall built of Grinshill stone, and at present measuring about 12 feet by 7 feet' at the east end of this building. The author speculated that it was part of an 'outwork' defending Bagley Bridge (PRN 62663) to the south. <3>

In 2004 an assessment was carried out of the Furrows Garage site within which Benbow House sits. The report argues that the nature of the association with Admiral John Benbow (1635-1701), as well as the date at which the house was constructed, is unclear. Benbow was the son of a Coton Hill tanner called William Benbow (and nephew of John Benbow, a renowned Royalist executed for his part in the Battle of Worcester). Since his father was a tanner, it may be more likely that Benbow bought or built the house on the proceeds of a successful career in the navy than that he was born there. Moreover, only one visit to Shrewsbury by Benbow (in 1698) is recorded; the house is not specifically mentioned in his will, and the house's interest in relation to its link with the admiral is minor. ->

-> A map regression shows that the earliest accurate map depicting a building known to be Benbow House dates to 1838 (Woods map of Shrewsbury [<2>]), though the somewhat earlier (1746) map by Rocque [<5>] shows buildings in the area which might represent Benbow House. On Woods map, the house is shown as square in plan, with a small outbuilding to the east, and this probably represents the original 17th century structure. A sales plan of 1869 shows that by that date a western wing had been added to the house and a larger range of outbuildings constructed to the east. It also indicates the position of a cellar in the older part of the house. By 1881, an eastern wing had been added, which is shown in a photograph of 1890 [reproduced in report]. The 1890 photograph shows that the house had by this date acquired its timber-framed facades. The house is not marked as a vicarage until the 2nd edition OS map, suggesting it only served this function from the latter part of the 19th century. According to the 1927 OS map, the east wing had been demolished by that date. Photographic evidence shows that the site was in use as a garage by 1965. ->

-> Visual inspection of the main car showroom and offices has shown that the core of the building is likely to relate to Benbow House. Whilst the conversion of the car showroom on the ground floor has cleared the majority, if not all, of the original and 19th century building fabric, the documented cellar has probably simply been infilled and may well survive. Use of the first floor as offices means that little of the building fabric was visible during the inspection, and that which could be seen appears to have been part of a 19th century restoration. However, that restoration is thought to have been quite superficial, and it is not known what survives behind the 20th century plasterboarding. However, inspection of the attic rooms and the north external elevation of the building has revealed the much altered remains of a building predating the 19th century renovations which may relate to the 17th century house. This consists of external brickwork evident on the first floor of the north elevation which is consistent with brickwork of the 17th or 18th century, together with roof timbers which clearly predate the 19th century. [A more detailed account of the building assessment is given in the report] <4>

The 1869 sales plan reproduced in [<4>] also shows pleasure grounds directly south of the house and a large kitchen garden in the eastern part of the plot. It also shows curved walls apparently associated with the pleasure grounds - are these relevant to the discoveries mentioned in [<3>]? The 1881 OS 1st edition and 1882 town plan (also reproduced in [<4>]) show that the new wing extended as far as the 1869 outbuildings, linking the two earlier ranges. The same arrangement of gardens is shown, but these extend further to the north and additional outbuildings (some of which are glasshouses) are indicated. The report [<4>] appears to be incorrect in accepting that the east wing was demolished by 1927, as it appears

still to stand. As for the origin of the garage, Furrows' own website [<8>] states that the site first became a garage in 1906, and shows a photograph of the garage which predates any of those in [<4>]. <7>

Until recently the head office of Furrows was Benbow House, the original home of Admiral John Benbow born 1653, one of our country's greatest seafarers, whose name was immortalised in the book *Treasure Island*. The house later became the vicarage of St Mary's Church, until 1906, when it was sold and first became a garage. The new owner, Mr M Davies, called his premises The New Shrewsbury Garage, and it was originally an agent for Swift, Sunbeam, Studebaker, Briton and Arrol Johnson cars. In 1918, Mr Cyril Harrison Watson acquired the premises and was granted the Ford franchise. A major part of the garage business was also the selling of tractors, hence the change of name (by Mr Davies) to Furrows (as in ploughing). <8>

Site now redeveloped. <9>

### Sources

- (00) Card index: Site and Monuments Record (SMR) cards (SMR record cards) by Shropshire County Council SMR, SMR Card for PRN SA 01530. Location: SMR Card Drawers
- (01) Card index: Ordnance Survey Record Card SJ41SE9 (Ordnance Survey record cards) by Ordnance Survey (1960). Location: SMR OSRC Card Drawers
- (01a) Monograph: Old Houses of Shrewsbury by Forrest H E (1935), p91 illus. Location: not given
- (02) Map: Wood's Map of Shrewsbury by Wood J (1838). Location: Shropshire Archives  
Shropshire Records & Research Centre Ref 3536/1
- (03) Article in serial: Ancient Masonry in Shrewsbury (Caradoc News Cuttings) by Heath J W (1911-Apr-07). Location: not given
- (04) Field survey report: Furrows Garage, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: report on an archaeological desk-based assessment and building assessment (Marches Archaeology Series) by Fielding S (2004). Location: ESA white
- (05) Map: Rocque's Plan of Shrewsbury by Rocque J (1746). Location: not given
- (06) Map: Speed's Plan of Shrewsbury by Speed J (1610). Location: Digital SSA
- (07) SMR comment: Comments by SMR compiler in SMR database by Gathercole E Clare (1999/ 2002), 25/11/2004. Location: SMR database
- (08) Webpage: Furrows History (<http://www.furrows.co.uk/history>) by Anon. Location: SMR DRF for PRN 01530
- (09) Geospatial data: Ordnance Survey Mastermap Digital Base Map for Shropshire (Colour) by Ordnance Survey (2015). Location: Corporate GIS

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4926 1321 (10m by 10m)

SJ41SE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
Ecclesiastical	St Mary, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
	Point

#### Address/Historic Names

UAD Address: Furrows Garage, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Legal Designations

Conservation Area	Shrewsbury	Active	DSA8826
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#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Urban Archaeological Database - 62666	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 01530	Active

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

### Land Use



**HER Number** 01530

**Site Name** Benbow House (St Mary's Vicarage), Coton Hill

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**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA5872 2004 Assessment of Furrows Garage site, Shrewsbury by Marches Archaeology (Event - Survey.  
Ref: Marches CSS04A)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 01535**Site Name** Barge Gutter, Coton

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
01535	Barge Gutter, Coton	Monument

This site represents: a canal of medieval date, a water channel of medieval date.

**Monument Types and Dates**

CANAL (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1540 AD)

Evidence EARTHWORK

WATER CHANNEL (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1540 AD)

Evidence EARTHWORK

**Description and Sources****Description**

Where the river takes a sharp bend and the ford is very shallow and the stream strong, a channel has been cut, known as the Barge Gutter. The date of the cutting is not known, but the channel is marked on the Burghley map and on a map picture showing a barge in full sail going down on its voyage to Shrewsbury <1a>

In 1531 there is mention of a weir at Flash and of the barge gutter. In 1575 the weir is not referred to and Coton is now Coton Hill. (i.e. not an island). The barge gutter was probably cut to avoid the weir <1b>

The gutter has an average width of 10m. it is 2m deep at the south bank and 0.7m deep at the north bank. Its dimensions, and its angles of junction with River Severn preclude the possibility that it is a former course of that river. OS FI 1960 <1>

See also record for fish weir (PRN 02956). <2>

Continued to function into the 19th century - shown on Bowen's prospect of Shrewsbury. <3>

**Sources**

- (00) Card index: Site and Monuments Record (SMR) cards (SMR record cards) by Shropshire County Council SMR, SMR Card for PRN SA 01535. Location: SMR Card Drawers
- (01) Card index: Ordnance Survey Record Card SJ41SE5 (Ordnance Survey record cards) by Ordnance Survey (1960). Location: SMR OSRC Card Drawers
- (01a) Article in serial: Article in the Transactions of the Caradoc and Severn Valley Field Club (Trans Caradoc Severn Valley Fld Club) by Franklin J (1927/ 1930), p154. Location: not given
- (01b) Article in serial: Article in the Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological and Historical Society (Trans Shropshire Archaeol Hist Soc) by James R E (1949/ 1950), p245-246. Location: not given
- (02) SMR comment: Comments by HER compiler in HER database by Carey Giles (2014 onwards), 06/07/2016. Location: HER database
- (03) Article in monograph: Fish weirs on the River Severn with particular reference to Shropshire (Medieval Fish, Fisheries and Fishponds in England) by Pannett David J (1988), p.381; Fig 3. Location: SMR Sources

International Standard Book Number 0860545091

**Location****National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4905 1327 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Ecclesiastical St Chad, Shrewsbury, Shropshire Area

**Address/Historic Names**

UAD Address: River Severn, west bank, opposite Coton Hill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings****Associated Legal Designations**

Conservation Area	Shrewsbury	Active	DSA8826
SHINE	Earthwork remains of a water channel of medieval date known as Barge Gutter	Active	DSA10397

**HER Number** 01535

**Site Name** Barge Gutter, Coton

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**Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 01535

Active

Urban Archaeological Database - 62620

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

02956

Coton Hill fishweir

Contemporary Complex\*  
(P/C)

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

ESA2083 1960 field observation by the Ordnance Survey (Event - Survey)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**HER Number** 01579 **Site Name** Find Spot in c 1934-7 of Flint implements at Greenfields Allotments, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
01579	Find Spot in c 1934-7 of Flint implements at Greenfields Allotments, Shrewsbury	Monument

Worked flint and unworked flints found c 1934-7 by the Rev Lawson in the topsoil of an allotment in the second field N of Falstaff Street, Shrewsbury.

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

FLINT SCATTER (Upper Palaeolithic to Late Iron Age - 40000 BC to 43 AD)

Evidence	FIND
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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

A brown worked flint was found c 1934-7 by the Rev Lawson in the topsoil of an allotment in the second field N of Falstaff St. The implement is a stout core, plano-convex, L46mm, W37mm, th29mm,; the tip shows what could be recent striation. Prof Shotton called it a core-chisel. Poss Neolithic <1a>

Worked flint at SJ 4957 1407; unworked flints at SJ 4958 1410 <1b>

Present location of both worked and unworked flints unknown. OS FI 1960 <1>

#### **Sources**

- (00) Card index: Site and Monuments Record (SMR) cards (SMR record cards) by Shropshire County Council SMR, SMR Card for PRN SA 01579. Location: SMR Card Drawers
- (01) Card index: Ordnance Survey Record Card SJ41SE13 (Ordnance Survey record cards) by Ordnance Survey (1960). Location: SMR OSRC Card Drawers
- (01a) Article in serial: Prehistoric and Other Early Finds in the Borough of Shrewsbury (Trans Shropshire Archaeol Hist Soc) by Chitty Lily F (1951/ 1953), p113-115 (with illus). Location: not given
- (01b) Map annotation: Map annotation by OS Correspondent by Hobbs J L (1950). Location: NMR?

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4957 1408 (10m by 29m)	SJ41SE
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#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
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Dispersed

#### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 01579	Active
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#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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### **Related Monuments**

02766	Cropmarks of a rectangular enclosure c 510m N of Greenfields	PRN reuse/ Other data issue* (P/P)
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### **Associated Finds**

**HER Number** 01579                      **Site Name** Find Spot in c 1934-7 of Flint implements at Greenfields Allotments, Shrewsbury

FSA47        FLAKE (Small quantity) (Upper Palaeolithic to Late Iron Age - 40000 BC to 43 AD) FLINT

FSA1193    CORE (1) (Early Neolithic to Late Neolithic - 4000 BC? to 2351 BC?) FLINT

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA2123        1960 field observation by the Ordnance Survey (Event - Survey)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 01582                      **Site Name** Find Spot in 1946 of stone axe at Falstaff Street,  
Greenfields, Shrewsbury

<b>HER Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record Type</b>
01582	Find Spot in 1946 of stone axe at Falstaff Street, Greenfields, Shrewsbury	Find Spot

Conical butted stone axe found 6-7ft down in marl during pipelaying in Falstaff Street on Oct 28th 1946.

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### ***Monument Types and Dates***

FINDSPOT (Early Neolithic to Late Neolithic - 4000 BC to 2351 BC)

Evidence                      FIND

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### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Conical butted stone axe found 6-7ft down in marl during pipelaying in Falstaff St on Oct 28th 1946. The axe is of hard bluish -grey stone, Group I, originally ground, but now pitted and friable, except for the tapering butt end where a smooth grey surface survives..Presented to Shrewsbury Museum <1a>

Sides, one straight, the other slightly more convex. length 142mm x width (edge) 57mm x thickness 36mm x wt 13oz. Sh 3/c <2>

#### **Sources**

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### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4955 1388 (10m by 10m)                      SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish                      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
  
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### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Urban Archaeological Database - 60422	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 01582	Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### ***Land Use***

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**HER Number** 01582

**Site Name** Find Spot in 1946 of stone axe at Falstaff Street,  
Greenfields, Shrewsbury

***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Associated Finds***

FSA731	AXE (WEAPON) (1) (Early Neolithic to Late Neolithic - 4000 BC to 2351 BC)	STONE
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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA3924	1946 observation (Event - Intervention)
ESA2128	1960 field observation by the Ordnance Survey (Event - Survey)
ESA2129	1960 field observation by the Ordnance Survey (Event - Survey)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 01583 **Site Name** Find Spot before 1892 of a perforated whetstone at Shrewsbury Gas Works

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
01583	Find Spot before 1892 of a perforated whetstone at Shrewsbury Gas Works	Find Spot

A perforated whetstone was found near the Shrewsbury Gas works before 1892. It may be prehistoric, medieval or or late 19th in date.

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

FINDSPOT (Late Prehistoric - 4000 BC? to 43 AD?)

Evidence FIND

FINDSPOT (Early 19th century to Early 20th century (pre-war) - 1800 AD? to 1913 AD?)

Evidence FIND

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

A perforated whetstone, found near the Shrewsbury Gas works.(before 1892) <1a>

Listed under Prehistoric Implements by the VCH in 1908 <1b>

Now in Shrewsbury Museum. It is of Welsh siltstone, ground and polished, 2.25 ins long, rectangular in section, with parallel sides; at one end is a small perforation, countersunk but almost cylindrical . The opposite end is flattened and nearly square (9 by 11mm) with the angles just bevelled off. Its date is suggested as medieval by G C Dunning <1c>

The museum lists the whetstone as probably late C19 <1>

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4975 1343 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
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### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 01583 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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### **Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**HER Number** 01583

**Site Name** Find Spot before 1892 of a perforated whetstone at Shrewsbury Gas Works

***Associated Finds***

FSA1194	WHETSTONE (1) (Lower Palaeolithic to Early 20th century (pre-war) - 500000 BC to 1900 AD)	SILTSTONE
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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA3925	1899 observation (Event - Survey)
ESA2130	1960 field observation by the Ordnance Survey (Event - Survey)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 02619

**Site Name** Find in c 1956 of socketed axe from Greenfields, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
02619	Find in c 1956 of socketed axe from Greenfields, Shrewsbury	Find Spot

Late Bronze Age socketed axe found about 1956 on one of the allotments at Greenfields.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

FINDSPOT (Late Bronze Age - 1200 BC to 700 BC)

Evidence FIND

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Four ribbed socketed axe (LBA) found about 1956 on one of the allotments at Greenfields, in river gravel. Socket contains wood which the finder had attempted to burn out. Hoped that a Carbon 14 date would be obtainable from the remaining wood. Not an Irish type as stated in the SNL report. <1><2>

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### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 497 141 (100m by 100m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Point

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 02619 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

### ***Associated Finds***

FSA1403 SOCKETED AXEHEAD (1) (Late Bronze Age - 1200 BC to 700 BC) BRONZE

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**



HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
02956	Coton Hill fishweir	Monument

This site represents: a fish weir of medieval to post medieval date.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

FISH WEIR (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1901 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Shrewsbury's town fish weir at Coton Hill had decayed by the C16. The barge gutter (PRN 01535) continued to function into the C19 <1>

North side with well known barge gutter around very large bylet, taking traffic until C19, but now silted at upper end. Common weir of town 1531, not mentioned 1575; petition to repair 1617-18 <2a>; Burghley map 1575 and Shrewsbury St Mary Tithe Map show small bylet in main river which has since been destroyed although shoals remain <2>

Mentioned in gazetteer. No further information given. <3>

Evaluated for MPP in 1990-1, High score as one of 23 River Fisheries. <4>

Shown on Bowen's prospect of Shrewsbury in the 18th century (reproduced). Last recorded in 1531. <5>

#### **Sources**

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International Standard Book Number 0860545091

#### **Location**

##### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 491 134 (100m by 100m) SJ41SE

##### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

#### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations**

Conservation Area	Shrewsbury	Active	DSA8826
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#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 02956	Active
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#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**HER Number** 02956

**Site Name** Coton Hill fishweir

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments***

01535	Barge Gutter, Coton	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
03410	Shrewsbury Canal	Monument

The 17 mile route of the canal was surveyed in 1792 and an Act of Parliament obtained in 1793. Josiah Clowes was originally appointed as engineer, but when Clowes died in 1795 he was replaced by Thomas Telford. Completed in 1797, it operated until 1922.

### Monument Types and Dates

CANAL (Late 18th century to 20th century (inter-war) - 1797 AD to 1922 AD)

Evidence	DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
Evidence	EARTHWORK
Evidence	STRUCTURE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Canal surveyed 1792..Act obtained 1793..promoters mainly locals..Canal ran from Shrewsbury, where it had no connection with the river, for 17 miles by way of Wappenshall and Trench to join Wombridge Canal (PRN 03406)..Intended for tub boats carrying 8 tons..Josiah Clowes was engineer under William Reynolds, who dies 1795 and was replaced by Thomas Telford. Opened 1797...Eleven locks..In the early 1830s the two Eyton locks were converted to 7ft 4in wide together with the bridge openings on Wappenshall/ Shrewsbury section to take standard narrow boats-as on Newport Branch (PRN 03412). Locks and bridges between Wappenshall and trench were not altered and special boats only 6ft 4ins wide were used on this section . ->

-> Connection with Newport Branch of the B & LJ Canal (PRN 03412) at Wappenshall opened 1835. became part of S.U.R. & CC 1846; in turn leased by LNWR 1847. Basin at Shrewsbury abandoned 1922. On 31 August 1921 Trench inclined plane had ceased operations, the canal above becoming disused and finally abandoned in 1931. A further section from the old basin entrance Shrewsbury to Comet Bridge (SJ 5012 1410) was abandoned in 1939. No traffic had passed to town since 1936 although some trade to Longdon until 1939. Finally abandoned 1944. (LMS Act) <1>

In 1978 and 1979 A & B Tyler took colour slides (subsequently numbered Tn) of various features along this canal. From W to E these included:- (T88) the Navigation Inn (aka Canal Tavern), Shrewsbury (SJ4967 1323), (T89) Pimley Bridge at SJ5210 1435, (T90) a culvert at SJ5248 1440, (T91 & T92 & T93) the Uffington Mill Pond overflow at SJ5276 1408, (T94) Brick Kiln Bridge at SJ5304 1392, (T4) the canal at SJ532 111, (T7) the canal at Berwick Wharf (SJ544 109), (T100) a bridge at Withington at SJ5754 1288, (T61) a tunnel under the canal embankment at Rodington (SJ58 14), (T99) the site of a lifting bridge at SJ5924 1420, (T60) Long lane bridge at SJ6365 1555 and (T59) buildings adjoining the canal near Eyton Lock at SJ6528 1502 <4>

The Shropshire Union Canal operated from 1796 to 1922. It was built to provide an easier route for the shipment of coal and iron from Donnington Wood to Shrewsbury, and to join the existing canal system from Coalport. Joseph Clowes was the Chief Engineer for the canal from the passing of the enabling canal act in 1793 until his death in 1795, after which he was replaced by Thomas Telford. The canal was completed in 1796.->

-> There were originally seven guillotine locks between Wappenshall Junction and Whittingham Bridge, most notably Hadley Park Lock [PRN 16952], Turnip Lock [PRN 16952] and Britton Lock [PRN 08669], Peaty Lock [PRN 08671] and Shucks Lock [PRN 08670]. Special narrow tub boats called 'Shroppies' were used on the Shrewsbury to Trench section. By the mid 1840s, Wappenshall junction was a complete canal associated community with a complex of both industrial and domestic buildings. In the 1850s, the construction of the Shrewsbury to Stafford railway severely affected trade on the canal and by 1870, the public house had closed. The canal remained open for transport until 1922 and was formerly abandoned in 1944. The North Telford Interceptor Drain has taken over the line of the canal from Britton Lock to Wappenshall Junction as its route. The North Telford Interceptor Drain also runs west from the Wappenshall junction towards Newport. <8>

A watching brief was carried out in 2000 on the excavation of a trench for a water pipe and an associated sand trap where it crossed the line of a the former Shrewsbury Canal at Uffington, Shropshire. Although the bed of the canal was seen, it had been much disturbed by the late 20th century activity at this point. The pipe trench also crossed the line of a post medieval (and possible medieval) mill leat which ran parallel to the canal. The remains of 20th century gravel extraction plant was also encountered. <9>

In the later part of the 18th century, the high price of coal in Shrewsbury (most of which was hauled by road from the east Shropshire coalfield), and the success of canals elsewhere in the region, led to proposals for a canal to be built between Shrewsbury and the east Shropshire coalfield. The promoters of the new canal included the Marquess of Stafford, Lord Berwick of Attingham Park, John Charlton of Apley Castle, and John Corbet of Sundorne Castle, and local ironmasters Richard and William Reynolds and John Wilkinson. The 17 mile route of the canal was surveyed in 1792 by George Young of Worcester and an Act of Parliament obtained in 1793. Josiah Clowes was originally appointed as engineer, under William Reynolds. However, Clowes died in 1795 and was replaced by Thomas Telford, who had recently been appointed part-time Surveyor of Public Works for Shropshire. <11>

The canal was built at the same time as Ditherington Flaxmill, and was opened in 1797. It would have been used to transport fuel for the mill boilers, and would have provided a ready supply of cold water for steam-condensing plant. The canal was not connected to the national canal system until 1835, so would not have been used for the transportation of flax to the mill or the distribution finished products until after this date. The canal was closed in 1944, and was backfilled subsequently to allow for redevelopment. <12> <13>

During a 2010 archaeological evaluation at Ditherington Flax Mill, Trench 1 situated across the canal, revealed an asymmetric profile, with a steep western side contrasting with a gradually sloping eastern side. The depth of the canal, from the top of the coping stones to the flattened base of the canal, was approximately 1.3m. The canal had clearly become gradually silted, to a maximum depth of 0.8m, and, although this process had occurred naturally, these silts are very likely to have included residues of industrial and domestic waste that had washed into the canal as a result of run-off from the surrounding area. There was also evidence of purposeful deposition within this layer, with detritus, such as broken pottery and beer bottles, representing the casual disposal of waste into the canal. The only archaeological indications of a tow path on the east side consisted of a levelling deposit of crushed sandstone, over which the canal side coping stones had been laid. This deposit was 0.53m wider than the coping stones and was, therefore, visible as a linear strip that ran contiguously to the canal edge. The crushed sandstone sat approximately 0.24m lower than the upper surface of the coping stones and a conspicuous layer of brick rubble that directly overlay the deposit might represent back-filling following the removal of a surface, such as flagstones. <14>

A management plan was prepared in 2000, outlining the optimum management of the Old Shrewsbury Canal Site, between SJ 501141 (west) and SJ 529140 (east), over the next 5 years. Contains a very brief mention of cultural heritage, although its focus is on the Natural Environment. <15>

Parts of the canal were photographed during aerial photographic survey in 2009-2013. <16><17><18><19>

The line of the canal was cut in three places by the line of the new A5 bypass; at SJ 530 122, Preston Farm and at SJ 517 118, Upton Forge, Upton Magna, the old canal was simply filled with hardcore. At SJ 523 144, Pimley Manor, Shrewsbury, the roadworks involved the partial demolition and burying of a brick aqueduct which formerly carried the canal over a stream. <20>

A watching brief was undertaken in 2016 to the immediate N of the line of the canal adjacent to Uffington Bridge (centred on SJ 52830 14064). Whilst the cut of the canal bed was not revealed during the groundworks as it lies further to the south, beyond the limit of excavation, frequent building debris, farmyard waste and domestic rubbish was encountered in the topsoil and subsoil, predominately concentrated along the southern and eastern edge of the site, correlating with the canal alignment. These inclusions are interpreted as evidence of 20th -century in-filling of the disused canal, together with localised dumping of material. <23>

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 5915 1328 (19299m by 4805m) SJ51SE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	Atcham, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
Civil Parish	Eyton upon the Weald Moors, Telford and Wrekin
Civil Parish	Hadley & Leegomery, Telford and Wrekin
Civil Parish	Preston upon the Weald Moors, Telford and Wrekin
Civil Parish	Rodington, Telford and Wrekin
Civil Parish	Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
Civil Parish	Uffington, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire



Civil Parish Upton Magna, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
 Civil Parish Withington, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
 Civil Parish (historic) Longdon upon Tern, Wrekin, Shropshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded****Designations, Statuses and Scorings****Associated Legal Designations**

SHINE	Above ground remains, and possible associated structural remains, of a section of the disused Shrewsbury Canal at Longdon upon Tern	Active	DSA11926
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**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 03410	Active
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**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded****Land Use****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded****Other Land Classes - None recorded****Related Monuments**

20155	Canal Tavern Public House and attached outbuilding range, New Park Road, Shrewsbury	Functional Association (P/C)
01105	Canal aqueduct over River Tern (Longdon Aqueduct)	General X-Ref*
01107	Wappenshall Canal Bridge, Shropshire Union Canal	General X-Ref*
03404	Trench Inclined Plane	General X-Ref*
03406	Wombridge Canal	General X-Ref*
03411	Birmingham and Liverpool Junction Canal (Shropshire Union Canal)	General X-Ref*
03412	Newport Branch of Birmingham and Liverpool Junction Canal	General X-Ref*
03416	Berwick Tunnel. SHROPSHIRE UNION CANAL (Shrewsbury Branch) including NW and SE entrances	General X-Ref*
03465	Site of Rodington [Canal] Aqueduct	General X-Ref*
03824	Linear earthwork, possibly a canal, in Attingham Park	General X-Ref*
06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury	General X-Ref*
06735	St Michaels Street Gas Works, Shrewsbury	Functional Association (P/P)
06754	Corn Mill on the Shrewsbury Canal Terminus Wharf	General X-Ref*
06755	Castle Mills Corn mill, later the Castle Maltings, Shrewsbury	General X-Ref*
06781	Brick and Tile Works c.180m N of The Manse	General X-Ref*
07204	Wire Drawing Works, Trench	General X-Ref*
07205	Trench Pool, Trench	General X-Ref*
07275	Chemical Works, Trench	General X-Ref*

**Finds - None recorded****Associated Events/Activities**

ESA4744	1989-91 WBs/ Small Excavations, A5 Shrewsbury Bypass by SCCAS (Event - Intervention)
ESA5634	1995 Assessment and feasibility study for the development of the Trench Branch of Shropshire Union Canal (Event - Survey)
ESA7255	2000 Management plan for Old Shrewsbury Canal (Land Management)
ESA4819	2000 WB on Environment Agency Works at Uffington by SCCAS (Event - Intervention)
ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)
ESA6797	2010 trial trenching at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Intervention)
ESA8218	2015 - 2016 WB during groundworks, Sewage Pumping Station, Uffington by Border Archaeology (Event - Intervention)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 04529

**Site Name** Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	Monument

Among a variety of structures in the north west part of the Ditherington Flax Mill (later Maltings) site were a gashouse and gasholders. The first gas installation at the site dated from 1811.

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

INDUSTRIAL SITE (Early 19th century to Early 20th century (pre-war) - 1800 AD to 1913 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

GAS WORKS (Early 19th century to Early 20th century (pre-war) - 1811 AD to 1913 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Building assessment carried out on Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by English Heritage and Shropshire Industrial Enterprises Ltd in 1988. The report details the condition of the existing buildings on site and lists those that have been demolished. The ancillary buildings of the site are clustered at the north western end of the site. Notable among these were a gashouse and gasholders. The rectangular gasholder of a plan of 1849 represents the first gas installation at the site, dating from 1811. Other structures included a stable, wash house, pig sty, fire engine house and wood shed all of which have been demolished. <1>

During September 2005 an archaeological watching brief was carried out by Birmingham Archaeology in the grounds of Ditherington Flax Mill [PRN 06314] in Shrewsbury. The watching brief was undertaken during the excavation of 11 hydro-geological trial holes. Two excavations took place over the concrete base of a demolished warehouse structure which revealed a 2m deep brick lined chamber with multiple access ways through the floor of the building. A large opening in the floor was identified at the southern end of the structure, complete with an access ladder, leading into the chamber. The chamber may have housed part of a possible conveyor system associated with the maltings buildings [PRN 10235].<2>

In 1999 trial trenches were excavated as part of preliminary investigations to inform the redevelopment and conservation of Ditherington Flax Mill. The pits were excavated by machine and varied from 0.7m to 0.1m wide.->

-> Trial Pit 1 revealed a layer of loose cinder and brick rubble sealing a compact dark grey soil with coal dust. Below was redeposited clay with looser clay. Trial Pits 2 & 3 revealed a boundary wall, noted on 1849 plans, laid on natural clay with foundation stepped out and five courses deep. A further four courses were found above foundation level. To the east of the wall, below loose brick, rubble and sand was the uneven edge of a reinforced concrete surface of likely 19th century date but possible as late as 1920. This corresponds to a small structure on the 1849 plan. To the west of the wall, beneath a surface layer of sand and brick rubble, were two deposits of redeposited clay, with natural clay c1.2m below ground level. At the western end of the trench a cast iron pipe was found running N-S, and appeared not to be in situ. ->

-> Trial Pit 4 revealed a floor of brick sett (stamped Tonk & Newell') against the north boundary wall in the location of the retort house on the 1849 plan. On the west side the floor was bounded by a wall (or kerb) only one brick thick. The floor contained integral drainage gullies, suggesting it had been used as stables and was not connected with the retorts. The brick floor was laid on thin mortar, below which was a layer of compacted brick fragments and clinker laid on natural. To the south was a duct (possibly associated with the retort house) lined by four courses of brick, with a thin mortar base, and having evidence of truncations. Further south brick foundations beneath a mid 20th century concrete base, suggests the loose brick rubble post dates the demolition of this building. ->

-> Trial Pit 5 encountered black soil with brick rubble containing large quantities of roof slate fragment. At the base of the trench was four courses of curved brick wall relating to the outer wall of the gas holder built in 1842 and shown on the 1849 plan. The base of the gas holder was dug into natural and deliberately infilled with building debris. A former surface and below this a brick wall were also found within the trench. ->

-> Trial Pit 6 revealed a compact black band of hard coal fragments and ash rising gently upwards to the east. The level of this earlier ground surface appears to correspond with the battered revetment and its parapet to the west. A railway sleeper was found on top of this surface, possibly in situ, relating to the former railway sidings laid in c.1858 in this location. Above this was mainly demolition rubble. By the mid 19th century the ground sloped gently upwards to the east. It appears the railway was laid upon this sloping ground and was not significantly embanked or cut into the slope. Additional unmonitored trial pits located against the walls of the dye house, main mill and cross mill failed to reveal earlier yard surfaces. <3>

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

SJ 4987 1391 (point)

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#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish

Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

#### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 04529

Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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### **Related Monuments**

06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
28831	Gas Lighting System Retort House, Ditherington Flax Mill	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
28832	Round Gas Holder, Ditherington Flax Mill	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
28833	Stables and Pigsties, Ditherington Flax Mill	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
28834	Building north of stables, Ditherington Flax Mill	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
28836	Site of Wood Shed, Ditherington Flax Mill	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
28837	Site of Drying Shed, Ditherington Flax Mill	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
28838	Site of Wash House, Ditherington Flax Mill	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
28840	Site of Fire Engine House, Ditherington Flax Mill	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
28841	Site of Gas Meter, Ditherington Flax Mill	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
28842	Site of Waste Room, Ditherington Flax Mill	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
28844	Site of Rectangular Gas Holder, Ditherington Flax Mill	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
10235	Main Mill or Spinning Mill, Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury	General X-Ref*
17303	The Cross Mill at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury	General X-Ref*

<b>HER Number</b>	04529	<b>Site Name</b>	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works
17304	Apprentice House of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury	General X-Ref*	
17305	Stove House and Dye house at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Ditherington, Shrewsbury	General X-Ref*	
17307	Workshop and Offices of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury	General X-Ref*	

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA5478	1988 Buildings Assessment of Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury (Event - Survey)
ESA6342	1999 trial pits at Ditherington Flax Mill by IGMT for Earnest Ireland (Event - Intervention)
ESA6161	2005 WB at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Birmingham Archaeology (Event - Intervention)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury	Monument

In 1796-7, a flax mill was constructed alongside the canal at Ditherington. The Main or Spinning Mill building (PRN 10235) was the world's first iron-framed building. The complex also includes two other early iron framed buildings, the Flax Warehouse (PRN 20171) and the Cross Mill (PRN 17303). The Flax mill was converted to a Maltings in c 1897. The Maltings closed in 1987.

### Monument Types and Dates

FLAX MILL (Late 18th century to Late 19th century - 1797 AD to 1886 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

SPINNING MILL (Late 18th century to Late 19th century - 1797 AD to 1886 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

MALTINGS (Late 19th century to 20th century (post-war) - 1897 AD to 1987 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Manufactory. <1>

Factory. Site next to and served by the Shropshire Union Canal (Shrewsbury Branch) [PRN 03410]. <2>

Thread Manufactory. <3>

Malthouses. <4>

Shropshire Maltings. <5>

Maltings. <6>

Building Assessment carried out on Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by English Heritage and Shropshire Industrial Enterprises Ltd in 1988. Ditherington Flax Mill complex includes the first, third and eighth cast iron framed buildings in the world. The report details the condition of the existing buildings on site and lists those that have been demolished. See individual building records for details from this report. <7>

In 1796-7, a flax mill was constructed alongside the canal [PRN 03410] at Ditherington. The mill was designed by Charles Bage, and was the world's first multi-storey iron-framed building. The mill was owned and operated by Marshalls until 1886; in 1897 it was acquired by William Jones and converted into a maltings, closing in 1986. As well as the flax mill [PRN 10235], the complex contained a number of associated structures. Surviving structures include a flax dressing building [PRN 17303], an apprentice house [PRN 17304], a dye house [PRN 17305], stables [PRN 17306], workshops and offices [PRN 17307], and a flax warehouse [PRN 20171]. Other structures [PRN 04529] at the northern end of the complex which have not survived include the mill's own gas works, a stable and a wash house. <8>

In December a watching brief was carried out at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, to observe the partial removal of blockings from five early windows within the main mill building (PRN 10235). The work aimed to expose the window heads and recover evidence for the methods of construction. There seemed to be a degree of variation and it was difficult to draw any conclusions from this diversity without more extensive investigation. <9>

During September 2005 an archaeological watching brief was carried out by Birmingham Archaeology in the grounds of Ditherington Flax Mill [PRN 06314] in Shrewsbury. The watching brief was commissioned by English Heritage and the work was undertaken during the excavation of 11 hydro-geological trial holes. Two excavations took place over the concrete base of a demolished warehouse structure [PRN 04529] which revealed a 2m deep brick lined chamber with multiple access ways through the floor of the building. A large opening in the floor was identified at the southern end of the structure, complete with an access ladder, leading into the chamber. The chamber may have housed part of a possible conveyor system associated with the maltings buildings [PRN 10235]. A further trial hole revealed evidence for a brick structure, complete with exterior yard surface, to the north of the apprentice house [PRN 17304], probably relating to structures outlined on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey. Excavations between the cross mill and the kiln structures [PRN 10235] revealed evidence for one of the railway tracks which served the factory buildings, a section of one of the rails being exposed. However, evidence from a further trial hole to the west of the dye house [PRN 17305] suggested that the second of the two railway lines had been removed or destroyed. Excavations at the front of the main mill building [PRN 10235], over the presumed site of the boiler house revealed a series of layers of made ground reaching a depth of over 2m without the natural ground surface being encountered. Other excavations within the area bounded by the perimeter walls all revealed several layers of rubble and ash overlying the natural ground surface presumably associated with debris produced by industrial processes and the remodelling of the structures over the lifetime of the site. Two trial holes were excavated outside of the perimeter wall to the west of the mill. These were located in an area of open scrub land between the factory and the Crewe and Shrewsbury Railway line [PRN 05501]. Both of the excavations revealed deep build ups of dumped ash material, over 2m in depth, containing numerous glass bottles and fragmentary ceramics. This evidence suggested that the area to the rear of the factory was used as a rubbish dump, possibly connected with the infilling of areas disturbed by the construction of the railway embankment. Evidence from the excavation of the trial holes suggests that a significant amount of below ground

archaeology still remains on the site of Ditherington Flax Mill particularly in terms of the early development of the site and its association with the railway <10>.

In 1999 trial trenches were excavated as part of preliminary investigations to inform the redevelopment and conservation of Ditherington Flax Mill. Brick walls, earlier yard surfaces and floor surfaces were found relating to the retort house, a stables and a gas holder (PRN 04529), and a railway sleeper was found relating to the former railway sidings laid in c.1858 (PRN). Demolition rubble was also encountered across the site. It was found that by the mid 19th century the ground sloped gently upwards to the east. Additional unmonitored trial pits located against the walls of the dye house (PRN 17305), main mill (PRN 10235) and cross mill (PRN 17303) failed to reveal earlier yard surfaces. <11>

...The main mill was powered by a 20hp beam engine, supplied by Boulton and Watt. Although all the processes involved in the production of flax were carried out initially in the main mill building, within 15 years other buildings had been added to the complex. By 1800, a second beam engine had been installed at the north end of the main mill building. This engine was a 40hp model and, in 1811, a 60hp was installed as a replacement for the original engine. The Cross Building, for hackling or flax dressing, was completed by 1803, and the flax warehouse by 1805. The first dye house was in operation by 1804, with the stove added to it by 1811. The warehouse, later known as the packing shop had been constructed by 1801 and the blacksmith's shop and stables appear to have been built by 1805... ->

-> ...By 1811, the Apprentice House had been constructed, with the objective of housing children recruited by various parishes to work in the mill and learn the trade. This Apprentice House appears to have replaced an earlier building, constructed off-site near the mill by the architect John Simpson by 1800...<22>

In February 2010, Oxford Archaeology North (OA North) was commissioned by Fielden Clegg Bradley Studios, acting on behalf of English Heritage, to carry out a programme of archaeological evaluation at Ditherington, Shrewsbury (centred on NGR SJ 49888 13849). The investigation was required to inform and support design proposals for the proposed regeneration and development of the site, which was occupied from 1797 by the Ditherington Flax Mill. ->

-> The archaeological investigation comprised the excavation of five small evaluation trenches, which were targeted on structures shown on historical mapping of the area. The potential for buried remains of archaeological interest to survive in these areas was established in a desk-based assessment of the site, which was completed in October 2009 (ESA 6796). The evaluation was also intended to establish the presence, depth and character of any historical surfacing that may survive beneath the modern ground surface. ->

-> The results obtained from the evaluation demonstrated that structural remains associated with the former flax warehouse, wash house, maltings lean-to, canal, and workers' housing survived as sub-surface features. Further excavation was recommended. <23>

As part of a scheme of regeneration works at the former Ditherington Flax Mill in Shrewsbury (centred on NGR SJ 49888 13849), Oxford Archaeology North carried out a programme of archaeological building recording. The work was required prior to urgent repair works to buildings within the mill complex, and was intended to provide an archaeological record of elements of the mid 19th century Dye House, Stove House, and Malt Kiln, which are to be removed imminently during the proposed urgent repair works. In addition, a photographic record of the upper floor and roof of the Malt Silo was also compiled. Background research included in this report, including an extract from plans of the site, dated 1849 and 1855. <24>

In February 2008, a watching brief was undertaken on the excavation of four geological test pits at Ditherington Flax Mill, two the the SE of the main mill (TPs 5 and 5a) and two the the NW of the Cross Mill (TPs 1 and 3). The boundary wall was recorded in TP1, possibly built as a retaining wall to the railway embankment. A section of pipe was located in TP 5, possibly serving several (demolished) buildings in the SE of the site. Possibly evidence of clay extraction was also recorded, and evidence of possible levelling. <26>

Photographed during aerial photographic survey in 2009. <28>

A community-led excavation was undertaken in 2013 on open ground at the N end of the Flax Mill site. The target of these excavations was a set of agricultural outbuildings [PRN 28833] and the site of the former wash house [PRN 28838], which had been encountered in trial trench excavations in 2010. Three main phases of development were identified, relating to the periods 1812 to 1855, 1855 to 1902, and 1902 to the late twentieth century. <29>

An heritage impact assessment was undertaken of the Flax Mill site in 2010. It provides an outline history of the site, an assessment of significance of individual buildings, their condition and outlines options for progress. <30>

A new set of List Entries for the buildings of the Flax Mill were issued 20/10/2015. These contained the following summary of the site's history:-

Ditherington Flax Mill on the north-eastern outskirts of Shrewsbury town centre was built by a partnership of local merchants, Thomas and Benjamin Benyon, and Yorkshire entrepreneur, John Marshall, for the processing of flax into linen yarn and thread. However, the partnership later suffered from internal stresses and in 1804 the Benyons left to set up rival factories, and Marshall ran Ditherington Mill, in time with his sons and grandsons, until the failure of the business in 1886. Shrewsbury was not an area synonymous with the textile industry, but proposals to build two canals, authorised by Acts of Parliaments in

1793, to serve the town were expected to greatly improve its transportation links. Only one, the Shrewsbury Canal, was actually built and its route appears to have been altered to run parallel to the site of Ditherington Mill. In terms of infrastructure, the canal, which opened a few days before the contract for the flax mill was completed, promised a reliable supply of coal and a source of water for the mill. Its construction was, therefore, probably a key factor in enabling the mill to be built in this location. ->

-> Construction of the flax mill commenced in 1796 and production began in 1797. There were two main building campaigns: the first following the agreement in 1796 to purchase the site, and the second after 1809, following the addition of new buildings and rebuilding after a destructive fire. From the start it was equipped with the full range of processes for spinning yarn and thread from raw flax, with machinery arranged into separate departments for flax dressing, preparation, yarn spinning and thread twisting. Ditherington Flax Mill provided employment for thousands of workers over the course of its operation, contributing markedly to the local economy. ->

-> The site was entered, as today (2015), from the south end where gates opened into a yard bounded to the south and west by a packing warehouse (largely demolished 1979), stables, and a smithy and offices. Immediately to the north was the operational core of the factory, an L-shaped complex made up of the five-storey main mill building (Spinning Mill) situated adjacent to the canal and aligned north to south, and a four-storey with attic wing (Cross Building) at right angles to the north end of the main mill. At the either end of the main mill were engine houses which accommodated the steam engines that provided power to the complex. To the east, extending along the narrow space between the main mill and the canal (since infilled), were two boiler houses which are no longer extant. To the west of the main mill was a dyehouse and stove house, the latter used for drying materials after dyeing. To the south of the stove house was a drying shed (demolished), and to the north, beyond the main mill, was a warehouse, with an apprentice house beyond that. At the north end of the site was a gasworks which has been demolished. ->

-> By 1812 Ditherington Flax Mill contained all the buildings, apart from a dedicated bleachworks, required in a flax mill specialising in the production of yarn and thread, and between 1813 and the early 1820s a limited amount of weaving was also carried out at the site. Few new buildings were added after 1812, though changes to the steam-power plant necessitated the construction of new boiler houses. A more extensive programme of reorganisation and re-equipping was carried out in the 1820s and 1830s so that the business could remain competitive and up-to-date, but no new major buildings were constructed. Changing markets for linen goods and increasing competition, particularly other manufacturers in Scotland and Ireland, from the mid-C19, threatened the company's pre-eminence. Management changes, better integration and marketing, and some investment failed to improve the company's fortunes and the flax mill closed in October 1886. ->

-> In 1897 the site was purchased by William Jones of Shrewsbury and adapted for use as a maltings and became known as the Shropshire Maltings. The company went bankrupt in 1933-34 and the business was then administered by Alliance Insurance Company which was itself taken over by Ansells in 1948. During the Second World War the site served as a barracks for the basic training of infantry recruits, but malting resumed in the post-war years. During this period, electric lighting was installed and, due to changes in the methods of storing grain, two concrete storage silos were erected (demolished in the early C21). Due to the challenges facing traditional floor malting operations from purpose-built maltings facilities, however, as well as its aging plant and constrained site, Shropshire Maltings could not compete against modern factories and closed in 1987. <32>

Photographic surveys were conducted in 1988 and 2000 of the interior and exterior of Ditherington Flax Mill by English Heritage, NMR. Resulted in c.163 monochrome and colour photographs (photocopies held in HER). <33>

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**Location****National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4986 1386 (115m by 192m)

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**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish

Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded****Designations, Statuses and Scorings****Associated Legal Designations - None recorded****Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites &amp; Monuments Record - 06731

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded****Land Use****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded****Other Land Classes - None recorded****Related Monuments**

04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
10235	Main Mill or Spinning Mill, Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
17303	The Cross Mill at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
17304	Apprentice House of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
17305	Stove House and Dye house at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Ditherington, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
17306	Stables of former Ditherington Flax Mill, Spring Gardens, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
17307	Workshop and Offices of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
20171	Flax warehouse at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
15615	Bleach Works for the Ditherington Flax Mill, later a Barytes Works	Functional Association (P/C)
21755	Malt Kiln at Ditherington Flax Mill	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
30948	Site of northern malt silo, Ditherington Flax Mill	Functional Association (P/C)
31544	Site of southern malt silo, Ditherington Flax Mill	Functional Association (P/C)
03410	Shrewsbury Canal	General X-Ref*

***Finds - None recorded***

***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA5478	1988 Buildings Assessment of Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury (Event - Survey)
ESA7880	1988 Photographic survey of interior and exterior of Ditherington Flax Mill by English Heritage, NMR (Event - Survey)
ESA6342	1999 trial pits at Ditherington Flax Mill by IGMT for Earnest Ireland (Event - Intervention)
ESA7881	2000 Photographic survey of interior and exterior of Ditherington Flax Mill by English Heritage, NMR (Event - Survey)
ESA6439	2003/4 condition survey of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley (Event - Survey)
ESA6161	2005 WB at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Birmingham Archaeology (Event - Intervention)
ESA6160	2005 WB at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Birmingham Archaeology (Event - Intervention)
ESA7081	2006-2007 recording at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Ironbridge Archaeology (Event - Survey)
ESA7085	2008 WB at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Ironbridge Archaeology (Event - Intervention)
ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)
ESA6873	2010 DBA, site visit and photographic record of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley (Event - Survey)
ESA6797	2010 trial trenching at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Intervention)
ESA6798	2011-12 building recording at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation. Ref: L10441)
ESA7324	2013 community excavation at Ditherington Flax Mill, Ditherington by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Intervention)

***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***



HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
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06732	Brickfield now St Michaels Street Recreation Ground	Monument
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A 19th century brickfield (shown as a Brickfield on the OS Map of the 1880s).

**Monument Types and Dates**

BRICKFIELD (Early 19th century to Early 20th century (pre-war) - 1800 AD to 1913 AD)

Evidence	DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
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**Description and Sources****Description**

Brickfield <1>

Recreation Ground, School <2>

Recreation Ground, School, Works <3>

Identified as the probable site of the 'great bricks' used at Ditherington Flax Mill. The larger size of these bricks meant fewer were required in construction of the buildings on the Flax Mill site, at a time when Brick Tax was charged on a per brick basis. These great bricks predate 1805 and therefore are considered to be a useful mechanism for dating the standing buildings on this site. <5>

**Sources**

- (01) Map: OS County Series 34NE, 1888 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1888). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (02) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1927 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1927). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (03) Map: OS SJ41SE, 1983 (OS National Grid Series) by Ordnance Survey (1983). Location: SMR
- (04) Monograph: The Industrial Archaeology of Shropshire by Trinder Barrie (1996), p66. Location: SMR Library  
International Standard Book Number 0 85033 989 8
- (05) Excavation report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: Archaeological Evaluation (First Draft) (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Vannan A (2010), 06732. Location: ESA white

**Location****National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4980 1360 (10m by 10m)	SJ41SE
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**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
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Point

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded****Designations, Statuses and Scorings****Associated Legal Designations - None recorded****Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 06732	Active
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**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded****Land Use****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HSA19700	Settlement - Post-1880s settlement (Type Code: SET-30) Shrewsbury 65
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HSA19701	Ornamental, Parkland and Recreational - Other parkland, gardens and recreational (Type Code: OPR-27)
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**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6797      2010 trial trenching at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Intervention)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 06733

**Site Name** Brickfield behind Primrose Terrace, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
06733	Brickfield behind Primrose Terrace, Shrewsbury	Monument

A 19th to 20th century brickfield.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

BRICKFIELD (Early 19th century to Early 20th century (pre-war) - 1800 AD to 1913 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Brickfield <1>

Site of former brickfield partly occupied by Brick Works PRN 06769, plus Tanks-function not indicated <2>

Open space, Tanks <3>

Depot <4>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Map: OS County Series 34NE, 1888 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1888). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (02) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1902 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1902). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (03) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1927 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1927). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (04) Map: OS SJ41SE, 1983 (OS National Grid Series) by Ordnance Survey (1983). Location: SMR

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4970 1335 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 06733 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### ***Related Monuments***

06769	Brick Works, Shrewsbury	General X-Ref*
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### ***Finds - None recorded***

### ***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

### ***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***



HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
06734	Malthouse, later part of Castle Maltings, Shrewsbury	Monument

A Malthouse on the western part of the Castle Mills Corn Mill complex (06755) of the later 19th century. In the early 1900 William Jones and Sons converted the whole complex to the Castle Maltings.

**Monument Types and Dates**

MALT HOUSE (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1850 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

MALTINGS (20th century (inter-war) - 1919 AD? to 1939 AD?)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

**Description and Sources****Description**

Malthouse. Served by the Shrewsbury Canal ( PRN 03410) <1><2>

Castle Maltings. Apparently the buildings of PRN 06755 (Castle Mills) have been incorporated into the Maltings. <3>

Maltings. Map indicates probable survival of historic building(s) <4>

Subsequent to his conversion of the Ditherington Flax Mill into a large scale Maltings in 1897, William Jones acquired the Castle Foregate Corn Mills (PRN 06755) where a malthouse (PRN 06734) had been built at the western end. Under his direction the whole site was converted into a malting concern. See PRN 06755.

**Sources**

- (01) Map: OS County Series 34.07.16 (1:500), 1882 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1882). Location: Shropshire Archives
  - (02) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1902 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1902). Location: Shropshire Archives
  - (03) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1927 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1927). Location: Shropshire Archives
  - (04) Map: OS SJ41SE, 1983 (OS National Grid Series) by Ordnance Survey (1983). Location: SMR
  - (05) Monograph: The Industrial Archaeology of Shropshire by Trinder Barrie (1996), p 51. Location: SMR Library
- International Standard Book Number 0 85033 989 8

**Location****National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4963 1332 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded****Designations, Statutes and Scorings****Associated Legal Designations - None recorded****Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 06734 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded****Land Use****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded****Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**HER Number** 06734

**Site Name** Malthouse, later part of Castle Maltings, Shrewsbury

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***Related Monuments***

06755	Castle Mills Corn mill, later the Castle Maltings, Shrewsbury	General X-Ref*
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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
06735	St Michaels Street Gas Works, Shrewsbury	Monument

A gas works for public supply was built in 1820 at the junction of St Michaels Street and New Park Road. The works extended to the Shrewsbury Canal (PRN 03410) the source of coal for the retorts, and by 1851 it had three gasholders.

### Monument Types and Dates

GAS WORKS (Early 19th century to Unknown - 1820 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Gas Works <1><2>

Works shown not titled <3>

Building, open space. Map indicates historic building(s) have been demolished <4>

The truncated remains of Shrewsbury Gas Light Co's offices, originally of three storeys. Built in polychrome brick and terracotta during 1884 <05>

A public gas works company was established in January 1820, built a gas works at the junction of St Michaels Street and New Park Road, and inaugurated the town's first public gas supply on the 8th of September 1820. The works extended to the Shrewsbury Canal (PRN 03410) the source of coal for the retorts, and by 1851 it had three gasholders. A three storey polychrome brick office block was built in 1884, of which only the ground floor remains. The works were extended in the late 19th century with the construction of a large gasholder (PRN 06768) north of the Castle Mills (PRN 06755), and new retorts were added in 1920. <6>

#### Sources

- (01) Map: OS County Series 34NE, 1888 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1888). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (02) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1902 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1902). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (03) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1927 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1927). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (04) Map: OS SJ41SE, 1983 (OS National Grid Series) by Ordnance Survey (1983). Location: SMR
- (05) Monograph: The Industrial Archaeology of Shropshire by Trinder Barrie (1996), p74. Location: SMR Library  
International Standard Book Number 0 85033 989 8
- (06) Monograph: Beyond the Bridges - The Suburbs of Shrewsbury 1760 -1960 by Trinder Barrie (2006), p149. Location: not given

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4960 1327 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

#### Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statutes and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 06735

Active

### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

**HER Number** 06735

**Site Name** St Michaels Street Gas Works, Shrewsbury

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HSA19640 Settlement - Post-1880s settlement (Type Code: SET-30)  
Shrewsbury 8

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments***

03410	Shrewsbury Canal	Functional Association (P/P)
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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 06739

**Site Name** Saw Mill, Coton Hill

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
06739	Saw Mill, Coton Hill	Monument

The site of a 19th century and later saw mill.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

SAW MILL (Early 19th century to 21st century - 1800 AD to 2099 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Saw Mill <1>

Building, use not indicated. Map indicates probable survival of historic building(s) <2><3><4>

Site Visited by M D Watson on 07/09/2005. It was found that no buildings survived. <5>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Map: OS County Series 34NE, 1888 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1888). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (02) Map: OS County Series 34NE, 1903 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1903). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (03) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1927 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1927). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (04) Map: OS SJ41SE, 1983 (OS National Grid Series) by Ordnance Survey (1983). Location: SMR
- (05) Site visit report: Visit Notes- Miscellaneous Notes made in 2005 by Watson Michael D (2005), Site visit 7/9/2005. Location: SMR DRF for relevant monument

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4941 1330 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Point

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 06739 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**HER Number** 06746 **Site Name** Perseverance Iron Works, latterly Morris and Co, Castle Foregate

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
06746	Perseverance Iron Works, latterly Morris and Co, Castle Foregate	Monument

The Perseverance Iron Works was built in Castle Foregate by Thomas Corbett from 1871. Another part of the works was built on the western side of the road in 1884. The Iron Works produced a wide range of agricultural machinery. In 1929 the buildings were purchased by Morris and Co for oil blending.

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### Monument Types and Dates

IRON WORKS (Mid 19th century to 20th century (inter-war) - 1869 AD to 1929 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

OIL WORKS (20th century (inter-war) to Unknown - 1929 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

Perseverance Iron Works. Near to and probably served by the Shropshire Union Canal (Shrewsbury Branch) PRN 03410 <1><2><3>

Building, use not indicated. Unclear from map whether historic building(s) have survived <4>

The frontage between No 69 Castle Foregate and the Plough Inn is occupied by the buildings of the Perseverance Ironworks, the creation of Thomas Corbett. In 1867 Corbett began to make his "Eclipse" winnower in a workshop in Chester Street, and soon employed nearly 40 men. In 1868-9 he purchased a builder's yard in Castle Foregate that was the nucleus of his ironworks. The oldest part of the works is a four-bay building, bearing the date of 1871, and the inscription "Speed the Plough" above a wagon arch. To the south is a block dating from 1873, and adjoining it the clock tower and another range inscribed 1876. North of the 1871 building is a later five-bay range in red brick with blue brick dressings, with its windows divided by small cast-iron columns inscribed "Corbett". A ten bay building on the western side of Castle Foregate dating from 1884 was also part of the enterprise. In 1929 the site was sold to Morris and Co for their oil blending business. <5>

#### Sources

- (01) Map: OS County Series 34.07.21 (1:500), 1882 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1882). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (02) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1902 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1902). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (03) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1927 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1927). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (04) Map: OS SJ41SE, 1983 (OS National Grid Series) by Ordnance Survey (1983). Location: SMR
- (05) Monograph: Beyond the Bridges - The Suburbs of Shrewsbury 1760 -1960 by Trinder Barrie (2006), p146-147. Location: not given

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#### Location

##### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4949 1319 (110m by 76m) SJ41SE

##### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Dispersed

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

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#### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

##### Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

##### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 06746 Active

##### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

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#### Land Use

**HER Number** 06746

**Site Name** Perseverance Iron Works, latterly Morris and Co, Castle Foregate

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HSA19643 Industrial and Extractive - Industrial complex (Type Code: IND-17)

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
06754	Corn Mill on the Shrewsbury Canal Terminus Wharf	Monument

By 1859 the Shrewsbury Canal (PRN 03410) was in the ownership of the London and North Western Railway. They brought railway sidings into the Terminus and Canal Wharf area (PRN 28099) and built a brick goods shed, and this small corn mill abutted its north western corner.

### Monument Types and Dates

CORN MILL (Mid 19th century to Unknown - 1850 AD?)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Corn Mill. Next to and probably served by the Shrewsbury Canal (PRN 3410)<1><2><3>

Building, use not indicated. Map indicates probable survival of historic building(s) <4>

By 1859 the Shrewsbury Canal (PRN 03410) was in the ownership of the London and North Western Railway who constructed a tunnel under Howard Street and brought railway sidings into the Terminus and Canal Wharf area (PRN 28099). A brick goods shed was built, and this small corn mill abutted its north western corner. <5>

#### Sources

- (01) Map: OS County Series 34.07.21 (1:500), 1882 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1882). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (02) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1902 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1902). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (03) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1927 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1927). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (05) Monograph: The Industrial Archaeology of Shropshire by Trinder Barrie (1996), 179. Location: SMR Library
- International Standard Book Number 0 85033 989 8

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4962 1319 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 06754 Active

### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

#### Other Land Classes - None recorded

### Related Monuments

03410	Shrewsbury Canal	General X-Ref*
28099	Shrewsbury Canal Terminus and Wharf	Functional Association (P/P)

### Finds - None recorded

**HER Number** 06754

**Site Name** Corn Mill on the Shrewsbury Canal Terminus Wharf

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
06755	Castle Mills Corn mill, later the Castle Maltings, Shrewsbury	Monument

In the early 1850s an area of warehouses was adapted as the Castle Mills Corn Mills by the Blakeway brothers. A branch canal served the Castle Mills, whose owners diversified into malting, as evidenced by the malthouse (PRN 06734) on the western part of the site. Soon after 1900 William Jones and Son adapted the whole premises for malting and filled in the canal branch. The maltings continued in use until 1986.

### Monument Types and Dates

CORN MILL (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1850 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

MALTINGS (Early 20th century (pre-war) to 20th century (post-war) - 1900 AD? to 1986 AD?)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Castle Mills (Corn). Next to and served by the Shropshire Union Canal (Shrewsbury Branch) 3410 <1><2>

Castle Maltings <3>

Building, use not indicated. Map indicates probable survival of historic building(s) <4>

After the Shrewsbury Canal was connected to the national canal network in 1835 warehouses were built on a plot north of the St Michael's Street Gas Works (PRN 06735) by various carrying companies. However, they ceased trading after the advent of the railways in the 1840s.

In the early 1850s this site was adapted by Richard and William Blakeway as the Castle Mills Corn Mills, where two beam engines drove nine sets of stones. They also built Castle Terrace.

A branch canal served the Castle Mills, whose owners diversified into malting, as evidenced by the malthouse (PRN 06734) on the western part of the site. Soon after 1900 William Jones and Son adapted the whole premises for malting and filled in the canal branch. <7>

#### Sources

- (01) Map: OS County Series 34.07.16 (1:500), 1882 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1882). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (02) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1902 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1902). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (03) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1927 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1927). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (04) Map: OS SJ41SE, 1983 (OS National Grid Series) by Ordnance Survey (1983). Location: SMR
- (05) Monograph: The Industrial Archaeology of Shropshire by Trinder Barrie (1996), p 51. Location: SMR Library  
International Standard Book Number 0 85033 989 8
- (06) Photograph: Three Slides of the Castle Maltings and the Canal 4/4/1979 (Colour) by Tyler Alan W (1979). Location: SMR Slide Storage
- (07) Monograph: Beyond the Bridges - The Suburbs of Shrewsbury 1760 -1960 by Trinder Barrie (2006), p149 -150. Location: not given

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4970 1330 (10m by 10m)

SJ41SE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

### Other Statutes and Cross-References

**HER Number** 06755 **Site Name** Castle Mills Corn mill, later the Castle Maltings, Shrewsbury

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Sites & Monuments Record - 06755

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments***

03410	Shrewsbury Canal	General X-Ref*
06734	Malthouse, later part of Castle Maltings, Shrewsbury	General X-Ref*

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 06768

**Site Name** Gas works and gasometer, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
06768	Gas works and gasometer, Shrewsbury	Monument

The site of a 19th century and later gas works.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

GAS WORKS (Early 19th century to 21st century - 1800 AD to 2099 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Open space <1>

Gasometer <2>

Gasometer depicted but not titled. <3><4>

#### **Sources**

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| (01) | Map: OS County Series 34NE, 1888 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1888). Location: Shropshire Archives  |
| (02) | Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1902 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1902). Location: Shropshire Archives |
| (03) | Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1927 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1927). Location: Shropshire Archives |
| (04) | Map: OS SJ41SE, 1983 (OS National Grid Series) by Ordnance Survey (1983). Location: SMR                       |
| (05) | Monograph: The Industrial Archaeology of Shropshire by Trinder Barrie (1996), p74. Location: SMR Library      |
|      | International Standard Book Number 0 85033 989 8  |

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4979 1344 (51m by 51m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Dispersed

### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 06768 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### ***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

### ***Finds - None recorded***

### ***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

### ***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***



**HER Number** 06769

**Site Name** Brick Works, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
06769	Brick Works, Shrewsbury	Monument

The site of a probable post medieval brick works.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

BRICKWORKS (Post Medieval - 1540 AD to 1901 AD?)

Evidence	EARTHWORK
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### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Open space and Brickfield PRN 06733 <1>

Brick Works <2>

Open space. Earthworks from former clay pit shown <3>

Depot. Earthworks from former clay pit shown <4>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Map: OS County Series 34NE, 1888 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1888). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (02) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1902 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1902). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (03) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1927 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1927). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (04) Map: OS SJ41SE, 1983 (OS National Grid Series) by Ordnance Survey (1983). Location: SMR

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4970 1342 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 06769 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### ***Related Monuments***

06733	Brickfield behind Primrose Terrace, Shrewsbury	General X-Ref*
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### ***Finds - None recorded***

### ***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

**HER Number** 06769

**Site Name** Brick Works, Shrewsbury

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 06770

**Site Name** Saw Mill, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
06770	Saw Mill, Shrewsbury	Monument

The site of a 19th century and later saw mill.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

SAW MILL (Early 19th century to 21st century - 1800 AD to 2099 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Open space <1>

Saw Mill <2><3>

Building within Timber Yard. Map indicates historic building(s) have been demolished. <4>

The timber yard was opened in the 1890s to complement the brickworks at Buttington. <5>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Map: OS County Series 34NE, 1888 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1888). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (02) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1902 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1902). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (03) Map: OS County Series 34.07, 1927 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1927). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (04) Map: OS SJ41SE, 1983 (OS National Grid Series) by Ordnance Survey (1983). Location: SMR
- (05) Monograph: The Industrial Archaeology of Shropshire by Trinder Barrie (1996), p54. Location: SMR Library
- International Standard Book Number 0 85033 989 8

#### ***Location***

##### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4946 1359 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

##### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

##### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statutes and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 06770 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HSA19825 Industrial and Extractive - Industrial complex (Type Code: IND-17)

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### ***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

### ***Finds - None recorded***



**HER Number** 06770

**Site Name** Saw Mill, Shrewsbury

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
10216	Nos 19-22 (Consecutive), COTON HILL, Shrewsbury	Building

A row of four 16th century houses, now 2, which are protected by Grade II Listing.

### Monument Types and Dates

ROW HOUSE (16th century - 1500 AD to 1599 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Row of 4 houses, now 2. Early C16. Timber-framed with some painted brick cladding and plain tiled roof. No. 19 forms gabled cross range to south. Painted timber on brick cladding to side and gable wall, exposed square-panelled framing to rear. Segmental-arched heads to blocked lower openings (possibly door and window) now cut by inserted 3-light casement window. Inserted 2-light casement window above. Doorway in projecting porch in side elevation. Side wall stack. Nos 20-22 form a single range formerly of 3 units of unequal size. Framed in close studding with middle rails, central raking braces, and square panelling in lower outer sections. Doorway to left flanked by 2-light casement windows. 2 doorways towards the right with simple hoods carried on moulded brackets, flanked by 2-light casements, and with a 3-light window between them. Fixed-light window in centre of elevation. All lower windows are casements with transoms. Upper windows are casements in cases which are slightly corbelled out. Axial stacks. Internal roof structure with cambered tie beam, queen posts, and windbraces. No. 19 listed 19. 9. 72 <2>

Suggests these buildings originated as the barn of Myttons Mansion [PRN 01529]. <3>

#### Sources

- (00) Card index: Site and Monuments Record (SMR) cards (SMR record cards) by Shropshire County Council SMR, SMR Card for PRN SA 10216. Location: SMR Card Drawers
- (01) List of Buildings: 5th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest (Shrewsbury) by Department of the Environment (DoE) (1972-Sep-19), p71. Location: SMR Basement Store
- (02) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17), p160. Location: SMR
- (03) Monograph: Old Houses of Shrewsbury by Forrest H E (1935), p91. Location: not given

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4919 1337 (10m by 10m)

SJ41SE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
 Ecclesiastical St Mary, Shrewsbury, Shropshire  
 Point

#### Address/Historic Names

UAD Address: Nos.19-22 Coton Hill , Shrewsbury, Shropshire

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Legal Designations

Conservation Area	Shrewsbury	Active	DSA8826
Listed Building (II) - 1271038	19-22, COTON HILL	Active	DSA6423

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 10216 Active

#### Ratings and Scorings

BAR Condition	Fair	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Condition	Fair	31/01/2002	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC
BAR Risk	Not at Risk - B	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Risk	Not at Risk - B	31/01/2002	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC

***Land Use*****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded****Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments***

01529	Myttons Mansion	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 10218 **Site Name** The Royal Oak Public House, No 23, COTON HILL, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
10218	The Royal Oak Public House, No 23, COTON HILL, Shrewsbury	Building

An early 20th century public house, which is protected by Grade II Listing.

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

PUBLIC HOUSE (Early 20th century (pre-war) - 1900 AD to 1913 AD)  
Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Public house. Early C20, possibly incorporating an earlier structure. Brick lower storey with timber-framing above, plain tiled roof. 2 storeys with gabled attic dormers, 2-window range with slightly projecting outer bays. Central 4-centred arched door flanked by canted bay windows with leaded lights. 3-light casement windows with leaded lights above. Upper storey jettied out with moulded bressumer carried on moulded brackets. Coped gables, gable and axial stacks <2>

#### **Sources**

- (00) Card index: Site and Monuments Record (SMR) cards (SMR record cards) by Shropshire County Council SMR, SMR Card for PRN SA 10218. Location: SMR Card Drawers
- (01) List of Buildings: 5th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest (Shrewsbury) by Department of the Environment (DoE) (1972-Sep-19), p71. Location: SMR Basement Store
- (02) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17), p161. Location: SMR

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4920 1339 (12m by 15m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
Ecclesiastical	St Mary, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
	Dispersed

#### **Address/Historic Names**

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

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### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations**

Conservation Area	Shrewsbury	Active	DSA8826
Listed Building (II) - 1271070	THE ROYAL OAK PUBLIC HOUSE, COTON HILL	Active	DSA6424

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 10218	Active
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#### **Ratings and Scorings**

BAR Condition	Good	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Condition	Fair	31/01/2002	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC
BAR Risk	Not at Risk - A	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Risk	Not at Risk - B	31/01/2002	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC

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### **Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**HER Number** 10218

**Site Name** The Royal Oak Public House, No 23, COTON HILL,  
Shrewsbury

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
10219	No 25 COTON HILL, Shrewsbury	Building

A house, circa 1800, which is protected by Grade II Listing.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

HOUSE (Early 19th century - 1800 AD?)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

House. C1800, with possible earlier core. Brick with plain tiled roof. 3 storeys, 3-window range. Central door with gabled hood, and arch to rear passage to right. 12-pane sash windows with flat-arched heads. Upper windows also 12-pane sashes (6 panes to attic storey) but the central window spaces blind. Gable end stacks <2>

#### **Sources**

- (00) Card index: Site and Monuments Record (SMR) cards (SMR record cards) by Shropshire County Council SMR, SMR Card for PRN SA 10219. Location: SMR Card Drawers
- (01) List of Buildings: 5th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest (Shrewsbury) by Department of the Environment (DoE) (1972-Sep-19), p72. Location: SMR Basement Store
- (02) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17), p161. Location: SMR

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4920 1340 (14m by 11m)

SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
Ecclesiastical	St Mary, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
	Dispersed

#### **Address/Historic Names**

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations**

Conservation Area	Shrewsbury	Active	DSA8826
Listed Building (II) - 1247056	25, COTON HILL	Active	DSA6425

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 10219	Active
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#### **Ratings and Scorings**

BAR Condition	Good	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Condition	Fair	31/01/2000	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC
BAR Risk	Not at Risk - A	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Risk	Not at Risk - B	31/01/2000	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC

### **Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**HER Number** 10219

**Site Name** No 25 COTON HILL, Shrewsbury

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
10220	No 27 COTON HILL, Shrewsbury	Building

An early 19th century house, which is protected by Grade II Listing.

### Monument Types and Dates

HOUSE (Early 19th century - 1800 AD to 1837 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### Description and Sources

#### Description

House. Early C19 with earlier core. Roughcast render with plain tiled roof. Single-unit plan. 2 storeys, single-window range. Doorway to right in moulded architrave and 12-pane sash window alongside. 9-pane sash window above, with blind window over door <2>

#### Sources

- (00) Card index: Site and Monuments Record (SMR) cards (SMR record cards) by Shropshire County Council SMR, SMR Card for PRN SA 10220. Location: SMR Card Drawers
- (01) List of Buildings: 5th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest (Shrewsbury) by Department of the Environment (DoE) (1972-Sep-19), p72. Location: SMR Basement Store
- (02) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17), p162. Location: SMR

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4921 1341 (12m by 11m) SJ41SE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
 Ecclesiastical St Mary, Shrewsbury, Shropshire Dispersed

#### Address/Historic Names

UAD Address: No.27 COTON HILL , Shrewsbury, Shropshire

### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

#### Associated Legal Designations

Conservation Area	Shrewsbury	Active	DSA8826
Listed Building (II) - 1247152	27, COTON HILL	Active	DSA6426

#### Other Statutes and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 10220 Active

#### Ratings and Scorings

BAR Condition	Good	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Condition	Fair	31/01/2002	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC
BAR Risk	Not at Risk - A	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Risk	Not at Risk - B	31/01/2002	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC

### Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

**HER Number** 10220

**Site Name** No 27 COTON HILL, Shrewsbury

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 10221**Site Name** Nos 28-31 (Consecutive), COTON HILL, Shrewsbury

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
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10221	Nos 28-31 (Consecutive), COTON HILL, Shrewsbury	Building
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A row house, circa 1800, which is protected by Grade II Listing.

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**Monument Types and Dates**

ROW HOUSE (Early 19th century - 1800 AD?)

Evidence	EXTANT BUILDING
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**Description and Sources****Description**

Row of 4 cottages. Façade of c. 1800 with earlier (possibly C17) core. Brick over timber-frame with plain tiled roof. 2 storeys, 4-window range. Paired 4-panelled doors each side with single ring cambered heads. Outer 16-pane sash window, inner 10-pane sash with flat-arched gauged brick heads. Central arch to passageway. Upper windows are 12-pane sashes. Dentilled eaves band. Gabled dormers in roof. End and central stacks <2>

**Sources**

- (00) Card index: Site and Monuments Record (SMR) cards (SMR record cards) by Shropshire County Council SMR, SMR Card for PRN SA 10221. Location: SMR Card Drawers
- (01) List of Buildings: 5th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest (Shrewsbury) by Department of the Environment (DoE) (1972-Sep-19), p72. Location: SMR Basement Store
- (02) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17), p162. Location: SMR

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**Location****National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4921 1342 (10m by 10m)	SJ41SE
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**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
Ecclesiastical	St Mary, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
	Dispersed

**Address/Historic Names**

UAD Address: Nos. 28-31 Coton Hill , Shrewsbury, Shropshire

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**Designations, Statuses and Scorings****Associated Legal Designations**

Conservation Area	Shrewsbury	Active	DSA8826
Listed Building (II) - 1271022	28-31, COTON HILL	Active	DSA6427

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 10221	Active
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**Ratings and Scorings**

BAR Condition	Fair	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Condition	Fair	31/01/2002	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC
BAR Risk	Not at Risk - B	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Risk	Not at Risk - B	31/01/2002	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

**HER Number** 10221

**Site Name** Nos 28-31 (Consecutive), COTON HILL, Shrewsbury

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 10235

**Site Name** Main Mill or Spinning Mill, Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
10235	Main Mill or Spinning Mill, Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury	Building

Spinning Mill, 1796-1800 by Charles Bage. Part of a former flax mill (PRN 06731) owned and operated by Marshall, Benyon and Bage which was constructed in two major phases of 1796-7 and after a fire in 1809, with later additions and alterations. Converted to a maltings in 1897-8. The building is protected by Grade I Listing.

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

FLAX MILL (Late 18th century to Late 19th century - 1796 AD to 1886 AD)

Evidence	DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
Evidence	EXTANT BUILDING

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Building assessment carried out on Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by English Heritage and Shropshire Industrial Enterprises Ltd in 1988. Ditherington Flax Mill complex includes the first, third and eighth cast iron framed buildings in the world. The report details the condition of the existing buildings on site and lists those that have been demolished. ->

From the 19th century, the main mill was flanked by two boiler houses with a central chimney, alongside bay 10 of the mill. The southern boiler house and the boilers it contained were installed in 1840-41 at a cost of over £600. The chimney was constructed at the same time at a cost of £900. The boiler house to the north of the chimney was constructed in 1852-53 at a cost of over £1000. The southern boiler house was thought to have been demolished in 1875 when a set of 3 'Howard's Boilers' with economisers were installed. The site of the boiler houses was covered by the lean-to construction erected by William Jones and Son to extend the area available for floor malting at the time the building was converted in 1897-98. ->

The engine house at the northern end of the main mill building is a simple 3-storey rectangular structure. It was constructed around the northern end of the main mill, its lower part in great brick and standard brick at a higher level. A bearing block leads from the ground floor room at the height of the internal bearings of the mill. The original engine of 20 H P [horse power] was installed at the southern end of the main mill. The first known engine to be installed at the northern end was of 40 H P. In 1819-20 the company spent over £7000 on a new 56 H P engine that replaced the 40 H P engine at the northern end. In 1875, the 56 H P engine and the engine at the southern end were replaced by a Corliss engine made by Hick of Bolton. <6>

A watching brief was carried out at Ditherington Flax Mill (PRN), Shrewsbury, to coincide with the partial removal of the blockings from five early windows (A-E) within the main mill building, in order to expose the window heads and to recover evidence for the techniques of construction. Window (A), on the west side of the building, was blocked with 9¼ in x 5 in x 2 in bricks. Above the opening was a plain 9 in wide timber lintel, and, abutting it towards the interior, a second, narrow, timber with a broad chamfer on its east face. Window (B), also in the west wall, was blocked with 9¼ in x 5 in x 2 in bricks. It too had a plain 9 in wide timber lintel. On the south side of the window opening a splayed and plastered jamb could be glimpsed. Window © was in the east wall. It was blocked with 9¼ in x 4¼ x 2 in bricks and had a plain 9 in wide timber lintel. Window (D), which was in the west wall, was blocked with 9¼ in x 5 in x 1½ in bricks. A plain timber lintel, approximately 9½ in wide was made up by two timbers, both in poor condition, apparently rotten with fungus adhering to them. Window € , in the east wall, was blocked with 9 in x 5 in x 1½ in brick, including a perforated malting floor tile of the same dimensions. Above the opening was a timber lintel, 9 ins wide by 3 ins thick, which, unlike any of the other lintels was chamfered towards the exterior (east). It is difficult to draw any conclusions from this diversity without more extensive investigation. <8>

During September 2005 an archaeological watching brief was carried out by Birmingham Archaeology in the grounds of Ditherington Flax Mill [PRN 06314] in Shrewsbury. The watching brief was undertaken during the excavation of 11 hydro-geological trial holes. Excavations between the cross mill and the kiln structures revealed evidence for one of the railway tracks which served the factory buildings, a section of one of the rails being exposed. Excavations at the front of the main mill building, over the presumed site of the boiler house revealed a series of layers of made ground reaching a depth of over 2m without the natural ground surface being encountered. <9>

In 1999 trial trenches were excavated as part of preliminary investigations to inform the redevelopment and conservation of Ditherington Flax Mill. Additional unmonitored trial pits located against the walls of the main mill failed to reveal earlier yard surfaces. <10>

Built: 1797. Total Area (G.I.A): 2750m². No. of Storeys: 5. Average Storey Height: 3.2m

The main mill is the most important building on the site and is recognised as the oldest iron framed building in the world. It was built in 1797 to designs by Charles Bage. The internal structure is remarkably elegant, however this leads to the requirement for some remedial repair and restriction over floor loadings in re-use, which are likely to be limited to 2.5kN/m2. During its subsequent conversion for use as a maltings (1886 – 1987), the Main Mill experienced some important changes to its appearance, most notably the addition of the distinctive 'Maltings tower' at the northern end, and the blocking up of 2 out of every 3 windows. The principle of reinstating the former fenestration of the Main Mill has previously been granted planning

permission and is an essential feature of some re-use options. It is also important to seek re-uses which would minimise the subdivision of the upper floors, in order that the spaces may be properly appreciated. The building is connected to the adjacent Maltings Kiln and Cross Mill at its northern end, and has internal staircases at its northern and southern ends. The building has particular prominence to Spring Gardens and its tower and painted hoarding are distinctive features. A large lean-to building on the east side of the building, which was built as a maltings floor, has recently been demolished. <11>

The flaxmill was acquired by William Jones in 1897 and converted into a maltings, with a pyramid topped kiln at the northern end of the main building. <12>

Considered in a desk-based assessment of the Flax Mill site, undertaken in 2009 to inform redevelopment proposals. The site lies outside of the proposal areas and is not affected by the development. The iconic status of this building is underlined. <13>

An heritage impact assessment was undertaken in 2010 of Ditherington Flax Mill. This included a condition survey of the main mill building. <14>

First Listed 10/12/1953. Listing was extended to the other buildings of the complex in 1987 and 1995 (the Flax Warehouse). Also in 1995 the Malt Kiln was explicitly included in the List Entry for the Main Mill. In the List Amendments of 2003 the MAIN MILL, CROSS MILL, FLAX WAREHOUSE, and the MALT KILN were included into a single Grade I listing. On the 20/10/2105 the List Entries for all the buildings in the complex were updated, and the Cross Mill, Flax Warehouse and Malt Kiln were given separate List Entries. ->

-> Extracts from the List Description issued 20/10/2015 ->

-> The SPINNING MILL, the largest building in the complex, was designed by Charles Bage (1751-1822) a partner in the firm, and constructed in 1796-7. It is recognised as the first building in the world to successfully replace the timber beams and joists used in industrial buildings up to that date with incombustible materials, namely cast and wrought iron and brick. Although some timber was present in the building, none was exposed in the working areas.

The Spinning Mill was developed in two closely connected phases of construction, probably planned from the start. It was designed to house all the main mechanically-powered processes in the factory and was powered entirely by steam. Part of the ground floor was occupied by workshops, and the upper floors used for the preparation of line (longest and most valuable grade of flax fibre) and tow (shorter-length flax fibres separated from line flax) and for twisting line and tow spinning. The other principal mill buildings initially accommodated either hand-powered processes or storage, or were used for dyeing and drying of products made in the Spinning Mill.

The Spinning Mill was powered in its first years by a Boulton and Watt 20hp rotary condensing beam engine in an engine house at the south end of the mill. A second engine, 40 or 45hp beam engine manufactured by Fenton, Murray and Wood of Leeds, was installed in a new engine house at the north end of the mill in 1800, though contemporary records indicate that it was planned as early as 1798. Later phases in the Spinning Mill's development, including the mechanisation of a number of processes, resulted in changes to the power installations of 1797 and c1800, firstly with the installation of a more powerful beam engine within a new engine house at the south end of the mill in c1810, and in c1820 the north engine house was substantially rebuilt to house a 56hp beam engine. Further new Corliss engines by Hicks and Sons of Bolton were installed in both the north and south engine houses in 1874. ->

-> Details: Spinning Mill, 1796-1800 by Charles Bage. Part of a former flax mill owned and operated by Marshall, Benyon and Bage which was constructed in two major phases of 1796-7 and after a fire in 1809, with later additions and alterations. Converted to a maltings in 1897-8, closed in 1987. Undergoing repairs (2015).

MATERIALS: iron-framed construction with red 'great' (measuring approximately 100mm x 110mm x 240mm) bricks under a Welsh slate roof with a timber-clad tower to north end. The southernmost engine house is built of standard bricks.

PLAN: rectangular on plan and aligned north to south. It forms part of a group of attached buildings which developed sequentially, comprising the SPINNING MILL, Cross Building and Flax Warehouse, and all subsequently linked by the addition of the late-C19 maltings Kiln. The Spinning Mill is the earliest of these.

EXTERIOR: of five storeys and eighteen bays, including the south engine house of 1797. The walls are built with external (and internal) setbacks, a functional rather than aesthetic feature, and they progressively reduce in thickness in the upper storeys. The series of transverse roof gables, one to each bay, gives a distinctive sawtooth profile to the west and east elevations. At the north end of the building, the roof is surmounted by a square, three-storey wooden-clad hoist tower of 1897 which is topped by a crown of ornamental cast iron supplied by MacFarlanes of Glasgow. The original pattern of unusually large windows to each of the sixteen bays of the east and west elevations of the mill remain evident, though most were bricked-in during the maltings conversion in the 1890s. They have been replaced by timber windows to every third bay which have internal shutters. The roadside (west) frontage carries painted lettering: 'Albrow Maltsters Limited Shropshire Maltings'. It has a different pattern of blockings and openings to the opposite elevation; the primary openings correspond to those on the west side, with a large door in the central, bay ten, and a smaller door in bay three (from the north). A late-C19 single-storey, lean-to addition which replaced the former boiler houses and chimney has been demolished leaving scars in the brickwork.

The south engine house of 1797 has inserted windows, probably early C19, in its west side which are level with each half landing of the staircase; the original stair windows being in the south wall. To the south is the attached, engine house of c1810 which was raised by a storey after the site became a maltings. It has a projecting wooden hoist with taking-in doors to the upper part of the west elevation, and below is a door and a malting window which are inserted into a tall, blocked opening with a shallow-arched head. The right return has rectangular windows to the upper floors and two, tall blocked

windows to the lower part; one has since had a door inserted into it. At mid-height there are sandstone mountings for the engine's entablature beam. The three upper floors of the east elevation each contains a single one window, to the ground floor is a doorway that cuts into an earlier, tall, blocked semi-circular-headed opening. The west and north elevations of the three-storey north engine house are obscured by the staircase block at the east end of the Cross Building and the Kiln respectively. Its west elevation has a tall, arched window that has been partially infilled and contains a smaller, inserted window. To the ground floor is a lean-to addition with segmental-headed window.

INTERIOR: the building is entered at the south end through a doorway into the fireproof main stairway which has sandstone steps carried on wooden beams. It is located within a bay that is shared with the first engine house of 1797 (to the east). In its completed form the mill was divided on its lower floors by a cross wall (removed in late C19). Evidence suggests that in 1796-7 it comprised six full bays and two short bays to the south of the cross wall and that a ten-bay extension was added to the north soon after 1797, but prior to 1800. The fireproof iron frame comprises two-piece, cast-iron transverse beams which are joined at the centre and span the width of the building between each bay. They are supported by three rows of cast-iron columns that are cruciform in cross section and delicately moulded to the bases and capitals, though their precise form varies on each floor. The beams and columns together form a rigid frame. Wrought-iron tie-rods running axially between the beams tie the iron frame together. The building is not fully framed since the brick walls support part of the weight of the floors. The ceilings have shallow, brick arches. Throughout the building the castings of both the floor beams and the columns have features to support the power transmission system. The central columns on the ground floor are in-line with the opening to the 1797 engine house at the south end of the mill and have rectangular housings for a drive shaft. The corresponding columns on the third floor incorporate similar housing for the support of a second main horizontal drive shaft. The lack of similar evidence on the other floors suggests that power was transmitted to them from the two main drive shafts, possibly through the intervening brick-arched ceilings which contain numerous slots (infilled) through which belts might have passed. Over the top floor of the mill is a fireproof ceiling of inclined brick vaults, springing from cast-iron transverse beams which are similar to the floor beams on the lower floors, and are supported by a single row of tall, slightly off-centre columns. Above the brick vaults are lightly-built wooden A-frame trusses.

Attached to the south end of the mill are the engine houses of 1797 and c1810; each of one bay. The former retains its original room layout, with a small cylinder chamber to its east end and a larger flywheel chamber to the west. An opening in its ground-floor north wall indicates the position of the former flywheel bearing. The original beam engine appears to have been installed above ground level. The c1810 engine house has a single chamber and was originally open through the equivalent of four storeys in the mill. There are ashlar blocks in the south wall which supported the crankshaft and a brick-vaulted ceiling was added in the 1870s when a Corliss engine was installed. The northern engine house originally rose through the equivalent of three floors of the adjacent Spinning Mill. It retains evidence of bearing boxes that supported line shafting, and in its south wall (north wall of the mill) are large ashlar supports for the flywheel shaft. The brick-vaulted ceilings are later insertions, added when a new Corliss engine was installed in 1874. None of the engines survive. <15>

Hygrothermal simulations of the second floor of the South Engine House at Ditherington Flax Mill, were undertaken in 2015, to predict the impact of a range of internal wall insulation systems over a period of thirty years. <16>

An heritage impact assessment was prepared in 2016, focused on the repair and refurbishment of the main mill and kiln. The project centred on removing scaffolding, structural strengthening works and adding new windows to all floors for natural light and ventilation. The ground floor is to be adapted as a learning space and café, with the upper floors restored for commercial tenants. <17>

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## Location

### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4986 1381 (49m by 64m) SJ41SE

### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

### Address/Historic Names

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

## Designations, Statuses and Scorings

### Associated Legal Designations

Listed Building (I) - 1270576	Ditherington Flax Mill: Spinning Mill	Active	DSA6352
Listed Building (I) - 653-0/13/166	Title not entered	Revoked	DSA5609
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### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 10235 Active

### Ratings and Scorings

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BAR Risk	At Risk - Bldg	04/04/2003	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC



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**Site Name** Main Mill or Spinning Mill, Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury

**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	General X-Ref*

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
10550	Church of St Michael, ST MICHAELS STREET, Shrewsbury	Building

A church, dated 1829, which is protected by Grade II Listing.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

CHURCH (dated 1829, Early 19th century - 1829 AD)  
Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Church. 1829. By John Carlins. Brick, with Welsh slate roof recessed behind parapet to nave, plain tiled roof to chancel. West tower, nave without separate aisles, and chancel a later addition. Square base to tower which continues above nave roof line as 2 stepped octagonal lanterns with shallow leaded cap. Doorway in stone moulded architrave in south wall of tower, with clock over. Cornice which continues across nave. Nave of 5 bays with round-arched windows, and a door in moulded architrave beneath the easternmost window. Chancel added somewhat later, with 3 lancet windows and a steep gabled roof. INTERIOR: has nave and 2 aisles formed by first-floor gallery which is supported on cast-iron Corinthian and Tuscan columns <2>

Photograph taken on 5th September 2015. <6>

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4970 1363 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Point

#### **Address/Historic Names**

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations**

Listed Building (II) - 1270583	CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ST MICHAEL'S STREET	Active	DSA6346
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Sites & Monuments Record - 10550	Active
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#### **Ratings and Scorings**

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<b>HER Number</b>	10550	<b>Site Name</b>	Church of St Michael, ST MICHAELS STREET, Shrewsbury
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BAR Condition	Fair	05/02/2002	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC
BAR Risk	Vulnerable - Bldg	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 17303

**Site Name** The Cross Mill at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury

**HER Number**

**Site Name**

**Record Type**

17303

The Cross Mill at former Ditherington Flax Mill,  
SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury

Building

Heckling building of 1812 which may incorporate some late-C18 fabric; altered late C19 during conversion to a maltings. Part of a former flax mill designed by Charles Bage, and owned and operated by Marshall, Benyon and Bage. The site is protected by Grade I Listing

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

FLAX DRESSING SHOP (Early 19th century to Late 19th century - 1803 AD to 1897 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

MALTINGS (Late 19th century to 20th century (post-war) - 1897 AD to 1987 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Building assessment carried out on Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by English Heritage and Shropshire Industrial Enterprises Ltd in 1988. Ditherington Flax Mill complex includes the first, third and eighth cast iron framed buildings in the world. The report details the condition of the existing buildings on site and lists those that have been demolished. <2>

In 1999 trial trenches were excavated as part of preliminary investigations to inform the redevelopment and conservation of Ditherington Flax Mill. Additional unmonitored trial pits located against the walls of the cross mill failed to reveal earlier yard surfaces. <3>

Built: 1812. Total Area (G.I.A.): 1295m<sup>2</sup>. No. of Storeys: 4 plus Attic. Average Storey Height: 2.8m

The Cross Mill building (or Flax Hackling shop) was built in 1812 in the 'fireproof' manner of the Main Mill but only following destruction of an earlier (non-fireproof) building on the site in 1811. The building is Grade 1 listed, is the 8th oldest iron framed building in the world. The Cross Mill (unlike the Main Mill), has an iron-trussed roof. The Cross Mill is believed to be a unique surviving example of a hackling shop built for a textile mill. The internal structure is similar to that employed within the Main Mill. Like the Main Mill, it is assumed that the internal structure would require some remedial repair and that restriction over its future re-use should be established by a floor loading limit of 2.5kN/m<sup>2</sup>. During its conversion for use as a maltings, the Cross Mill windows were similarly amended. The Cross Mill spaces are shorter and arguably less elegant than the main mill. The building has an original 'fireproof' stair at its north and south ends, and links to the Malt Kiln to the north. The building also has a distinctive painted hoarding to its west elevation and gable end. <4>

Considered in a desk-based assessment of the Flax Mill site, undertaken in 2009 to inform redevelopment proposals. The site lies outside of the proposal areas and is not affected by the development. The iconic status of this building is underlined. <6>

An heritage impact assessment was undertaken in 2010 of Ditherington Flax Mill. This included a condition survey of the cross mill building. <7>

The Cross Mill was first Listed in 1987. [<1>]. In the List Amendments of 2003 the MAIN MILL, CROSS MILL, FLAX WAREHOUSE, and the MALT KILN were included into a single Grade I listing. [<5>]

On the 20/10/2105 the List Entries for all the buildings in the complex were updated, and the Cross Mill, Flax Warehouse and Malt Kiln were given separate List Entries.

Extracts from the List Description issued 20/10/2015. ->

-> At right angles to the main mill (Spinning Mill) a second multi-storeyed building, known as the CROSS BUILDING, was constructed during the flax mill's first years of operation. It was built probably in 1799 and was certainly in operation by 1803. It initially housed hand-powered heckling apparatus (a process of combing raw flax in preparation for spinning) and was also used for storing raw flax and heckled line (longest and most valuable grade of flax fibre) and tow (shorter-length flax fibres separated from line flax). The close functional relationship with the Spinning Mill explains their proximity. The building was not constructed in fireproof form, and in October 1811 it was destroyed by a fault in the newly-installed gas-lighting system. The building's importance to the whole working of the mill is reflected in its immediate rebuilding which was completed in 1812. Like the Spinning Mill, the rebuilt Cross Building was iron framed, but incorporated important modifications in its fireproof construction and in its roof which has cast-iron rather than timber trusses. It is constructed of 'great' bricks probably re-used from the building it replaced, and has fireproof staircases at either end, rising the full height of the building. The east staircase block has a link passage on each floor through to the adjacent Spinning Mill; the top floor passage though is a later addition. After it was rebuilt the Cross Building continued to be used chiefly for heckling, on the top two floors, but also accommodated yarn winding on the first floor. In the 1830s an attic room was created which was used for sorting line flax, and the heckling and related machines on the other floors were powered by line shafts driven from the Spinning Mill. ->

-> In 1897 the site was purchased by William Jones of Shrewsbury and adapted for use as a maltings and became known as the Shropshire Maltings. All but the attic floor of the CROSS BUILDING was converted to maltings floors, and steeples (where

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the barley was soaked) were installed at the west end of the building. The attic floor was used for storing barley until about 1950. ->

-> Details: Heckling building of 1812 which may incorporate some late-C18 fabric; altered late C19. Part of a former flax mill designed by Charles Bage, and owned and operated by Marshall, Benyon and Bage. Constructed in two major phases of 1796-7 and after a fire in 1809, with later additions and alterations. Converted and extended to a maltings in 1897-8; closed in 1987. ->

-> MATERIALS: iron-frame construction with walls of red 'great' (measuring approximately 100mm x 110mm x 240mm) and standard or common bricks under a roof of Welsh slate and corrugated sheeting.

PLAN: rectangular in plan and aligned west to east. It has a projecting five-storey stair block which has a link passage through to the Spinning Mill at its east end. It forms part of a group of attached buildings which developed sequentially, comprising the Spinning Mill, CROSS BUILDING and Flax Warehouse, and all subsequently linked by the addition of the late-C19 maltings Kiln.

EXTERIOR: a twelve-bay building of four storeys with an attic. There is a dentilled eaves cornice and a stone chamfered string course at first-floor level to both north and south elevations. The original pattern of windows to each of the bays on these elevations are evident, though two out of every three are completely blocked and the third is reduced in height and width and contains a late-C19 timber malting window. The south elevation of the east stair block has a ground-floor entrance and each of the upper floors contains a window, all under segmental-arched lintels. Its left return has a similar window arrangement, including one to the ground floor. The west gable end carries painted lettering: 'Albrow Maltsters Limited Shropshire Maltings' and has a number of blocked openings, most of which are only visible internally. The third floor of Cross Building was linked to the adjacent Flax Warehouse by a chain suspension bridge (removed) whose position corresponds with an opening containing a pair of timber doors towards the left-hand end of the north elevation.

INTERIOR: the principal access to each floor is from the east stair block. There are two rows of slender cast-iron columns on each floor which support three-piece floor beams and the shallow, brick jack arches which spring between the beams. The floors have a concrete screed, laid when the building was adapted to malting floors. Blockings in the east wall at second-floor level provide evidence for the power transmission system from the north engine house of the Spinning Mill. The cast-iron roof structure comprises two-piece trusses, purlins and short, T-section rafters which slot into the middle rank of purlins. The rafters are timber. <9>

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**Site Name** The Cross Mill at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury

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**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4986 1385 (37m by 33m)

SJ41SE

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish

Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

**Address/Historic Names**

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

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**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations**

Listed Building (DL) - 1270577

FLAX DRESSING BUILDING AT FORMER  
DITHERINGTON FLAX MILL, SPRING  
GARDENS

Revoked

DSA6355

Listed Building (I) - 1428700

Ditherington Flax Mill: Cross Building

Active

DSA11659

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 17303

Active

**Ratings and Scorings**

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BAR Condition	Poor	04/04/2003	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC
BAR Risk	Vulnerable - Bldg	24/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Risk	At Risk - Bldg	04/04/2003	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	General X-Ref*

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

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ESA6873	2010 DBA, site visit and photographic record of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley (Event - Survey)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**HER Number** 17304 **Site Name** Apprentice House of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
17304	Apprentice House of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury	Building

An apprentice house built c1812 for the Ditherington Flax Mill, which is protected by Grade II\* Listing.

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

APPRENTICE HOUSE (Early 19th century to Unknown - 1812 AD)  
Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Upgraded to II\* and Description Amended, 29/05/2003. ->

-> Former apprentice house for flax mill, subsequently offices, now disused. C1812. Brick with Welsh slate roof. 3 storeys and basement, rectangular plan with corridor on long axis. Principal elevation in east facing gable. 3-window range with central panelled door with overlight in architrave with open pediment. Mullioned and transomed window each side, with stone sill and segmentally-arched head. 3 similar windows on first floor, and sash windows to third storey. Shallow pedimented gable. ->

-> HISTORY: The Apprentice House building was an early and significant component of the Flax Mill site established by Marshall, Benyon and Bage 1796-7, later converted to use as superintendents' housing by c1850. Main Mill, part of the core complex to the west of the Apprentice House, is the earliest iron-framed building in the world. Cross Mill, which faces the Apprentice House is now the eighth oldest iron framed building. It was originally the hackling or flax dressing block for the flax mill, and of conventional timber-floored construction until severely damaged by a fire. It was radically altered and assumed its present form as a fireproof building following reconstruction in 1811. It formed part of the conversion to maltings in 1897-98. The Warehouse is the third oldest iron-framed, fire proof building in the world, and the second oldest component on the site. Purpose-built as a flax mill, Ditherington is also notable as marking a transition to the factory production of flax. After its closure as a flax mill in 1886, the site was acquired by William Jones and converted into a maltings in 1897-98, closing in 1986. Forms a group with the Flax Mill (qv) the Dye House and Stove House (qv), the Stables (qv) and the Smithy (qv). <2>

The Ditherington Flax Mill complex, of which the Apprentice House was an early and significant component, contains the worlds earliest iron framed building, an advance in constructional technology which made possible not only the development of multi-storeyed, fire proof industrial buildings, but, more significantly, changed forever the way buildings were designed and constructed. That this advance was expressed first in a textile factory has led to the now-iconic status of the building type as the most potent symbol of the Industrial Revolution. The closely related subsequent additions of the Warehouse and Cross Mill components (sequentially the third and eighth oldest iron-framed buildings) endows the Ditherington Flax mill site with a unique architectural and historic significance. ->

-> An earlier apprentice house existed before the present one at the site but it was almost certainly outside the boundary of the mill, built in 1800 and was owned by the builder John Simpson. The present apprentice house is thought to have been built in 1812 when John Marshall spent £3329 on such a building along with outhouses, drains, a yard and garden wall. By 1849, a dwelling had been created at the eastern end of the building occupying approximately one third of it. In 1855 the dwelling was called the superintendent's house. A formal garden had been laid out to the east and north of the apprentice house which included a fountain but had been removed by 1901. <3>

During September 2005 an archaeological watching brief was carried out by Birmingham Archaeology in the grounds of Ditherington Flax Mill [PRN 06314] in Shrewsbury. The watching brief was undertaken during the excavation of 11 hydro-geological trial holes. A trial hole revealed evidence for a brick structure, complete with exterior yard surface, to the north of the apprentice house, probably relating to structures outlined on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey. <5>

Built: 1812, Total Area: 1450m sq, No. of storeys: 3 + basement.

The Apprentice House was built in 1812 to house workers of the Flax Mill, and is Grade II\* listed. The building comprises two separate 'houses' of accommodation within its block and has a cellular form with simple domestic layouts to each floor around a timber staircase. The houses were used as Superintendents' housing from 1890. The building is located at the north end of the group and currently forms part of a courtyard, along with the Warehouse and adjacent concrete silo to the south. The buildings have suffered extensive damage due to neglect, vandalism and theft, and many of the internal fittings and fixtures, such as fireplaces, have been lost. <6>

Considered in a desk-based assessment of the Flax Mill site, undertaken in 2009 to inform redevelopment proposals. The site lies outside of the proposal areas and is not affected by the development. <7>

An heritage impact assessment was undertaken in 2010 of Ditherington Flax Mill. This included a condition survey of the apprentice house. <8>

**HER Number** 17304

**Site Name** Apprentice House of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4988 1389 (26m by 23m)

SJ41SE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

#### Address/Historic Names

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Legal Designations

Listed Building (II) - 653-1/4/749x	Title not entered	Revoked	DSA6354
Listed Building (II*) - 1254855	Ditherington Flax Mill: Apprentice House	Active	DSA6353

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 17304	Active
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#### Ratings and Scorings



<b>HER Number</b>	17304	<b>Site Name</b>	Apprentice House of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury
BAR Condition	Poor	24/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Condition	Poor	04/04/2003	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC
BAR Risk	At Risk - Bldg	24/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Risk	At Risk - Bldg	04/04/2003	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC

#### **Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

#### **Related Monuments**

06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	General X-Ref*

**Finds - None recorded**

#### **Associated Events/Activities**

ESA5478	1988 Buildings Assessment of Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury (Event - Survey)
ESA6439	2003/4 condition survey of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley (Event - Survey)
ESA6161	2005 WB at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Birmingham Archaeology (Event - Intervention)
ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)
ESA6873	2010 DBA, site visit and photographic record of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley (Event - Survey)

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**HER Number** 17305 **Site Name** Stove House and Dye house at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Ditherington, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
17305	Stove House and Dye house at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Ditherington, Shrewsbury	Building

A Stove House constructed c 1800 for the Ditherington Flax Mill. In 1850 a Dye House was added, and in c1897 the building was converted to a barley drying room, as part of the conversion of the complex to a Maltings, which is protected by Grade II\* Listing.

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

DRYING HOUSE (Early 19th century - 1800 AD?)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

DYE HOUSE (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1850 AD to 1897 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Upgraded to II\* and Address and Description Amended, 29/05/2003. <2>

Former Drying Stove House and Dye House of flax mill, subsequently barley drying room, now disused. Early C19 (pre-1804), extended 1811-12, altered and further enlarged 1850, converted to barley drying room 1897-8. Brick with Welsh slate and asbestos roof. Single storey, square in plan. Principal elevation faces east with 12-bay blind arcade with projecting impost and keystones, each bay having a large window opening with cambered arches and projecting stone sills, timber casement windows with vertical glazing bars. Double roof, hipped to north and south, with continuous ridge roof lights raised above clerestory ventilators.

INTERIOR: the valley beam is carried on 5 Doric cast-iron columns. Roof of 12 bays with wrought-iron rod and bar trusses with ornate cast-iron strainers. Mezzanine floor inserted on conversion to maltings 1897-98. ->

-> HISTORY: The Stove House, subsequently enlarged by the addition of the Dye House in 1850 was an early and significant component of the Flax Mill site established by Marshall, Benyon and Bage 1796- 7, and marked the increasing specialisation of production during the early years of the C19. It is sited close to Main Mill, part of the core complex, and the earliest iron-framed building in the world. Cross Mill, to the south-east is now the eighth oldest iron framed building. The Warehouse is the third oldest iron-framed, fire proof building in the world, and the second oldest component on the site. Purpose-built as a flax mill, Ditherington is also notable as marking a transition to the factory production of flax. After its closure as a flax mill in 1886, the site was acquired by William Jones and converted into a maltings in 1897-98, closing in 1986. Forms a group with the Flax Mill (qv) the Apprentice House (qv), the Stables (qv) and the Smithy (qv). The Ditherington Flax Mill complex, of which the Dye House and Stove building was an early and significant component, contains the worlds earliest iron-framed building, an advance in constructional technology which made possible not only the development of multi-storeyed, fireproof industrial buildings, but, more significantly, changed forever the way buildings were designed and constructed. That this advance was expressed first in a textile factory has led to the now iconic status of the building type as the most potent symbol of the Industrial Revolution. The closely related subsequent additions of the Warehouse and the Cross Mill components, sequentially the third and eighth oldest iron-framed buildings endows the Ditherington Flax mill site with a unique architectural and historic significance. (Macleod M, Trinder B, Worthington M: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: Ironbridge: 1988). <2>

Building assessment carried out on Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by English Heritage and Shropshire Industrial Enterprises Ltd in 1988. Ditherington Flax Mill complex includes the first, third and eighth cast iron framed buildings in the world. The report details the condition of the existing buildings on site and lists those that have been demolished. <3>

During September 2005 an archaeological watching brief was carried out by Birmingham Archaeology in the grounds of Ditherington Flax Mill [PRN 06314] in Shrewsbury. The watching brief was undertaken during the excavation of 11 hydro-geological trial holes. A trial hole to the west of the dye house found that the second of the two railway lines serving the factory shown on 1st edition OS maps, had been removed or destroyed. Excavations to the east were hampered by water logging, and suggests the presence of a large tank or hopper below the dye house. <4>

In 1999 trial trenches were excavated as part of preliminary investigations to inform the redevelopment and conservation of Ditherington Flax Mill. Additional unmonitored trial pits located against the walls of the dye house failed to reveal earlier yard surfaces. <5>

Built: 1804/1850, Total Area: 1450m sq, No. of storeys: 1 + Mezzanine

The Dye and Stove House was originally built in 1803, and was subsequently largely re-built in 1852. The building consists of a large open space (with a later mezzanine floor) under an elegant and lightweight trussed roof. The roof extends the tradition of fine ironwork detailing on the site, and is supplemented by fine brickwork to the main elevations. Following the conversion of the building for use as part of the Maltings business, a number of hoists were added to assist the movement of material in and out of the building, together with dormer 'lucarns' to enable loading and unloading from the adjacent railway

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**Site Name** Stove House and Dye house at former Ditherington Flax Mill,  
SPRING GARDENS, Ditherington, Shrewsbury

sidings. These features represent an important change in the function of the building and should probably be retained as part of a scheme for future re-use. Internally the building has suffered from weather ingress and some corrosion to the structure. <6>

Considered in a desk-based assessment of the Flax Mill site, undertaken in 2009 to inform redevelopment proposals. The site lies outside of the proposal areas and is not affected by the development. <7>

As part of a scheme of regeneration works at the former Ditherington Flax Mill in Shrewsbury (centred on NGR SJ 49888 13849), Oxford Archaeology North carried out a programme of archaeological building recording. The work was required prior to urgent repair works to buildings within the mill complex, and was intended to provide an archaeological record of elements of the mid 19th century Dye House, Stove House, and Malt Kiln, which are to be removed imminently during the proposed urgent repair works. In addition, a photographic record of the upper floor and roof of the Malt Silo was also compiled.->

-> The Dye House is a Grade II\* Listed Building, and formed an extension to the adjoining Stove House, which was erected prior to 1804. The Dye House was added on its north-eastern side in 1850, and was converted to a barley drying room in 1897-8. The building is of brick construction with a Welsh slate and asbestos roof. It is square in plan, with the principal east-facing elevation, which faces the main flax mill, comprising a two-bay blind arcade with projecting imposts and keystones, each bay having a large window opening with cambered arches and projecting stone sills, timber casement windows with vertical glazing bars. The building was originally only a single storey, with a double roof, hipped to both the north and south, with continuous ridge roof lights raised above clerestory ventilators. The central, north-east/south-west-aligned valley is carried on 8" (0.21m) diameter cast-iron hollow cylindrical columns, with a total of five placed at alternating bay divisions. At their base, the columns were placed on roughly-hewn sandstone pads, several of which were visible through the damaged floor. The building was remodelled in 1897-8 when it was converted to a maltings. Details of the mezzanine floor were recorded, together with internal detail of the dyehouse. The damaged floor of the dye house was removed and a rapid archaeological appraisal of its construction was undertaken. ->

-> The works also comprised the recording of a timber floor placed between the two ranges of the earlier Stove House, to the south of the Dye House. <8>

An heritage impact assessment was undertaken in 2010 of Ditherington Flax Mill. This included a condition survey of the Dye and Stove house.<9>

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## Location

### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4983 1383 (40m by 45m)

SJ41SE

### Administrative Areas

**HER Number** 17305 **Site Name** Stove House and Dye house at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Ditherington, Shrewsbury

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

### Address/Historic Names

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Legal Designations

Listed Building (II) - 653-1/4/753x	Title not entered	Revoked	DSA6359
Listed Building (II*) - 1270566	Ditherington Flax Mill: Dyehouse and Stove House	Active	DSA6358

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 17305	Active
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#### Ratings and Scorings

BAR Condition	Poor	24/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Condition	Poor	04/04/2003	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC
BAR Risk	At Risk - Bldg	24/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Risk	At Risk - Bldg	04/04/2003	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC

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### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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### Related Monuments

06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	General X-Ref*

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### Finds - None recorded

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### Associated Events/Activities

ESA5478	1988 Buildings Assessment of Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury (Event - Survey)
ESA6342	1999 trial pits at Ditherington Flax Mill by IGMT for Earnest Ireland (Event - Intervention)
ESA6439	2003/4 condition survey of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley (Event - Survey)
ESA6161	2005 WB at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Birmingham Archaeology (Event - Intervention)
ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)
ESA6873	2010 DBA, site visit and photographic record of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley (Event - Survey)
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### Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

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**HER Number** 17306 **Site Name** Stables of former Ditherington Flax Mill, Spring Gardens, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
17306	Stables of former Ditherington Flax Mill, Spring Gardens, Shrewsbury	Building

A stable and hayloft built in c1800 as part of the Ditherington Flax Mill complex, which is protected by Grade II Listing.

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

STABLE (Early 19th century - 1800 AD?)  
Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

List Description Amended 29/05/2003. ->

-> Stable and hayloft of former flax mill, subsequently workshop and store, now disused. Early C19 (pre-1805) with minor late C19 and C20 alterations. Red brick with Welsh slate roof. 2 storeys, with inserted early C20 ground floor openings. At first floor, doorway with heavy timber-frame and brick segmental arch. Double roof, gabled to east. Internal structure to first floor divided into 4 bays, with brick jack arches sprung between cast-iron beams.

-> HISTORY: The Stables building was an early component of the Flax Mill site established by Marshall, Benyon and Bage 1796- 7. and forms part of the expansion of the site under the impact of increasing specialisation during the early C19. It is sited close to the core mill complex, part of which, Main Mill,( the first component to be built ), is the earliest iron-framed building in the world.

The other main components, the Warehouse and Cross Mill, are respectively the third and the eighth oldest iron-framed buildings. The stables share some of the constructional form of the main complex, using brick jack arches and iron beams to support the upper floor. Purpose-built as a flax mill, Ditherington is also notable as marking a transition to the factory production of flax. After its closure as a flax mill in 1886, the site was acquired by William Jones and converted into a maltings in 1897-98, closing in 1986. Forms a group with the Flax Mill (qv) the Apprentice House (qv), the Dye House and Stove Building (qv) and the Workshop and Offices (qv) The Ditherington Flax Mill complex, of which the Stables building was an early component, contains the worlds' earliest iron framed building, an advance in constructional technology which made possible not only the development of multi-storeyed, fire proof industrial buildings, but, more significantly, changed for ever the way buildings were designed and constructed. That this advance was expressed first in a textile factory has led to the now- iconic status of the building type as the most potent symbol of the Industrial Revolution. The closely- related subsequent additions of the Warehouse and the Cross Mill components, sequentially the third and eighth oldest iron- framed buildings, endow the Ditherington Flax mill site with a unique architectural and historic significance. (Macleod M, Trinder B, Worthington M: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: Ironbridge: 1988). <2>

Building assessment carried out on Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by English Heritage and Shropshire Industrial Enterprises Ltd in 1988. Ditherington Flax Mill complex includes the first, third and eighth cast ironed framed buildings in the world. The report details the condition of the existing buildings on site and lists those that have been demolished. <3>

Built: 1804, Total Area: 200m2, No. of storeys: 2.

The Stables and office were built in 1804 and are listed Grade II. Their historical function was use as a stable and hayloft and a workshop and store. The buildings are located at the southern end of the site and form part of the boundary wall of the site. The buildings are domestic in scale. <4>

Considered in a desk-based assessment of the Flax Mill site, undertaken in 2009 to inform redevelopment proposals. The site lies outside of the proposal areas and is not affected by the development.<5>

An heritage impact assessment was undertaken in 2010 of Ditherington Flax Mill. This included a condition survey of the main mill building.<6>

A programme of archaeological building recording was undertaken of the stables at Ditherington Flax Mill in January 2015, in association with regeneration proposals. Enabling works during repairs, and the demolition of a dilapidated lean-to structure, linking this building with the offices (PRN 17307) has provided access to previously unrecorded parts of the building, allowing a comprehensive gazetteer of features and fittings within the two structures to be completed. ->

-> The former Stables had been erected prior to 1811, and comprises a two storey structure with a double-span roof, placed on a broadly perpendicular alignment to the adjacent Smithy/Office. Notably, both floors of the building have fireproof brick-arched ceilings, suggesting that it was designed to house a manufacturing process rather than being intended as a stable. <7>

#### **Sources**

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4982 1378 (12m by 11m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

#### **Address/Historic Names**

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations**

Listed Building (II) - 1254856	Ditherington Flax Mill: Stables and remains of Packing Warehouse	Active	DSA6360
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#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 17306	Active
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#### **Ratings and Scorings**

BAR Condition	Very Bad	24/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Condition	Poor	04/04/2003	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC
BAR Risk	Grave Risk	24/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Risk	At Risk - Bldg	04/04/2003	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC

### **Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### **Related Monuments**

06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities**

<b>HER Number</b>	17306	<b>Site Name</b>	Stables of former Ditherington Flax Mill, Spring Gardens, Shrewsbury
ESA5478	1988 Buildings Assessment of Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury (Event - Survey)		
ESA6439	2003/4 condition survey of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley (Event - Survey)		
ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)		
ESA6873	2010 DBA, site visit and photographic record of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley (Event - Survey)		
ESA7406	2015 Building survey of stables and office blocks, Ditherington Flax Mill by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Survey. Ref: 17/00624/DIS)		

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 17307 **Site Name** Workshop and Offices of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
17307	Workshop and Offices of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury	Building

Workshop and offices built c 1800 for the Ditherington Flax Mill, which is protected by Grade II Listing.

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

OFFICE (Early 19th century - 1800 AD?)
Evidence EXTANT BUILDING
WORKSHOP (Early 19th century - 1800 AD?)
Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

List Description Amended 29/05/2003. ->

-> Workshop and offices associated with flax mill, subsequently offices and maintenance workshop and now disused. Early C19 (pre1805). Red bricks with Welsh slate roof and brick chimney. 2 storeys. East elevation has doorway to left, and two sash windows, one possibly original. 4 small later C19 windows to left of doorway approached by wooden stairs, with further window to right. Central stack to former smith's hearth, which survived the conversion of the building to offices and workshops when the flax mill site was re-used as a maltings.

HISTORY: The workshop and office building was an early component of the Flax Mill site established by Marshall, Benyon and Bage 1796- 7, and forms part of the expansion of the site under the impact of increasing specialisation during the early C19. It is sited close to the core mill complex, part of which, Main Mill (the first component to be built), is the earliest iron-framed building in the world. The other main components, the Warehouse and Cross Mill, are respectively the third and eighth oldest iron-framed buildings. Purpose-built as a flax mill, Ditherington is also notable as marking a transition to the factory production of flax. After its closure as a flax mill in 1886, the site was acquired by William Jones and converted into a maltings in 1897-98, closing in 1886.

Forms a group with the Flax Mill (qv), the Apprentice House (qv), the Dye House and Stove Building (qv) and the Stables (qv).

The Ditherington Flax Mill complex, of which the Blacksmith's shop was an early example, contains the worlds earliest iron-framed building, an advance in constructional technology which made possible not only the development of multi-storeyed, fire-proof industrial building, but, more significantly, changed for ever the way buildings were designed and constructed. That this advance was expressed first in a textile factory has led to the now iconic status of the building type as the most potent symbol of the Industrial Revolution. The closely related subsequent additions of the Warehouse and Cross Mill components, sequentially the third and eighth oldest iron-framed buildings, endow the Ditherington Flax Mill site with unique architectural and historic significance. (Macleod M, Trinder B, Worthington M, Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: Ironbridge; 1988). <2>

Building assessment carried out on Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by English Heritage and Shropshire Industrial Enterprises Ltd in 1988. Ditherington Flax Mill complex includes the first, third and eighth cast ironed framed buildings in the world. The report details the condition of the existing buildings on site and lists those that have been demolished. <3>

Built: 1804, Total Area: 200m2, No. of storeys: 2.

The Stables and office were built in 1804 and are listed Grade II. Their historical function was use as a stable and hayloft and a workshop and store. The buildings are located at the southern end of the site and form part of the boundary wall of the site. The buildings are domestic in scale. <4>

Considered in a desk-based assessment of the Flax Mill site, undertaken in 2009 to inform redevelopment proposals. The site lies outside of the proposal areas and is not affected by the development. <5>

An heritage impact assessment was undertaken in 2010 of Ditherington Flax Mill. This included a condition survey of the workshop and offices building. <6>

A programme of archaeological building recording was undertaken of the smithy/offices at Ditherington Flax Mill in January 2015, in association with regeneration proposals. Enabling works during repairs, and the demolition of a dilapidated lean-to structure, linking this building with the former stables (PRN 17306) provided access to previously unrecorded parts of the building, allowing a comprehensive gazetteer of features and fittings within the two structures to be completed. ->

-> The former Smithy/Offices is a brick-built, two-storey structure that was added to the flax mill site before 1811. It is marked on a plan of 1855 as a smithy, but the first floor was converted for use as an office in the later nineteenth century. This involved the insertion of an additional fireplace and the replacement of an internal stair with an external stair that afforded access to the first floor from the mill yard. <7>



**HER Number** 17307

**Site Name** Workshop and Offices of former Ditherington Flax Mill,  
SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury

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| SMR Film Collection Ref | 094/18 |

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4982 1379 (6m by 14m) SJ41SE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

#### Address/Historic Names

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Legal Designations

Listed Building (II) - 1254901	Ditherington Flax Mill: Smithy and Office	Active	DSA6357
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#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 17307	Active
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#### Ratings and Scorings

BAR Condition	Poor	24/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Condition	Poor	04/04/2003	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC
BAR Risk	At Risk - Bldg	24/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Risk	At Risk - Bldg	04/04/2003	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC

**HER Number** 17307

**Site Name** Workshop and Offices of former Ditherington Flax Mill,  
SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury

**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	General X-Ref*

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

ESA5478	1988 Buildings Assessment of Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury (Event - Survey)
ESA6439	2003/4 condition survey of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley (Event - Survey)
ESA6873	2010 DBA, site visit and photographic record of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley (Event - Survey)
ESA7406	2015 Building survey of stables and office blocks, Ditherington Flax Mill by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Survey. Ref: 17/00624/DIS)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**HER Number** 20115 **Site Name** The Plough Public House, CASTLE FOREGATE, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
20115	The Plough Public House, CASTLE FOREGATE, Shrewsbury	Building

A late 17th or early 18th century public house, which is protected by Grade II Listing.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

PUBLIC HOUSE (Late, 17th century to Late 19th century - 1600 AD to 1899 AD)  
Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Public house. Late C17/early C18, extended C19, and with later alterations. Whitewashed render over brick with plain tile roofs and brick and stucco end stacks. L-plan with wing to rear and extension on left end. 2 storeys; 2-window range of 2/2 sashes. Doorcase to left with part-glazed door. 2-storey extension, gable facing, also has a 2/2 sash on each floor. Rear wing has door and further windows and with lower 2-storey and single-storey extensions on left end. Unevenness of brickwork suggests some timber-framing may survive in the inner back walls of the L. INTERIOR: ground floor opened up into one large area, but low ceilings remain on both floors. Roof of front range and wing is original with ties with curved principals, 2 tiers of purlins, and coupled rafters. This public house is recorded as licensed premises from 1786. <1>

Records show the 'Plough' was present in 1780. In 1829 it was called 'The Old Plough' and in 1896 'Speed the Plough'. From 1868 to about 1910 it was used by carriers who served the north of the county. It was purpose built as a inn, and the two parts; the street parallel range and the separate cross wing, were built at the same time to serve different (if unknown) functions. Both street frontages are rendered, and painted quoins are applied to the angles. The original cobbled yard is still present covered by tarmac. The street parallel range has an end lobby entrance. The three bay steep pitched roof contains two trusses of upper-cruck construction. Only one bay has floorboards. The crosswing range has a 45 degree pitched roof, with two bays and is of wooden industrial kingpost construction, with a very sturdy truss. No evidence of timber framing was found. <2>

#### **Sources**

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- (02) Site visit report: No. 50b Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury (The Plough, Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury) by Moran Madge (1994). Location: ESA DRF
- (03) Article in monograph: Shrewsbury' country carriers (Victorian Shrewsbury) by Evason C & Marsh P (1984). Location: SMR library

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4952 1325 (13m by 11m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
Ecclesiastical	St Mary, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
	Dispersed

#### **Address/Historic Names**

UAD Address: The Plough Public House, CASTLE FOREGATE , Shrewsbury, Shropshire

### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations**

Conservation Area	Shrewsbury	Active	DSA8826
Listed Building (II) - 1246551	THE PLOUGH PUBLIC HOUSE, CASTLE FOREGATE	Active	DSA6384

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 20115	Active
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#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**HER Number** 20115

**Site Name** The Plough Public House, CASTLE FOREGATE,  
Shrewsbury

***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6397 1994 site visit at 50b and The Plough, Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury (Event - Survey)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 20130 **Site Name** Ice House at SJ 491 138, Coton Hill Farm, CORPORATION LANE, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
20130	Ice House at SJ 491 138, Coton Hill Farm, CORPORATION LANE, Shrewsbury	Building

An early 19th century icehouse, which is protected by Grade II Listing.

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### ***Monument Types and Dates***

ICEHOUSE (Early 19th century - 1800 AD to 1837 AD)  
Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Ice house. Probably early C19. Brick. Subterranean egg-shaped chamber with right-angled entrance passage rebated for doorways <1>

Ice house is situated 27.4m-45m (30-50 yds) from main building. The cylindrical chamber is entered through a passage with a right angled turn. The chamber is 4.6m from the domed roof to its bottom, which contains a drain hole. The structure is a brick laid in Flemish bond. It is currently (1980) used as an apple store as the walls carry shelving; however it is thought that the original purpose was for commercial ice storage. The source of the ice is not proven, the nearest pools being 3.2km away. The River Severn, into which the ice house is drained, flows nearby, but there is some doubt as to whether this was used as the ice source. ->

-> The ice house is currently part of a Camping and Caravan Club site (Bob Jarrett 10/7/2009). <2>

#### **Sources**

- (01) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17), p159. Location: SMR
- (02) Article in serial: Shropshire Ice Houses Gazetteer (Trans Shropshire Archaeol Hist Soc) by Jarrett B (2009), P.46. Location: SMR library

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### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4911 1380 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Point

#### **Address/Historic Names**

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

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### ***Designations, Statutes and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations**

Listed Building (II) - 1247131	ICE HOUSE AT SJ 491 138, COTON HILL FARM, CORPORATION LANE	Active	DSA6328
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#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 20130 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### ***Land Use***

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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### ***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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### ***Finds - None recorded***

**HER Number** 20130

**Site Name** Ice House at SJ 491 138, Coton Hill Farm, CORPORATION  
LANE, Shrewsbury

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
20131	Nos 11, 12 AND 14, COTON HILL, Shrewsbury	Building

A row of three 17th century cottages, which are protected by Grade II Listing.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

ROW (17th century to Late 18th century - 1600 AD to 1799 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Row of 3 cottages. C17 with facade of C18. Timber-framed refronted in brick with plain tiled and Welsh slate roofs. One-and-a-half storeys, a single-unit cottage each side of 2-unit central cottage. 4-window range in all. No. 11 has 6-panelled door beneath gabled hood, with 2-light casement window to the right, and small casement below eaves above. No. 12 is painted brick with central door flanked by inserted windows. Projecting string course. 2 gabled dormers in the roof. No. 14 has doorway to left in moulded architrave and canted bay window with dormer over. Timber-framing exposed in lower gable wall, rough square panelling <1>

#### **Sources**

(01) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17), p159. Location: SMR

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4919 1333 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

#### **Address/Historic Names**

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations**

Listed Building (II) - 1247040	11,12 AND 14, COTON HILL	Active	DSA6422
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#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 20131	Active
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#### **Ratings and Scorings**

BAR Condition	Fair	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Condition	Poor	31/01/2002	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC
BAR Risk	Vulnerable - Bldg	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Risk	Vulnerable - Bldg	31/01/2002	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC

### **Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**HER Number** 20131

**Site Name** Nos 11, 12 AND 14, COTON HILL, Shrewsbury

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 20132

**Site Name** Coton Hurst, No 41 COTON HILL, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
20132	Coton Hurst, No 41 COTON HILL, Shrewsbury	Building

A mid 19th century house, which is protected by Grade II Listing.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

HOUSE (Mid 19th century - 1837 AD to 1879 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

House. Mid C19. Brick with hipped Welsh slate roof. 2 storeys, 4-window range to garden front, 3-window range entrance front. Entrance front with central door in pedimented porch with fluted Doric columns to architrave. 16-pane sash windows with flat-arched gauged brick heads. 12-pane sash windows to garden front. Central stacks. A complete mid C19 villa in the Late Georgian tradition <1>

#### **Sources**

(01) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17), p163. Location: SMR

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4925 1340 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

#### **Address/Historic Names**

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations**

Listed Building (II) - 1247153	COTON HURST, 41, COTON HILL	Active	DSA6428
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#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 20132	Active
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#### **Ratings and Scorings**

BAR Condition	Good	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Condition	Good	31/01/2002	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC
BAR Risk	Not at Risk - A	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Risk	Not at Risk - A	31/01/2002	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC

### ***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**HER Number** 20155 **Site Name** Canal Tavern Public House and attached outbuilding range, New Park Road, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
20155	Canal Tavern Public House and attached outbuilding range, New Park Road, Shrewsbury	Building

An early 19th century public house, which is protected by Grade II Listing.

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### ***Monument Types and Dates***

PUBLIC HOUSE (Early 19th century - 1800 AD to 1837 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Public house. Early C19. Whitewashed brick with Welsh slate and plain tile roofs with coped gables and brick end stacks. L plan with 2-storey wing to rear. 3 storeys; 3-window range of 6/6 sashes under stucco lintels. 3/3 sashes above.

On ground floor a later central porch has original doorcase within with door and overlight. 1/1 sashes either side. Lean-to on left end and outbuilding range on right end. This is of brick with plain tile roof and has, nearest to main range, an arched doorway with bulls-eye window to left and loft door above.

INTERIOR: main range has room to right opened out but that to left survives mostly intact. This public house, on the side of the former Shrewsbury Canal, is marked on Wood's map of Shrewsbury of 1838. <1>

#### **Sources**

(01) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17), p303. Location: SMR

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### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4967 1324 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

#### **Address/Historic Names**

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

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### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations**

Listed Building (II) - 1254679	CANAL TAVERN PUBLIC HOUSE AND ATTACHED OUTBUILDING RANGE, NEW PARK ROAD	Active	DSA6386
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#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 20155 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### ***Land Use***

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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### ***Related Monuments***

03410	Shrewsbury Canal	Functional Association (P/C)
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### ***Finds - None recorded***

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### ***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 20155

**Site Name** Canal Tavern Public House and attached outbuilding range,  
New Park Road, Shrewsbury

***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 20166 **Site Name** Water pump at SJ 497 137, ST MICHAEL'S STREET, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
20166	Water pump at SJ 497 137, ST MICHAEL'S STREET, Shrewsbury	Building

A conduit head, circa 1870, which is protected by Grade II Listing.

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### ***Monument Types and Dates***

PUMP (circa 1870, Mid 19th century - 1837 AD to 1879 AD)  
Evidence STRUCTURE

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### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Conduit head. c1870. Cast-iron. Fluted shaft with domed cap, with ram 's head over former spout, and inscription plate reading "Waste Not Want Not". One of a series of conduit heads installed in association with the water supply to the city piped from the conduit head at Nobold (qv) <1>

#### **Sources**

(01) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17), p399. Location: SMR

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### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

SJ 4965 1348 (point) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Point

#### **Address/Historic Names**

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

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### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations**

Listed Building (II) - 1270573	WATER PUMP AT SJ 497 137, ST MICHAEL'S STREET	Active	DSA6347
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#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 20166	Active
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**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### ***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 20167 **Site Name** Nos 56-59 (Consecutive), ST MICHAELS STREET,  
Ditherington. Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
20167	Nos 56-59 (Consecutive), ST MICHAELS STREET, Ditherington. Shrewsbury	Building

A terrace of 4 houses (now 3), built by John Simpson before June c1800 as the Apprentice House for the Ditherington Flax Mill. It is protected by Grade II Listing.

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

APPRENTICE HOUSE (circa 1800, Early 19th century - 1800 AD to 1812 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

TERRACE (circa 1800, Early 19th century to Unknown - 1812 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Terrace of 4 houses (now 3), formerly the apprentice house for Benyon and Bage's flax mill. C1800 with later modifications. John Simpson, architect and builder. Brick with Welsh slate roof. 3 storeys, wide 4-window range. Paired doors beneath single pedimented hoods (one door now a window in right-hand pair). 4-pane sash windows with cambered brick heads (blind window spaces on ground and second storeys in left-hand unit). Painted plaque in centre of elevation reads "Ann Hill". Hipped roof to left, and 3-window-range return elevation, with wide 6-pane sashes, the central spaces blind. End wall and axial stacks.

The house is built of "great bricks", which link it decisively with the Ditherington flax mill complex (qv), where they were used in all building work prior to 1805. (Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: Ironbridge: 1988) <1>

Built by John Simpson before June c1800 as the Apprentice House for the Ditherington Flax Mill. It was built of the same "Great Bricks" of the earliest phase of the Flax Mill, and was named "Ann's Hill" after Simpson's daughter. A new Apprentice House was built on the Flax Mill site in 1812. <3>

#### **Sources**

- (01) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17), p400. Location: SMR
- (02) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), p19 and 36.. Location: ESA white
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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4975 1363 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

#### **Address/Historic Names**

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

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### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations**

Listed Building (II) - 1270584	56-59, ST MICHAEL'S STREET	Active	DSA6350
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#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 20167	Active
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#### **Ratings and Scorings**

<b>HER Number</b>	20167	<b>Site Name</b>	Nos 56-59 (Consecutive), ST MICHAELS STREET, Ditherington. Shrewsbury
BAR Condition	Fair	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Condition	Fair	19/06/2003	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC
BAR Risk	Not at Risk - B	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Risk	Not at Risk - B	19/06/2003	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
20168	No 55, ST MICHAELS STREET, Ditherington, Shrewsbury	Building

A house built by John Simpson before June c1800, as a house for the the clerks working at the Ditherington Flax Mill. It was built of the same "Great Bricks" of the earliest phase of the Flax Mill. It is protected by Grade II Listing.

### Monument Types and Dates

HOUSE (circa 1800, Early 19th century to Unknown - 1800 AD?)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### Description and Sources

#### Description

House, formerly clerk's house to Benyon and Bage's flax mill. C1800. John Simpson, architect and builder. Brick with hipped Welsh slate roof. 2 storeys with basement storey to rear, 3-window range. Central 4-panelled door with overlight in architrave flanked by 12-pane sash windows with flat-arched brick heads. 9-pane sash windows to upper storey. Side wall and axial stacks. The house is built of "great bricks" which link it decisively with the flax mill complex (qv) where they were used in all building work prior to 1805.

Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: Ironbridge Institute: 1988 <1>

A house built by John Simpson before June c1800, as a house for the the clerks working at the Ditherington Flax Mill. It was built of the same "Great Bricks" of the earliest phase of the Flax Mill. <3>

#### Sources

- (01) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17), p400. Location: SMR
  - (02) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), p19. Location: ESA white
  - (03) Monograph: The Industrial Archaeology of Shropshire by Trinder Barrie (1996), p145. Location: SMR Library
- International Standard Book Number 0 85033 989 8

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4973 1360 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

#### Address/Historic Names

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Legal Designations

Listed Building (II) - 1254865	55, ST MICHAEL'S STREET	Active	DSA6351
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#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 20168	Active
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#### Ratings and Scorings

BAR Condition	Good	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Condition	Fair	05/02/2002	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC
BAR Risk	Not at Risk - A	25/04/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Risk	Not at Risk - B	05/02/2002	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC

### Land Use

**HER Number** 20168

**Site Name** No 55, ST MICHAELS STREET, Ditherington, Shrewsbury

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**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 20171

**Site Name** Flax warehouse at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury

**HER Number**

**Site Name**

**Record Type**

20171

Flax warehouse at former Ditherington Flax Mill,  
SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury

Building

Warehouse of c1810. Part of a former flax mill designed by Charles Bage, and owned and operated by Marshall, Benyon and Bage. Constructed in two major phases of 1796-7 and after a fire in 1809, with later additions and alterations. Converted to a maltings in 1897-8. The building is protected by Grade I Listing.

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

WAREHOUSE (19th century - 1800 AD to 1899 AD)

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Former flax warehouse, now disused. Brick with Welsh slate roof, iron-framed. 4 storeys. Scattered openings, many now blocked <1>

Building assessment carried out on Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by English Heritage and Shropshire Industrial Enterprises Ltd in 1988. The report details the condition of the existing buildings on site and lists those that have been demolished. The Warehouse is a structure of exceptional importance, the third oldest surviving iron-framed building, one which marks the significant advances in constructional techniques from those used in the main mill. It was completed by June 1805 when it was insured. In the summer of 1810 it was linked to the cross mill by a chain bridge, erected according to the patent of a Mr Palmer by a Mr William Hazledine. The bridge was to be used as an escape for people trapped by fires in the cross building and as a point from which hoses could be directed on to the flames. In 1886 the fireproof qualities were recognised in the sale. After the site was taken over and converted to a maltings, the malt kiln abutted the south side of the building. The flax warehouse shows signs of considerable instability and is supported by a number of rods and tie plates. The west wall includes some new, modern brickwork. An iron-framed window remains on the south wall of this building adjacent to where it adjoins the malt kiln. <2>

Built: 1805. Total Area: 1210m<sup>2</sup>. No. of storeys: 4 plus roof void. Average storey ht. 2.7m  
The Flax Warehouse was built in 1805 for the storage of flax. The building is Grade I listed, and is the 3rd oldest iron framed building in the world. During its subsequent conversion for use as part of the Maltings operation, it is believed to have been used for the storage of dye stuffs and grain. Internally, the original cast iron structure has been supplemented by a range of later timber props, tie rods and plates, which have not been examined in detail. It is assumed, however, that similar structural repairs and loading restrictions of 2.5kN/m<sup>2</sup> would govern re-uses within the building following repair. The building has strong physical lines with the Malt Kiln on ground to third floors. It also has an important relationship with the apprentice house which is located to the north. The building has few windows, which will be an important consideration in proposals for a change of use, and could have a significant impact on the existing appearance. The building has a hoist located on its north elevation. <4>

Considered in a desk-based assessment of the Flax Mill site, undertaken in 2009 to inform redevelopment proposals. The site lies outside of the proposal areas and is not affected by the development. <5>

An heritage impact assessment was undertaken in 2010 of Ditherington Flax Mill. This included a condition survey of the flax warehouse. <6>

The Flax Warehouse was first Listed in 1995. In 2003 the List Entries for the Cross Mill and the Flax Warehouse were merged with that for the Main or Spinning Mill.

On the 20/10/2015 the List Entries for all the buildings in the complex were updated, and the Cross Mill, Flax Warehouse and Malt Kiln were given separate List Entries and gradings. Extracts from the List Description issued 20/10/2015. ->

The FLAX WAREHOUSE was built in c1810 when machine heckling (the process of combing raw flax) was introduced to the site and the stockpiling of raw materials provided some guarantee against fluctuating supplies. It was built to a wide plan and was a relatively large warehouse for a textile mill. Variations in its iron frame reflect the progress that had been made in the production and use of structural iron since the construction of the earlier Spinning Mill. Notable differences in the overall design of its frame include the use of four-piece beams, jointed at the heads of the three rows of columns, and a fully-framed gabled roof structure. It appears to have been used for storing dyestuffs in the last years of the operation of the flax mill. In 1897 the site was purchased by William Jones of Shrewsbury and adapted for use as a maltings and became known as the Shropshire Maltings. From this date the FLAX WAREHOUSE was used for dressing, cleaning and storing grain. The Maltings closed in 1987. ->

#### **-> Details**

Warehouse of c1810. Part of a former flax mill designed by Charles Bage, and owned and operated by Marshall, Benyon and Bage. Constructed in two major phases of 1796-7 and after a fire in 1809, with later additions and alterations. Converted and extended to a maltings in 1897-8; closed in 1987.

**MATERIALS:** iron-framed construction with walls of common or standard red bricks under a roof clad with Welsh slates and corrugated sheeting.

**HER Number** 20171

**Site Name** Flax warehouse at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury

**PLAN:** rectangular on plan and aligned west to east. It forms part of a group of attached buildings which developed sequentially, comprising the Spinning Mill, Crossing Building and FLAX WAREHOUSE, and all subsequently linked by the addition of the late-C19 maltings Kiln.

**EXTERIOR:** it has four storeys plus an attic, and is built to a wide plan of nine bays. It has a chamfered offset at second-floor level. As to be expected with a warehouse it does not have many windows and these are irregularly arranged. The east gable wall has numerous cast-iron tie plates and an opening with segmental head at attic level. The south elevation has two segmental-arched doorways to the ground floor, a small window to the second and third floors. The top storey was linked to the upper floor of the Cross Building by a chain suspension bridge (removed) and the doorway which gave access to it, though blocked, is visible. There is evidence of new brickwork in the west gable wall which has a ground-floor and first-floor window to the left-hand end and an inserted doorway to the left of centre. There is a further doorway at attic level from where a former bridge connected to the adjacent mid-C20 silo (demolished in early C21). The only windows in the north elevation are within the western third of the building, and there is a modern hoist tower which is clad in corrugated sheeting towards the east end.

**INTERIOR:** the floors are carried by four-piece beams which are jointed at the heads of the three rows of supporting cast-iron columns, and longitudinal wrought-iron tie rods connect the beam webs to either side of the columns. The floor beams show key improvements to those used in the Spinning Mill, being lighter and having an inverted-T cross section, a form that came to be widely used until the mid-C19. The cruciform-section columns have slender scantling and delicately moulded bases and capitals. The ceilings have shallow, brick jack arches which spring between the beams. On several of the floors there are openings in the south wall, some are former windows which have been infilled and others are late-C19 insertions relating to the operation of the maltings and connect through to the adjacent kiln. In addition some machinery in the form of drive shafts set within a wooden frame also remain. The full-span, cast-iron roof which is integral with the rest of the iron frame, comprises two pairs of castings forming queen-strut trusses, cast-iron purlins and wooden rafters. <7>

### Sources

- (01) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17), p416. Location: SMR
- (02) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988). Location: ESA white
- (03) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17). Location: SMR
- (04) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill: masterplan study (Feilden Cleg Bradley Rep) by Feilden Cleg Bradley (2004). Location: ESA white
- (05) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p21-22; Site 07. Location: ESA white
- (06) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill: heritage impact assessment (Feilden Cleg Bradley Rep) by Griffiths E (2010). Location: Digital ESA white
- (07) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17), p 412 21st Amendment. Reinstated as separate List Entry, 20/10/2015. Location: SMR

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4989 1386 (30m by 25m)

SJ41SE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

#### Address/Historic Names

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Legal Designations

Listed Building (DL) - 1038964	Flax warehouse at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Ditherington	Revoked	DSA6356
Listed Building (I) - 1428731	Ditherington Flax Mill: Flax Warehouse	Active	DSA11660

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 20171 Active

#### Ratings and Scorings

<b>HER Number</b>	20171	<b>Site Name</b>	Flax warehouse at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury
BAR Condition	Poor	26/06/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Condition	Poor	04/04/2003	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC
BAR Risk	At Risk - Bldg	26/06/1990	1990-1994 EH Buildings at Risk Survey
BAR Risk	At Risk - Bldg	04/04/2003	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

ESA5478	1988 Buildings Assessment of Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury (Event - Survey)
ESA6439	2003/4 condition survey of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley (Event - Survey)
ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)
ESA6873	2010 DBA, site visit and photographic record of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley (Event - Survey)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**HER Number** 05501 **Site Name** London & North Western Railway (Shrewsbury to Crewe Branch)

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
05501	London & North Western Railway (Shrewsbury to Crewe Branch)	Monument

Crewe and Shrewsbury Branch of the London and North Western railway of 19th century date.

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

RAILWAY (Opened, Mid 19th century - 1858 AD)

Evidence	DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
Evidence	EARTHWORK

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Crewe and Shrewsbury Branch of the London and North Western railway <1><2>

CMHTS Record Sheet <3>

CMHTS Report <4>

The LNWR's proposed Shrewsbury to Crewe Branch was authorised by Parliament in 1853. However, the initial proposal to come into Shrewsbury station from the east, over the Severn Bridge, was thrown out, and the line eventually joined the existing Shrewsbury & Chester tracks just west of Castle Foregate. The engineers on the line were Joseph Locke and J E Errington, and the contractor was Thomas Brassey, who had already been involved in most of the earlier railways in Shropshire. The line was initially only single track, and work proceeded quite slowly, mainly because of financial considerations. It opened in 1858. By 1862 the line was doing well and had been doubled to cope with increased traffic. ->

-> This continued to be an important line and survived nationalisation, although in 1958 a number of the less used stations were closed by BR <5>

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the excavation of test pits during remedial works on the embankment of the Shrewsbury to Crewe railway at Battlefield, Shropshire. No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material was recovered. <6>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Monograph: Railways of Shropshire by Morriss Richard K (1991), p27. Location: not given
- (01) Map: OS County Series 14.15, 1881 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1881). Location: not given
- (02) Map: OS County Series 21.03 or 21NE, 1881 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1881). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (03) Record form: CMHTS SMR Records Shropshire: Wem (Central Marches Historic Towns Survey record form) by Buteux Victoria (1993/ 1996), Wem 5501. Location: SMR Library
- (04) Historic landscape survey report: Archaeological Assessment of Wem, Shropshire (CMHTS) (Hereford & Worcester CAS Rep) by Dalwood Hal et al (1996). Location: not given
- (05) Monograph: Railways of Shropshire by Morriss Richard K (1991), p27,38. Location: not given
- (06) Watching brief report: Battlefield Embankment, Battlefield, Shropshire: archaeological watching brief (Cotswold Archaeol Rep) by Joyce S (2008). Location: ESA white

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#### **Location**

##### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 5144 2862 (10m by 10m) SJ52NW

##### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Wem Urban, North Shropshire, Shropshire

Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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#### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**HER Number** 05501

**Site Name** London & North Western Railway (Shrewsbury to Crewe Branch)

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 05501

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

08458	Whitchurch to Tattenhall Branch (LNWR)	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
05502	Wem Railway Station, Wem	Functional Association (P/P)

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

ESA6270	2008 WB during test pits along railway embankment at Battlefield, Shrewsbury by Cotswold Archaeology (Event - Intervention. Ref: Cotswold 1654)
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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
01543	Skeletons found on Mount Pleasant	Monument

Skeletons were discovered 6ft down in clay on Mount Pleasant estate in 1961.

### Monument Types and Dates

BURIAL PIT? (Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1540 AD?)

Evidence CONJECTURAL EVIDENCE

HUMAN REMAINS (Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1540 AD?)

Evidence CONJECTURAL EVIDENCE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Skeletons discovered 6ft down in clay on Mount Pleasant estate in 1961. Shrewsbury Public Library Scrap Book 1949-1959 [dates probably wrong], p.132. Newspaper Cutting as per <2>. <1>

Find reported on in Wellington Journal 5th Aug. 1961. A single skeleton is reported as having being recovered during drainage works prior to the construction of council flats. The bones were excavated by Mr Ron James, assistant curator at Shrewsbury Borough Museum. No datable material was recovered from the context, but the burial was to be sent "to the West Midland Forensic Lab in Brimingham, where a radio-active process will be used to determine the age". <2>

The results of the (presumably) C14 dating on the skeletal material is not known and the material has, to date, not been traced in Shropshire Museum Service collections. <3>

#### Sources

- (00) Card index: Site and Monuments Record (SMR) cards (SMR record cards) by Shropshire County Council SMR, SMR Card for PRN SA 01543. Location: SMR Card Drawers
- (01) TEXT: Note in Shrewsbury Borough Library by Anon, O87/5834, 132. Location: Shropshire Archives  
Shropshire Records & Research Centre Ref D 87/5834, 132
- (02) Newspaper article: 'Skeleton unearthed' (Wellington Journal) by Wellington Journal (1961-Aug). Location: SMR DRF for PRN 01543
- (03) SMR comment: Comments by HER compiler in HER database by Carey Giles (2014 onwards), 15/11/2016. Location: HER database

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 499 142 (100m by 100m) SJ41SE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Point

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 01543 Active

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

#### Other Land Classes - None recorded

### Related Monuments

01615	Site of Battle of Shrewsbury (1403)	Functional Association (P/C)
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**HER Number** 01543

**Site Name** Skeletons found on Mount Pleasant

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
04713	Roman enclosure, Greenfields	Monument

An enclosure of Roman date. Suggested as being associated with a Roman building, although excavation did not record this structure. Now developed.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

ENCLOSURE (Roman - 43 AD to 410 AD)

Evidence SUB SURFACE DEPOSIT

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

In early 1995 the Oxford Archaeological Unit were commissioned to carry out a desk-top appraisal and geophysical survey of land off Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury, where a planning application had been made for a residential development. When the geophysical survey detected magnetic anomalies that were thought to have archaeological potential, four trial trenches were excavated. Excavations in Trench One revealed a linear ditch with shallow sides and a flat base and containing Roman pottery. The position of this ditch corresponded with a N/S aligned rectilinear anomaly with a possible return at its northern end which had been identified by the geophysical survey. Two further trenches were then excavated to confirm the extent of the enclosure ditch. Trench Five was cut across the possible return of the ditch, and revealed an E/W linear ditch with steep sides and an irregular base. Trench Six was cut about 25 m south of Trench One. No trace of the N/S ditch was found, instead a series of N/S gullies containing post medieval pottery were identified. These may be attributable to the use in the nineteenth century of the southern land parcel at the site as an orchard as shown on maps of 1832 and 1850. Fifteen sherds of Roman pottery were recovered from three ditch fills, with a date range from the mid second and mid fourth centuries. The overall preservation of the enclosure was poor. Both the N/S and E/W ditches identified had been truncated. The pottery recovered was abraded and in a poor state of preservation. The evidence from Trench Six suggests that post medieval cultivation has destroyed any archaeology that may have existed in the southern land parcel of the evaluation area. <1>

The evaluation was followed in May by further excavation. This aimed to determine the morphology and extent of the enclosure, to establish a chronological framework for the site, to elucidate the function of the site and to compare the results of the excavation with those from other similar sites in the area. An area 40m by 34m was stripped down to the topmost archaeological horizon by JCB and then cleaned by hand. The exact limits of the enclosure within the development area were established. Within the area examined the enclosure was 33m E/W by 30m N/S with two entrances on the N and S. Three phases of activity were identified. Pre-enclosure activity was represented by three shallow linear gullies. In Phase One the enclosure was probably rectangular, but this could not be demonstrated because its western side lay beyond the area of the excavation, which was dictated by the area to be developed. The enclosure had at least one entrance at this phase. The ditch was seen to have generally gently sloping sides and a rounded bottom. There was no evidence of deliberate backfilling of the ditch. It appeared to have silted up gradually. In Phase Two the original enclosure ditch was recut and the N entrance moved 3.5m W from its former position. The entrance on the S was blocked. There may have been an entrance on the W side. In Phase Three a new N/S ditch was dug within the enclosure, dividing it into two unequal parts. This seems to have happened after the Phase Two ditch had completely silted up. Some 224 sherds of Roman pottery were recovered during the initial evaluation and the subsequent excavation. Analysis of them suggested that activity on the site began in the early 2nd century and continued up to the end of the 3rd and perhaps into the early fourth century AD. <2>

Survey report for magnetometry survey across this site, carried out in 1995 as part of a programme of archaeological investigation prior to development. The geophysical survey identified a single anomaly (M14) considered worthy of further archaeological investigation; this was the ditch subsequently investigated by excavation (<1>). <3>

#### **Sources**

- (00) Card index: SMR Sheets Collection (SMR record sheets) by Shropshire County Council SMR, SMR Sheet for PRN SA 04713. Location: SMR
- (01) Archaeological fieldwork report: Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury - Archaeological Desktop Appraisal and Field Evaluation (OAU Rep) by Early R (1995). Location: ESA white
- (02) Excavation report: Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury - Archaeological Excavation (OAU Rep) by Oxford Archaeological Unit (1996). Location: ESA white
- (03) Geophysical survey report: A report for Oxford Archaeological Unit on a geophysical survey carried out at land at Ellesmere Road/Hubert Way, Shrewsbury (Stratascan Rep) by Stratascan (1995). Location: ESA white

#### **Location**

##### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4946 1416 (128m by 86m)

SJ41SE

##### **Administrative Areas**



**HER Number** 04713

**Site Name** Roman enclosure, Greenfields

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Civil Parish

Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 04713

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA7469 1995 gradiometer survey on land at Ellesmere Road/Hubert Way, Shrewsbury by Stratascan Ltd  
(Event - Survey)

ESA3450 Mar 1995 Evaluation of a housing development off Ellesmere Road by OAU (Event - Intervention)

ESA3451 1995 Excavation in connection with a housing development off Ellesmere Road by Oxford  
Archaeological Unit (Event - Intervention)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 10255 **Site Name** Water Pump at Junction of Ellesmere Road and Greenfield Street, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
10255	Water Pump at Junction of Ellesmere Road and Greenfield Street, Shrewsbury	Monument

A Victorian water pump.

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### ***Monument Types and Dates***

PUMP (Mid 19th century to Early 20th century (pre-war) - 1837 AD to 1901 AD)

Evidence	STRUCTURE
Main Building	CAST IRON
Material	

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### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Victorian. 2 foot 6 inches high. Made of cast iron, fluted and bearing a lion's head on the front and the inscription "Waste not, want not" <1>

#### **Sources**

- (00) Card index: Site and Monuments Record (SMR) cards (SMR record cards) by Shropshire County Council SMR, SMR Card for PRN SA 10255. Location: SMR Card Drawers
- (01) List of Buildings: 5th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest (Shrewsbury) by Department of the Environment (DoE) (1972-Sep-19), p83. Location: SMR Basement Store

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### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4929 1381 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

#### **Address/Historic Names**

Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

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### ***Designations, Statutes and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations**

Listed Building (II) - 653-0/13/689	Title not entered	Revoked	DSA5612
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#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 10255	Active
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#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### ***Land Use***

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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### ***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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### ***Finds - None recorded***

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### ***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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### ***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 15408 **Site Name** The site of a demolished Toll House, Ditherington

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
15408	The site of a demolished Toll House, Ditherington	Building

The site of demolished toll house. Location not clear.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

TOLL HOUSE (Early 18th century to Late 19th century - 1700 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DEMOLISHED BUILDING

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Demolished <0><1>

Location suspect NJP 130313

#### **Sources**

(00) Card index: Site and Monuments Record (SMR) cards (SMR record cards) by Shropshire County Council SMR, SMR Card for PRN SA15408. Location: SMR Card Drawers

(01) Article in serial: Turnpike Toll Houses - A Checklist for a Photographic Survey (Shropshire Newsletter) by Wallace A P and James R E (1969-Dec). Location: PH/S/14/15

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

SJ 5024 1433 (point) SJ51SW

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 15408

Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### ***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

### ***Finds - None recorded***

### ***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

### ***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

**HER Number** 15409 **Site Name** The site of a demolished Toll House/Toll Bar, Coton Hill

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
15409	The site of a demolished Toll House/Toll Bar, Coton Hill	Building

The site of a demolished toll house/bar.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

TOLL HOUSE (Early 18th century to Late 19th century - 1700 AD to 1899 AD)  
Evidence DEMOLISHED BUILDING

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Demolished <0><1>  
Location suspect - NJP 130313

#### **Sources**

- (00) Card index: Site and Monuments Record (SMR) cards (SMR record cards) by Shropshire County Council SMR, SMR Card for PRN SA15409. Location: SMR Card Drawers
- (01) Article in serial: Turnpike Toll Houses - A Checklist for a Photographic Survey (Shropshire Newsletter) by Wallace A P and James R E (1969-Dec). Location: PH/S/14/15

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

SJ 4930 1358 (point) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Point

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 15409 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
08388	Suburb of Coton Hill	Monument

One of Shrewsbury's five medieval suburbs, which probably originated as a Saxon satellite settlement outside the town. It was periodically cut off from the town by seasonal flooding in the Old River Bed, hence its alternative name of Coton Island.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

SETTLEMENT (Late Saxon to Post Medieval - 800 AD to 1901 AD)  
Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Coton Hill was probably a satellite settlement of Shrewsbury in the early medieval period. It was also known as Coton Island, because of its situation within the old river loop: the former river channel still became impassable at times. <1>

The mapped area of Coton Hill on the SMR GIS is based largely on the 1850 tithe map for Coton township [<2>], which was made after the railway's construction, together with a map of medieval Shrewsbury by N Baker. [<3>] <4>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Monograph: Shrewsbury: an archaeological assessment - DRAFT VOLUME by Baker Nigel J, p.16. Location: SMR
- (01a) Monograph: Shrewsbury: an archaeological assessment of an English border town by Baker Nigel J (2010), p.25. Location: SMR Library
- (02) Map: Field name map for Coton township in the parishes of St Mary and St Julian, Shrewsbury (Foxall map transcripts) by Foxall H D G (1973). Location: SMR
- (03) Monograph: Shrewsbury Abbey: Studies in the Archaeology of an Urban Monastery (Shropshire Archaeol Hist Soc Mono) by Baker Nigel J (ed) (2002), Fig 4. Location: SMR Library
- (04) SMR comment: Comments by SMR compiler in SMR database by Gathercole E Clare (1999/ 2002), 30/07/2004. Location: SMR database

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4919 1339 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 08388 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### **Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**HER Number** 08388

**Site Name** Suburb of Coton Hill

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
08389	Suburb of Castle Foregate	Monument

One of Shrewsbury's five medieval suburbs, which spread uphill outside the Castle.

### Monument Types and Dates

SETTLEMENT (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1901 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUBURB (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1901 AD)

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Castle Foregate was one of Shrewsbury's five medieval suburbs. It lay to the north of the town on the rising hill, with the Pintle Brook defining its western edge <1>

The mapped area on the SMR GIS is based on Baker's map of medieval Shrewsbury [<2>]. The western part of Castle Foregate was much altered in the 19th century and the limit of the early suburb is not easy to identify. The mapping should be regarded as provisional <3>

Castle Foregate was named 'Norforiet' in the late 12th and early 13th centuries. The area of castle Foregate is depicted on the 1575 Burghley map as a wide thoroughfare, within which there was a standing cross (PRN 04044). John Speed's map of the early 17th century, the cross appears to have been removed and the modern day street plan had been established, with a number of individual buildings shown in this area. <5>

There is a reference to the fields of Castle Foregate in the Shrewsbury Abbey cartulary (1161-82). A message in Norforiet (Castle Foregate) was granted c.1209-1210. Along Castle Foregate, most of the details of the historic plot pattern and any associated fields have been obscured by industrial development in the post-medieval period. <6>

#### Sources

- (01) Monograph: Shrewsbury: an archaeological assessment - DRAFT VOLUME by Baker Nigel J. Location: SMR
- (02) Monograph: Shrewsbury Abbey: Studies in the Archaeology of an Urban Monastery (Shropshire Archaeol Hist Soc Mono) by Baker Nigel J (ed) (2002), Fig 4. Location: SMR Library
- (03) SMR comment: Comments by SMR compiler in SMR database by Gathercole E Clare (1999/ 2002), 30/07/2004. Location: SMR database
- (04) Article in monograph: Below the Castle Walls in the Eighteen Forties (Victorian Shrewsbury) by Marsh P (1984). Location: SMR library
- (05) Deskbased survey report: Proposed development on Chester Street, Shrewsbury: cultural heritage desk-based assessment (CPAT Rep) by Jones N and Hankinson R (2014). Location: Digital ESA white
- (06) Monograph: Shrewsbury: an archaeological assessment of an English border town by Baker Nigel J (2010), pp.122-123. Location: SMR Library

#### Location

##### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4941 1304 (10m by 10m)

SJ41SE

##### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

#### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

##### Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

##### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 08389

Active

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

**HER Number** 08389

**Site Name** Suburb of Castle Foregate

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA7154 2014 DBA at Chester Street, Shrewsbury by CPAT (Event - Survey)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
08444	Shrewsbury & Chester Railway	Monument

The Shrewsbury, Oswestry & Chester Railway was authorised by Parliament in 1845. In 1846 the SOCR and the North Wales Mineral Railway merged to become the Shrewsbury & Chester Railway .

### Monument Types and Dates

RAILWAY (Opened, Mid 19th century - 1848 AD)

Evidence	DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
Evidence	STRUCTURE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

The Shrewsbury, Oswestry & Chester Railway (SOCR) was authorised by Parliament in 1845. It had been supported by the North Wales Mineral Railway (NWM), whose traffic around Wrexham and Chester appeared to be under threat from a rival London & Birmingham Railway scheme to link Shrewsbury and Chester, and who had offered the SOCR the use of their line north of Ruabon. In 1846 the SOCR and NWM merged to become the Shrewsbury & Chester Railway (SCR). ->

-> There were significant engineering problems to overcome on the SCR, and two major viaducts were constructed, across the Dee and the Ceiriog (the latter lies just on the Shropshire border [see PRN 13172]). Nearer Shrewsbury was a marshy area called the Black Bog, which created stability problems. The engineer on the scheme was Henry Robertson, and the contractor was Thomas Brassey, who was the pre-eminent railway contractor of his day and also worked on the Shrewsbury to Wellington line. ->

-> North of Ruabon, the old NWM line was ready for SCR traffic by late 1846, and the line opened between Chester and Ruabon, with a stagecoach service on to Shrewsbury. The line opened to Shrewsbury in October 1848, the first line to reach Shrewsbury (Shrewsbury railway station was still unfinished at this point). The company had already come to an agreement with the Shrewsbury & Birmingham Railway (SBR) regarding the sharing of track and rolling stock, the promotion of their combined alternative Midlands-Mersey through route, and the undercutting of their arch-rival, the much bigger LNWR. Unsurprisingly, the LNWR retaliated, and since it controlled the company with which the SCR shared Chester station (the Birkenhead, Lancashire & Cheshire Junction Railway), it was able to impede the operation of the SCR quite successfully. The LNWR also successfully attracted both passenger and freight traffic off the SCR by lowering its own prices, and by mid 1850 the company was in financial trouble. Together with its ally, the SBR, it entered into an agreement with another major railway company trying to expand northwards, the Great Western Railway (GWR). This incensed the LNWR, but it failed to stop the agreement being ratified. Four years later, both the SCR and the SBR amalgamated with the Great Western. Whilst the rivalry of the two main companies continued, they gradually settled into a working relationship. <1>

A desk based assessment of the Vyrnwy Pipeline, carried out in 2010, identified that the proposed route crossed the line of the railway. A watching brief over the route as it crossed this area was recommended. <2>

#### Sources

- (01) Monograph: Railways of Shropshire by Morriss Richard K (1991), p11-13,21-26. Location: not given
- (02) Deskbased survey report: Vyrnwy pipeline, Oswestry to Penley: rapid desk-based research and walkover survey (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Bullock V (2012), Site 41. Location: ESA white

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 3930 2556 (10m by 10m)

SJ32NE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	Baschurch, North Shropshire, Shropshire
Civil Parish	Oswestry Rural, Oswestry, Shropshire
Civil Parish	Pimhill, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
Civil Parish	Ruyton-XI-Towns, Oswestry, Shropshire
Civil Parish	Selattyn and Gobowen, Oswestry, Shropshire
Civil Parish	Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
Civil Parish	West Felton, Oswestry, Shropshire
Civil Parish	Weston Rhyn, Oswestry, Shropshire
Civil Parish	Whittington, Oswestry, Shropshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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**Designations, Statuses and Scorings****Associated Legal Designations**

Conservation Area	Whittington	Active	DSA9175
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**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 08444	Active
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**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded****Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

10126	Shrewsbury Railway Station, Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
13172	Chirk Viaduct	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
05779	Shrewsbury, Oswestry & Chester Junction Railway	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
30855	No 73 Wem-Shrewsbury Rail Bridge	Functional Association (P/C)
16772	Gobowen Railway Station, including station nameboards GOBOWEN	Functional Association (P/P)
19166	White Gables, Station Road, Whittington	Functional Association (P/P)
19544	Former Baschurch Railway Station, Station Road	Functional Association (P/P)

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

ESA6742	2010 DBA and walkover assessment along proposed Vyrnwy pipeline (Oswestry to Penley) by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Intervention)
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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**HER Number** 08508

**Site Name** Rifle range west of Coton Grange, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
08508	Rifle range west of Coton Grange, Shrewsbury	Monument

This site represents: a firing range of 19th century date.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

FIRING RANGE (19th century - 1800 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

The Ordnance Survey first edition 1:2500 map shows this area occupied by the targets of a rifle range firing 750 yards across the old river bed from near Round Hill at SJ 4879 1407 <1>

Also shows on OS first edition 1:10560, labelled as Rifle Range, and as Targets (at the north end) <2>  
The target area still shows on the 2nd edition 1:2500, but is labelled Flagstaff <3>

A walk over survey carried out in 2004 identified no above ground remains of this site. <4>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Deskbased survey report: The Shrewsbury North West Relief Road: a desk-based archaeological assessment (SCCAS Rep) by Hannaford Hugh R (2002). Location: ESA white
- (02) Map: OS County Series 34NW, 1887 (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (1887). Location: Shropshire Archives
- (03) Map: OS County Series 1:2500 maps (2nd edition) - digital dataset (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (c1899-1903). Location: Corporate GIS
- (04) Historic landscape survey report: An archaeological assessment of The Shrewsbury North West Relief Road (DRMB Stage 2) (SCCAS Rep) by Hannaford Hugh R (2004). Location: ESA white

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4864 1437 (321m by 630m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

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### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 08508 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### ***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

### ***Finds - None recorded***

### ***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA5846 2004 Stage 2 assessment of Shrewsbury North West Relief Road by SCCAS (Event - Survey)

### ***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

Contact [her@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:her@shropshire.gov.uk) for any queries

**HER Number** 08508

**Site Name** Rifle range west of Coton Grange, Shrewsbury

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**HER Number** 08510 **Site Name** Find Spot before 1999 of a medieval strap mount at Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
08510	Find Spot before 1999 of a medieval strap mount at Shrewsbury	Find Spot

An 11th century strap mount was found just west of Ellesmere Road at SJ 492 145 by a metal detectorist and reported to Shrewsbury Museums.

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### ***Monument Types and Dates***

FINDSPOT (11th century - 1000 AD to 1099 AD)

Evidence FIND

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### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

An 11th century strap mount was found just west of Ellesmere Road at SJ 492 145 by a metal detectorist and reported to Shrewsbury Museums <1>

Further information on this strap mount (described as mount no 1). Described as a sub-triangular with curving sides and a curved aspect in profile. A lion is depicted on the face of the mount. Photograph reproduced. <2>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Deskbased survey report: The Shrewsbury North West Relief Road: a desk-based archaeological assessment (SCCAS Rep) by Hannaford Hugh R (2002). Location: ESA white
- (02) Article in serial: Shrewsbury Museums Service Report 1998-1999 (Trans Shropshire Archaeol Hist Soc) by Stokes M (1999). Location: SMR Library

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### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 492 145 (100m by 100m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Point

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 08510 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### ***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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### ***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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### ***Associated Finds***

FSA1946 STRAP FITTING (1) (11th century to 12th century - 1000 AD to 1100 METAL AD)

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### ***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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### ***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 08518

**Site Name** Holloway, Corporation Lane

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
08518	Holloway, Corporation Lane	Monument

This site represents: a hollow way of medieval to post medieval date.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

HOLLOW WAY (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1901 AD)

Evidence EARTHWORK

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

The section of Corporation Lane between SJ 4894 1414 and SJ 4892 1419 runs in a holloway up to 2.5m deep. This lane is likely to be a historic route way giving access to Coton Grange and possibly to Hencott on the north side of the old river bed.  
<1>

#### **Sources**

(01) Historic landscape survey report: An archaeological assessment of The Shrewsbury North West Relief Road (DRMB Stage 2) (SCCAS Rep) by Hannaford Hugh R (2004). Location: ESA white

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4893 1418 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Line

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 08518 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

### ***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA5846 2004 Stage 2 assessment of Shrewsbury North West Relief Road by SCCAS (Event - Survey)

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**HER Number** 20680 **Site Name** Railway shed, west side of Shrewsbury & Chester Railway, near Coton Hill

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
20680	Railway shed, west side of Shrewsbury & Chester Railway, near Coton Hill	Building

This site represents: a possible railway workshop of 19th century date, a possible goods shed of 19th century date.

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### ***Monument Types and Dates***

GOODS SHED? (19th century - 1800 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

RAILWAY WORKSHOP? (19th century - 1800 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Large brick built workshop of goods shed lying on the west side of the railway line. This building first appears on the 1st edition OS map, but possibly dates to the 1840s when the railway was first constructed. In itself, the building may only be of minor interest, but it forms part of a group including Shrewsbury Station itself [PRN 10126], and the Crewe Junction [PRN 19658] and Severn Bridge Junction [PRN 19657] signal boxes <1>

#### **Sources**

(01) Field survey report: Furrows Garage, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: report on an archaeological desk-based assessment and building assessment (Marches Archaeology Series) by Fielding S (2004).  
Location: ESA white

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#### ***Location***

##### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4930 1329 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

##### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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#### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

##### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 20680 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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#### ***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 21079 **Site Name** Milestone on the B5067, opposite Normanton Retirement Home, Ellesmere Road

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
21079	Milestone on the B5067, opposite Normanton Retirement Home, Ellesmere Road	Building

A late 18th/early 19th century milestone, with missing metal plate, which was reported further damaged in 2011.

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### ***Monument Types and Dates***

MILESTONE (Late 18th century to Early 19th century - 1760 AD to 1837 AD)

Evidence	EXTANT STRUCTURE
Main Building	STONE
Material	

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### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Milestone (M.S.) depicted here on the 1st edition County Series 1:10560 Map. <1>

Superscription should read SHREWSBURY 1 <1>

Found and photographed in the 1995 in the Milestone Survey (ESA5818) <2>

Found and photographed on the 19th August 2008 in the Milestone Society's 2005 to 2008 Survey (ESA6253). Photograph shows worn stone with missing metal plate <3>

Found and photographed on the 14th March 2009 in the Milestone Society's 2009 to 2013 Survey (ESA6999). <4>

In May 2011 the stone was found to be cracked down the middle with the top edge shattered. Highways were advised to leave it in place as it was. <5>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Map: OS County Series 1:10560 (6 inch) maps (1st edition) - digital dataset (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (c1872-1897). Location: Corporate GIS
- (02) Field recording form: SCC Milestone Survey record forms (SCC Milestone Survey record forms) by Shropshire County Council (1995-1997), Div2/I18. Location: SMR
- (03) Project archive: The Milestone Society (Shropshire) Survey of Mileposts 2005 to 2008 (Milestone Society 2005 to 2008 Survey) by Reade AT (2005 -2008), WMSB09. Location: H Drive
- (04) Project archive: The Milestone Society (Shropshire) Survey of Mileposts 2009 to 2013 (Milestone Society 2009 to 2013 Survey) by Haynes J B (2009 -2013), WMSB09. Location: P Drive
- (05) Correspondence: Email from L Rogers to Penny Ward, 06/06/2011 (Ward P) by Rogers L (Jun-2011). Location: DRF for PRN 21079

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### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

SJ 4928 1456 (point) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Point

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#### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Milestone Society ID Number - WMSB09	Active
Milestones Survey - Div2/I18	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 21079	Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**



**HER Number** 21079

**Site Name** Milestone on the B5067, opposite Normanton Retirement Home, Ellesmere Road

***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6999 The Milestone Society's Milepost Survey for Shropshire, 2009 to 2013 (Event - Survey)

ESA5818 SCC Milestone Survey by the Highways Divisions, 1995 to 1997 (Event - Survey)

ESA6253 The Milestone Society's Milepost Survey for Shropshire, 2005 to 2008 (Event - Survey)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 21485 **Site Name** Site of former school house, New Park Street, Shrewsbury

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
21485	Site of former school house, New Park Street, Shrewsbury	Monument

Site of two storey Victorian school house.

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***Monument Types and Dates***

SCHOOL (Late 19th century - 1880 AD to 1899 AD)

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***Description and Sources***

**Description**

Site of two storey Victorian school house <1>

**Sources**

(01) Management report: Report on former school premises New Park Street, Castlefields, Shrewsbury by Spencer J (1994). Location: SMR sources

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***Location***

**National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4988 1323 (23m by 19m) SJ41SE

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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***Designations, Statutes and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 21485 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
21541	Site of The 'Red Lion' inn, CASTLE FOREGATE, Shrewsbury	Building

A late 17th or early 18th century public house known as the 'Red Lion' inn, forming an L-shaped three storey range, with a three bay cross wing formerly stood on this site.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

PUBLIC HOUSE (Late 18th century to 20th century (post-war) - 1780 AD to 1968 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SHOP (20th century (post-war) to 21st century - 1968 AD to 2099 AD)

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Until August 1968, 50 & 50b traded as the 'Red Lion' inn, forming an L-shaped three storey range, with a three bay cross wing forming the return to a side lane off Castle Foregate. The 'Red Lion' is recorded as a public house by 1780. It was used by carriers serving the north of the county from about 1850 to 1885 and again for a few years between 1915 and 1925. Only the position of the entrance remains in situ, with alterations to fenestration now giving a two storey appearance. The entire block appears to have been rebuilt in the 19th century, with only part of a truss in the cross wing retaining possible evidence of 17th or 18th century building activity. This consists of two principal rafters, a collar-beam, side purlins and a small section of tie beam. A chiselled carpenter's assembly mark occurs below the purlin on the south side. There is no evidence in the present structure of any earlier timber framing, and it appears to be entirely brick built. The cellar, entirely brick built, includes the chute for the beer barrels, positioned to the north of the entrance door and is no longer visible from the street.<1>

The building was replaced with an apartment block some years ago<3>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Site visit report: No. 50b Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury (The Plough, Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury) by Moran Madge (1994). Location: ESA DRF
- (02) Article in monograph: 'Shrewsbury' country carriers (Victorian Shrewsbury) by Evason C & Marsh P (1984). Location: SMR library
- (03) SMR comment: Comments by HER compiler in HER database by Ward Penny A, 11/06/2015. Location: SMR database

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4947 1323 (31m by 29m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Area

#### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations**

Conservation Area	Shrewsbury	Active	DSA8826
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#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 21541	Active
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#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### **Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**HER Number** 21541

**Site Name** Site of The 'Red Lion' inn, CASTLE FOREGATE, Shrewsbury

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6397 1994 site visit at 50b and The Plough, Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury (Event - Survey)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
21572	Railway siding at the former Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument
Former railway sidings laid in 1858.		

**Monument Types and Dates**

RAILWAY SIDING (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1858 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

**Description and Sources****Description**

Former railway sidings laid in 1858, the line of which is defined by gate piers located in the north boundary wall. In 1999 trial trenches were excavated as part of preliminary investigations to inform the redevelopment and conservation of Ditherington Flax Mill. A railway sleeper in the location of these sidings was found, possibly in situ, on top of black surface made up of hard coal fragments and ash, rising to the east. Above this was mainly demolition rubble. It appears that by the mid 19th century the ground sloped gently upwards to the east and it the railway was laid upon this sloping ground and was not significantly embanked or cut into the slope.<1>

The Shrewsbury-Crewe line of the London and North Western Railway was opened in 1858 and the siding into the mill complex was probably completed soon after. The siding divided west of the drying shed, with one branch extending alongside the dye house, and extending as far as the stove, to its south, by 1901. The other branch extended through the yard between the Cross Mill Building and the flax warehouse, as far as the boiler house, east of the main mill. After the mill was converted for use as a maltings by William Jones in the late nineteenth century, the sidings were cut short, and terminated at the new malt kiln at the north end of the main mill. <2> <3>

**Sources**

- (01) Archaeological fieldwork report: Ditherington Flax Mill Shrewsbury: trial pit excavations (Ironbridge Archaeology Series) by Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust (IGMT) (1999). Location: ESA white
- (02) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Sites 5.2.18 and 6.2. Location: ESA white
- (03) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p29; Site 34. Location: ESA white

**Location****National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4984 1393 (60m by 232m)

SJ41SE

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish

Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Line

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded****Designations, Statuses and Scorings****Associated Legal Designations - None recorded****Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites &amp; Monuments Record - 21572

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded****Land Use****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded****Other Land Classes - None recorded****Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**HER Number** 21572

**Site Name** Railway siding at the former Ditherington Flax Mill

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6342 1999 trial pits at Ditherington Flax Mill by IGMT for Earnest Ireland (Event - Intervention)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
26881	Site of The Moveage, Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury	Monument

Site of The Moveage, a farmstead first identified and classified by the Historic Farmsteads Characterisation Project, 2008 – 2010, (ESA6427), largely from the digital version of the c.1900 OS large scale mapping.

### Monument Types and Dates

FARMSTEAD (Early 19th century to Unknown - 1800 AD?)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Regular Courtyard comprising an L- Plan range with detached buildings to the third side of the yard. Additional Plan Details: Presence of small second yard with one main yard evident, Additional detached elements to main plan. Date Evidence from Farmhouse: 19th Century. Date Evidence from Working Building(s): None.

Position of Farmhouse: Detached, side on to yard. Farmstead Location: Loose farmstead cluster. Survival: Farmstead totally demolished. Confidence: Low.

Other Notes: Farmhouse to the S. Plan type unclear with total demolition. <1>

A structural survey of the existing farmhouse and outbuildings, Moveage Farm, Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury, was undertaken in October 1988, including visual assessment and photographic survey of the farm house, a two storey barn building and a single storey cow shed. The single storey cow shed was to be demolished. Two trial pits were dug adjacent to the walls of the farmhouse, but these were not for archaeological purposes. <2>

This farmstead has now been totally demolished and the site redeveloped. <3>

#### Sources

- (01) Geospatial data: Historic Farmstead Characterisation Dataset by Baxter Charlotte (2010). Location: Digital
- (02) Field survey report: Structural report on existing farm buildings at Moveage Farm, Ellesmere Road for Second City Homes Limited, Bilston by Cox Turner Morse and Partners (1988). Location: ESA white
- (03) Vertical aerial photograph: Ordnance Survey Mastermap Digital Aerial Photographic Data Set for Shropshire (Colour) by Ordnance Survey (1999 onwards). Location: Corporate GIS

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4937 1463 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Point

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 26881 Active

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

#### Other Land Classes - None recorded

### Related Monuments - None Recorded

### Finds - None recorded

***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6331	1988 Structural buildings survey on the farm buildings at Moveage Farm, Shrewsbury by Cox Turner Morse and Partners (Event - Survey)
ESA6427	2008/2010 Historic farmsteads characterisation project by Shropshire Council, HET (Event - Survey)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 26882

**Site Name** Greenfields Farm

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
26882	Greenfields Farm	Monument

Greenfields Farm, a farmstead first identified and classified by the Historic Farmsteads Characterisation Project, 2008 – 2010, (ESA6427), largely from the digital version of the c.1900 OS large scale mapping.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

FARMSTEAD (Early 19th century to Unknown - 1800 AD?)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Dispersed Cluster, ie with the farm buildings set within a paddock but with no coherent plan. Additional Plan Details: None. Date Evidence from Farmhouse: 19th Century. Date Evidence from Working Building(s): None. Position of Farmhouse: Uncertain, because cannot identify which is farmho. Farmstead Location: Loose farmstead cluster. Survival: Significant Loss - more than 50% alteration. Confidence: Low. Other Notes: Small shed to side/farm building to side. One of the two separate farm buildings (part of the PAR) demolished. <1>

#### **Sources**

(01) Geospatial data: Historic Farmstead Characterisation Dataset by Baxter Charlotte (2010). Location: Digital

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4908 1425 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Point

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statutes and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 26882 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

### ***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6427 2008/2010 Historic farmsteads characterisation project by Shropshire Council, HET (Event - Survey)

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
26883	Lymehurst Home	Monument

Lymehurst Home, a farmstead first identified and classified by the Historic Farmsteads Characterisation Project, 2008 – 2010, (ESA6427), largely from the digital version of the c.1900 OS large scale mapping.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

FARMSTEAD (Early 19th century to Unknown - 1800 AD?)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Loose Courtyard with farm buildings on three sides of the yard. Additional Plan Details: Additional detached elements to main plan. Date Evidence from Farmhouse: 19th Century. Date Evidence from Working Building(s): None. Position of Farmhouse: Farmhouse set away from yard. Farmstead Location: Loose farmstead cluster. Survival: Farmhouse only survives. Confidence: Medium. Other Notes: Farmstead? or stables and coach house? <1>

#### **Sources**

(01) Geospatial data: Historic Farmstead Characterisation Dataset by Baxter Charlotte (2010). Location: Digital

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4937 1410 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 26883 Active

### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### **Related Monuments - None Recorded**

### **Finds - None recorded**

### **Associated Events/Activities**

ESA6427 2008/2010 Historic farmsteads characterisation project by Shropshire Council, HET (Event - Survey)

### **Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**HER Number** 27868

**Site Name** Coton Hill Farm

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
27868	Coton Hill Farm	Monument

Coton Hill Farm, a farmstead first identified and classified by the Historic Farmsteads Characterisation Project, 2008 – 2010, (ESA6427), largely from the digital version of the c.1900 OS large scale mapping.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

FARMSTEAD (Early 19th century to Unknown - 1800 AD?)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Regular Courtyard L-Plan. Additional Plan Details: Additional detached elements to main plan. Date Evidence from Farmhouse: 19th Century. Date Evidence from Working Building(s): 19th Century (Listed). Position of Farmhouse: Detached, side on to yard. Farmstead Location: Loose farmstead cluster. Survival: Partial Loss - less than 50% change. Confidence: High. Other Notes: Some Evidence for Conversion. Dated by listed ice house (PRN 20130). Farm building divided into many bays. No longer in agricultural use, converted to commercial use. <1>

#### **Sources**

(01) Geospatial data: Historic Farmstead Characterisation Dataset by Baxter Charlotte (2010). Location: Digital

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4911 1375 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Point

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 27868 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

### ***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6427 2008/2010 Historic farmsteads characterisation project by Shropshire Council, HET (Event - Survey)

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
21755	Malt Kiln at Ditherington Flax Mill	Building

Former maltings kiln, 1896-7 designed by Henry Stopes. Within a former flax mill complex that was converted to a maltings in 1897-8 and closed in 1987. It is protected by Grade II Listing.

### Monument Types and Dates

MALT KILN (Late 19th century to 20th century (post-war) - 1899 AD to 1987 AD)

Evidence	DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
Evidence	EXTANT BUILDING

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Built: 1898, Total Area: 650m sq. No. of storage: 2

The Malt Kiln was built in 1898 as a key element of the new Malting business which commenced on the site in 1896. It is a Grade I listed building and has a key relationship with the adjacent Main Mill, Cross Mill and Warehouse, which it adjoins. The Kiln has a very distinctive pyramidal roof, capped by a ventilation 'turret', which historical photos show has been altered in recent years. This feature should be carefully considered and possibly restored, as part of proposals for re-use. The Malt Kiln has been prone to considerable decay following the theft of slates to its main roof slopes. This has left the building open to the elements for a number of years and subsequently it is believed that the internal perforated metal 'drying floors' are now beyond repair. The Malt Kiln is an important and significant volume at the core of the main group of historic buildings. The building is closely located to the adjacent stairs within the Cross Mill and Main Mill. <2>

As part of a scheme of regeneration works at the former Ditherington Flax Mill in Shrewsbury (centred on NGR SJ 49888 13849), Oxford Archaeology North carried out a programme of archaeological building recording. The work was required prior to urgent repair works to buildings within the mill complex, and was intended to provide an archaeological record of elements of the mid 19th century Dye House, Stove House, and Malt Kiln, which are to be removed imminently during the proposed urgent repair works. In addition, a photographic record of the upper floor and roof of the Malt Silo was also compiled.->

-> As part of the Urgent Repair Works, it was necessary to remove the 'roasting floor' within the Malt Kiln. This comprised two chambers within the Malt Kiln, the western of which contained a full scaffold at the time of the survey, allowing detailed inspection of the floor construction, whilst the eastern chamber was only partially scaffolded, affording a more open view of the roasting floor. <3>

In 1995 the Malt Kiln was explicitly included in the List Entry for the Main Mill (10235) at Ditherington Flax Mill and in the List Amendments of 2003 the MAIN MILL, CROSS MILL, FLAX WAREHOUSE, and the MALT KILN were included into a single Grade I listing. On the 20/10/2015 the List Entries for all the buildings in the complex were updated, and the Cross Mill, Flax Warehouse and Malt Kiln were given separate List Entries. The Malt Kiln was assigned a Grade II Listing. ->

-> Extracts from the List Description issued 20/10/2015. ->

-> In 1897 the flax mill was purchased by William Jones of Shrewsbury and adapted for use as a maltings, known as the Shropshire Maltings. Designs for the adaptation of the site were produced by the contemporary authority on the malting industry, Henry Stopes (1840–1902), who had already designed another complex for Jones. Malting floors were created in two of the former flax mill buildings: the Spinning Mill and Cross Building, and the former Flax Warehouse was used for dressing, cleaning and storing grain.

A major new addition to the complex was the MALTINGS KILN which was built at the north end of the Spinning Mill. It was originally served by a bank of anthracite-fired furnaces and had two drying floors, and was substantially altered in the mid-C20 when two new burners were installed. The upper floor was also stripped of its tiles and removed, and wedge wire replaced the tiles on the lower floor. By this date sprouting barley was conveyed to the kiln from the maltings floors in the adjacent Spinning Mill and Cross Building by a series of elevators and conveyors (removed). The kilning process took three or four days, during which time, in temperatures reaching 220°F (105°C), the grain was turned to ensure uniform results, originally by hand, and in later years by machine. Kilning halted the germination process and reduced the moisture content in the grain which was then conveyed, originally in baskets and by chutes from the 1950s, to the Flax Warehouse where it was stored.

MATERIALS: it is built of red brick under a pyramidal slate roof surmounted by a cowl with a rectangular hat.

PLAN: it is a three-bay building of three storeys which is rectangular on plan.

EXTERIOR: the east elevation has a three-bay arcade to the lower part with a timber, three-light window set within each; the one to the right-hand bay is at a higher level. Bays one and two also have shallow windows beneath these and bay three has a large blocked opening below its other window. Each of the two upper floors has three regularly-spaced windows, though the central first-floor window has been bricked up, and all have cills of blue brick. The opposing (west) elevation has two tall, round-arched openings to the ground floor, of which the left-hand one was formerly for a railway siding. The other opening has been bricked-in and a door and a window have been inserted into it. The upper part of the west elevation is set back from the ground floor and contains windows to both the first and second floors. Both the west and east elevations have a

number of cast-iron tie plates.

INTERIOR: the kiln is accessed from the link passage in the eastern stair block of the Cross Building. The ground floor, where the furnaces were located, has vaulted brick ceilings to either side of the central heat chamber. There were originally two kiln drying floors above this, but the upper one has been removed. The first floor is divided vertically into two halves and the characteristic cast-iron floor beams remain. The maltings machinery, including elevators, conveyors, power shovels, kiln-loading machine or thrower, and the burners have been removed, but the overhead chute that fed the thrower with grain remains in situ. ->

-> Selected Sources:

Amber Patrick, Strategy for the Historic Industrial Environment Report No. 1: Maltings in England (2004), English Heritage. <4>

An heritage impact assessment was prepared in 2016, focused on the conservative repair and refurbishment of the main mill and kiln. The project centres on converting the Grade II listed Kiln for future use, to a circulation space for commercial tenants and providing access to the restored tower, open for visitor tours. <5>

## Sources

- (01) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17). Location: SMR
- (02) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill: masterplan study (Feilden Cleg Bradley Rep) by Feilden Cleg Bradley (2004). Location: ESA white
- (03) Watching brief report: The Dye House and Malt Kiln, Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological watching brief (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Wild C (2012), pp.28-31. Location: ESA white
- (03a) Watching brief report: The Dye House and Malt Kiln, Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological watching brief (interim statement) (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Wild C (2012). Location: ESA white
- (04) List of Buildings: 47th List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by Department of National Heritage (DNH) (1995-Nov-17), p412 22nd Amendmnet. Extracted from 1270576 and made into a separate List Entry at grade II. Location: SMR
- (05) Field survey report: Shrewsbury Flax Mill Maltings - Stage II Project: Heritage Impact Assessment (Feilden Cleg Bradley Studios LLP) by Feilden Cleg Bradley Studios LLP (2016). Location: ESA white

## Location

### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4988 1385 (24m by 24m) SJ41SE

### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

## Designations, Statuses and Scorings

### Associated Legal Designations

Listed Building (II) - 1428732	Ditherington Flax Mill: Malting Kiln	Active	DSA11661
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### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 21755	Active
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### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

## Land Use

### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

### Other Land Classes - None recorded

## Related Monuments

06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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## Finds - None recorded

***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA5478	1988 Buildings Assessment of Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury (Event - Survey)
ESA6439	2003/4 condition survey of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley (Event - Survey)
ESA6798	2011-12 building recording at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation. Ref: L10441)
ESA7995	2016 Heritage Impact Assessment of Flax Mill Malting - Stage II Project in Shrewsbury, Shropshire by Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios LPP (Event - Survey)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28099	Shrewsbury Canal Terminus and Wharf	Monument

The wharf at the Terminus of the Shrewsbury Canal (PRN 03410) filled the area bounded by Castle Foregate, New Park Road, Beacalls Lane and Howard Street.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

CANAL WHARF (Late 18th century to 20th century (inter-war) - 1797 AD to 1922 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

The Shrewsbury Canal (PRN 03410) was built in the late 1790s to bring coal from the Coalbrookdale coalfield to the county town. At its terminus, opened in 1797, an extensive coal wharf was created, now bounded by Castle Foregate, New Park Road, Beacalls Lane and Howard Street. Expectations that the canal would substantially reduce the cost of coal in Shrewsbury were speedily disappointed. <2>

After the Canal was linked to the national system the Butter Market (PRN 10337) was constructed in 1836 at its southern edge, and the canal extended up to its doors. <2>

From 1846 the canal was owned by the London and North Western Railway, who in 1859 constructed a tunnel under Howard Street, opening into sidings extending across the wharf. A travelling crane was constructed alongside the Beacalls Lane boundary, together with a brick goods shed, to the north west corner of which abutted a small corn mill (PRN 06754). Traffic at the coal wharf diminished until it was formally closed in 1922. <1><2>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Monograph: Beyond the Bridges - The Suburbs of Shrewsbury 1760 -1960 by Trinder Barrie (2006), p 143. Location: not given
- (02) Monograph: The Industrial Archaeology of Shropshire by Trinder Barrie (1996), p 178. Location: SMR Library
- International Standard Book Number 0 85033 989 8

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49558 13137 (146m by 241m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28099

Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### **Related Monuments**

06754 Corn Mill on the Shrewsbury Canal Terminus Wharf Functional Association (P/P)

### **Finds - None recorded**

### **Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**HER Number** 28099

**Site Name** Shrewsbury Canal Terminus and Wharf

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28101	The Beynons and Bage Castlefields Flax Mill	Monument

The Beynon Brothers and Charles Bage, having terminated their partnership with John Marshall in 1804, constructed an iron framed flax mill in Castlefields. By 1811 there was a cross wing, a dye house, a bleaching works, a woodworking shop, a smith's shop, a gas works and a warehouse (PRN 10557). The Beynon Brothers died in the mid 1830s and by 1837 the business had closed and most of the buildings had been demolished except for the warehouse and Cadran Place, probably the former Apprentice House, which had been converted into back to back housing.

### Monument Types and Dates

FLAX MILL (Early 19th century - 1804 AD to 1837 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

The Beynon Brothers and Charles Bage, having terminated their partnership with John Marshall in 1804, constructed a five storey iron framed flax mill in Castlefields, slightly longer but a little narrower than the Main Mill at Ditherington. By 1811 there was a cross wing to the west, and detached buildings including a dye house, a bleaching works, a woodworking shop, a smith's shop, a gas works and a warehouse (PRN 10557). To the west of the warehouse the building which had probably served as the Apprentice House was converted to a block of back-to-back dwellings called Cadran Place. These were demolished and replaced by a block of flats of the same name in 1956. ->

-> Bage withdrew from the partnership in 1815-1816 and the Beynon Brothers died in the mid 1830s. After some family discord the site was sold to a builder and most of the buildings had been demolished by the 31st of May, 1837. ->

-> The Shrewsbury Freehold Land Society was founded in 1851. Dorsett Street and Beynon Street, near the site of the main building of the Castlefields mill, formed the core of their second estate in Castlefields. By 1861 there were 36 houses in Beynon Street. <1><2><3>

#### Sources

- (01) Monograph: The Industrial Archaeology of Shropshire by Trinder Barrie (1996), p146-147 and Plan Fig 82. Location: SMR Library  
International Standard Book Number 0 85033 989 8
- (02) Article in monograph: Castle Foregate Flax Mill Shrewsbury (TSAS LVI) by Rimmer W G (1957-58), P49-68 & Plan. Location: not given
- (03) Monograph: Beyond the Bridges - The Suburbs of Shrewsbury 1760 -1960 by Trinder Barrie (2006), p156 - 158 Figs 121 and 122. Location: not given

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 4977 1314 (157m by 111m) SJ41SE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Dispersed

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 28101 Active

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

#### Other Land Classes - None recorded

**HER Number** 28101

**Site Name** The Beynons and Bage Castlefields Flax Mill

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28828	Site of cluster houses, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

Site of two cluster houses of late 18th or early 19th century date.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

CLUSTER HOUSE (Built, Late 18th century to Early 19th century - 1797 AD? to 1832 AD)

Evidence	DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
Evidence	SUB SURFACE DEPOSIT?

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Cluster Houses (Site of). ?1797 (standing by 1832). Marshall, Benyon and Bage had an agreement with John Mytton of Halston that he would build four blocks of cluster houses between the canal and the turnpike road. Each block measured 11.04 x 7.38m and comprised four houses, each with a lean-to. This type of dwelling was known as cluster housing in the Derbyshire textile district, and they can be seen at the Strutt's family settlement in Belper, and in that built by the Evans family at Darley Abbey. It is not yet clear whether the Ditherington cluster houses were the first of their kind, or had been copied from elsewhere. However the association of Bage with the Strutts probably led to houses of this kind being built in both areas. Two groups of four blocks of cluster houses were built to the north (PRN 28829) and two to the south of the Sultan Inn, and it is not clear which group was built in 1797. Both groups have now been demolished [<1a>]. <1>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p22; Site 08. Location: ESA white
- (01a) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Site 12.5. Location: ESA white

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49940 13852 (27m by 34m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28828 Active

### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### **Related Monuments - None Recorded**

### **Finds - None recorded**

### **Associated Events/Activities**

ESA5478	1988 Buildings Assessment of Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury (Event - Survey)
ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)

**HER Number** 28828

**Site Name** Site of cluster houses, Ditherington Flax Mill

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28829	Site of cluster houses, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

A group of four cluster houses of late 18th or early 19th century date.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

CLUSTER HOUSE (Built, Late 18th century to Early 19th century - 1797 AD? to 1832 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Evidence SUB SURFACE DEPOSIT?

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Cluster Houses (Site of). ?1797 (standing by 1832). Marshall, Benyon and Bage had an agreement with John Mytton of Halston that he would build four blocks of cluster houses between the canal and the turnpike road. Each block measured 11.04 x 7.38m and comprised four houses, each with a lean-to. This type of dwelling was known as cluster housing in the Derbyshire textile district, and they can be seen at the Strutt's family settlement in Belper, and in that built by the Evans family at Darley Abbey. It is not yet clear whether the Ditherington cluster houses were the first of their kind, or had been copied from elsewhere. However the association of Bage with the Strutts probably led to houses of this kind being built in both areas. A group of four blocks of cluster houses to the north of the Sultan Inn. This group appears to have been demolished by the 1940s [1a]. <1>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p22; Site 09 (see Site 08). Location: ESA white
- (01a) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Site 12.7. Location: ESA white

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 50025 13966 (64m by 74m) SJ51SW

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28829 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### **Related Monuments - None Recorded**

### **Finds - None recorded**

### **Associated Events/Activities**

- ESA5478 1988 Buildings Assessment of Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury (Event - Survey)
- ESA6796 2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)

**HER Number** 28829

**Site Name** Site of cluster houses, Ditherington Flax Mill

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28830	Site of Warehouse (Packing Shop), Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

One of the earliest buildings of the Ditherington Flax Mill complex, complete by 1801, and insured as a warehouse. The surviving length of walling which was part of the rear elevation of the Packing Warehouse were incorporated into the Grade II Listing of the Stables (17306) in October 2015.

### Monument Types and Dates

WAREHOUSE (Early 19th century to 20th century (post-war) - 1801 AD to 1970 AD)

Evidence	DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
Evidence	STRUCTURE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Packing Shop (Site of). Date 1801. This was one of the earliest buildings of the mill complex, constructed of great bricks and complete by 1801, when it was insured as a warehouse. By 1804 the building was in use as a warehouse and counting house, and in 1805 part of it was used as a thread-makers' shop. In 1811 the north wall measures 18.89m and the south wall 22.5m, and the building was 12.57m wide. It was divided into four, and there was a staircase in the more westerly of the two central rooms. The westernmost portion was divided in two, with a fireplace in the southern room. The building was mostly demolished in the 1970s, however the south wall of the building, divided into four bays and with six window openings, is still standing. <1> <2>

During a 2010 archaeological evaluation at Ditherington Flax Mill, Trench 2 (consisting of two trenches) was situated across the Flax Warehouse. The south-easternmost trench revealed natural clay, whereas the north-western trench revealed numerous structural remains. The southern trench appears to have been located within the eastern portion of the flax warehouse, which was depicted on a plan of 1855 as an open space with no indications of internal subdivisions. The space to the west, however, was shown as an area of numerous regular subdivisions. It appears likely, therefore, that the numerous walls encountered within the north-western trench represented either the foundations of these sub-dividing walls, or the supports for a suspended floor. The requirement of a suspended floor in this area, and the presence of a culvert with an ingress within the interior of the building, might reflect a preoccupation with the reduction of moisture and damp in this part of the building. This suggests that this part of the building was specifically associated with the storage of flax, whereas the area to the east would have been associated with packing and, therefore, the presence of materials or products in this latter area would have been both ephemeral and transitional. This interpretation is supported by the depiction of hydraulic presses in the eastern area, on the plan of 1855, which would have been used in the baling of linen. <3>

#### Sources

- (01) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Site 9. Location: ESA white
- (02) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p23; Site 11. Location: ESA white
- (03) Excavation report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: Archaeological Evaluation (First Draft) (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Vannan A (2010), pp.16-18; Trench 2. Location: ESA white

#### Location

##### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 49841 13774 (26m by 25m) SJ41SE

##### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Area

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Legal Designations

Listed Building (II) - 1254856	Ditherington Flax Mill: Stables and remains of Packing Warehouse	Active	DSA6360
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#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 28830	Active
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**HER Number** 28830

**Site Name** Site of Warehouse (Packing Shop), Ditherington Flax Mill

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**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6796 2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)

ESA6797 2010 trial trenching at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Intervention)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28831	Gas Lighting System Retort House, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

Retort house, coal house to the east, and a small, irregular shaped lime store of mid 19th century date, now demolished, at Ditherington Flax Mill.

### Monument Types and Dates

COAL SHED (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1842 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

RETORT HOUSE (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1842 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

The second gas plant on the site. This complex comprised a retort house (c 5m x 7m), a coal house to the east (c 5m x 9m), and a small, irregular shaped lime store between the coal house and wall. There were two detached purifiers west of the retort house and a tar pit beyond the boundary wall. The buildings were still standing in 1927 but have since been demolished. <1> <2>

#### Sources

- (01) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Site 5.2.14. Location: ESA white
- (02) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p23; Site 12. Location: ESA white

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 49874 13940 (19m by 11m) SJ41SE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 28831

Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

### Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

### Related Monuments

04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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Finds - None recorded

### Associated Events/Activities

ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)
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**HER Number** 28831

**Site Name** Gas Lighting System Retort House, Ditherington Flax Mill

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 28832**Site Name** Round Gas Holder, Ditherington Flax Mill

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28832	Round Gas Holder, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

The round gas holder constructed in 1842, at Ditherington Flax Mill, now demolished.

**Monument Types and Dates**

GAS HOLDER (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1842 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

**Description and Sources****Description**

The round gas holder was constructed as part of the new gas plant in 1842. A small square structure stood to the west of the holder. Both structures had been demolished by 1901. Part of the area occupied by this building was built over by the barley store in 1963. <1> <2>

**Sources**

- (01) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Site 5.2.15. Location: ESA white
- (02) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p23; Site 13. Location: ESA white

**Location****National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49856 13935 (10m by 10m) SJ41SE

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded****Designations, Statutes and Scorings****Associated Legal Designations - None recorded****Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28832 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded****Land Use****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded****Other Land Classes - None recorded****Related Monuments**

04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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**Finds - None recorded****Associated Events/Activities**

ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)
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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28833	Stables and Pigsties, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument
Stables constructed by 1849, with pigsties to the immediate west. Demolished 1970s.		

### Monument Types and Dates

COW HOUSE (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1849 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

PIGSTY (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1849 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

GLASSHOUSE (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1849 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

STABLE (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1849 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

The stables at the northern end of the site had been constructed by 1849, and there were pigsties to the immediate west. These buildings were demolished in the 1970s, although the northern wall of the stables remained as part of the northern boundary wall of the site. <1> <2>

These agricultural outbuildings were targeted during a community excavation in 2013. Features associated with these outbuildings had first been recorded during trial trenching in 2010, together with the wash house to the E [see PRN 28838]. ->

These outbuildings are shown on a plan of 1855 (reproduced in report). These buildings are annotated on the historical plan as the Wash House, Stable, Cow Shed and Piggeries. ->

-> The results of excavation confirmed the locations of all the above features and added details about their construction, use and development. Three main phases of development were identified, relating to the periods 1812 to 1855, 1855 to 1902, and 1902 to the late twentieth century. In addition, the footings of a wall pre-dating the construction of the Apprentice House and ancillary buildings in c 1812 were revealed. The stable, cow house and piggeries were a development of an earlier stable and unidentified structure, probably an earlier piggery. Of particular note was a drainage system associated with the construction of the Apprentice House that connected to an open drain emptying into the canal. The former greenhouse was probably a hot house, while the space between the Apprentice House and Wash House showed development as a covered passageway. The west wall had been modified on several occasions, and the form of the yard surface may have been a slate flagged surface or compacted ash and cinder in a matrix of tar. ->

-> The excavation was public-led and was supported by a large number of participants and visitors. Participants were involved in a range of excavation and recording tasks, post-excavation analysis and contributed to the production of the report. Pupils from Sundorne and Grange Secondary schools also participated, and made a very positive contribution to the project. <3>

#### Sources

- (01) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Sites 5.2.2 & 5.2.3. Location: ESA white
- (02) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p24; Site 14. Location: ESA white
- (03) Excavation report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Ditherington, Shrewsbury: public-led archaeological excavation (draft report) (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Maron D (2013). Location: Digital ESA white

#### Location

##### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 49886 13916 (19m by 15m)

SJ41SE

##### Administrative Areas

**HER Number** 28833

**Site Name** Stables and Pigsties, Ditherington Flax Mill

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Civil Parish

Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28833

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments***

04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)
ESA7324	2013 community excavation at Ditherington Flax Mill, Ditherington by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Intervention)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 28834 **Site Name** Building north of stables, Ditherington Flax Mill

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
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28834	Building north of stables, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument
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Building of unknown function shown north of the stables and pigsties. Demolished by 1963.

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### ***Monument Types and Dates***

BUILDING? (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1875 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence	DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
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### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

A building is shown to the north of the stables and pigsties (PRN 28833) on a north/south alignment. The building was immediately north of the mill boundary, with its western and southern sides against the northern boundary. The building was shown on the OS map of 1963, but it has since been demolished. <1>

Appears open fronted on the east facing side. <2>

#### **Sources**

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| (01) | Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p24; Site 15. Location: ESA white |
| (02) | Map: OS County Series 1:2500 maps (2nd edition) - digital dataset (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (c1899-1903). Location: Corporate GIS  |
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### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49885 13927 (11m by 13m)	SJ41SE
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#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
	Area

### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### ***Designations, Statutes and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28834	Active
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#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### ***Land Use***

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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### ***Related Monuments***

04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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### ***Finds - None recorded***

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### ***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)
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### ***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28835	Boiler Houses and Chimney, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

Boiler Houses and Chimney, later replaced by a lean-to structure erected by William Jones for his maltings in 1897-98.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

BOILER HOUSE (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1840 AD to 1898 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

CHIMNEY (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1840 AD to 1898 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

BUILDING (Late 19th century - 1898 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Two boiler houses, on either side of a chimney, were constructed on the east side of the main mill, the southern boiler house and chimney in 1840-41, and the northern boiler house in 1852-53. The southern boiler house appears to have been demolished in 1875, when a set of three Howards Boilers with economisers were installed in the northern boiler house. The whole structure was replaced by a lean-to structure erected by William Jones for his maltings in 1897-98. <1> <2>

During a 2010 archaeological evaluation at Ditherington Flax Mill, Trench 3 was placed close to the southeastern corner of the flax mill in the area of the leanto, intended to establish evidence of historic surfacing, specifically the former coal yard, and the former boiler house. A thin layer of turf directly overlay the concrete floor associated with the leanto was removed. The concrete was up to 0.35m thick and surrounded a cylindrical steel stanchion with a square base that sat on top of a substantial sandstone base measuring 0.85m by 0.75m, and at least 0.35m thick, which lay 0.45m below ground level (55.69m aOD). The stanchion was separated from the sandstone by two thin sheets of lead, which are likely to have been used to enable the required architectural tolerances to have been achieved following the construction of a base that was slightly too low. The sandstone base appeared to overlay, or was partially faced by, a mortar-bonded stepped ceramic brick plinth. The brickwork, in combination with the sandstone block, formed a structural support that was approximately 0.9m deep and overlay a concrete base. This appears to have represented an internal support for the lean-to. To the south of the stanchion base a layer of re-deposited clay overlay a deposit of fuel ash. The fuel ash surrounded a narrow brick-lined culvert that ran diagonally across the trench at a depth of 1.3m below ground level (55.25m aOD). No remains of historical surfacing survived in this area. <3>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Site 1.3. Location: ESA white
- (02) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p24-25; Site 17. Location: ESA white
- (03) Excavation report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: Archaeological Evaluation (First Draft) (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Vannan A (2010), p18; Trench 3. Location: ESA white

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49875 13814 (41m by 57m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

#### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28835

Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**Land Use****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded****Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

ESA6796 2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)

ESA6797 2010 trial trenching at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Intervention)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**HER Number** 28836**Site Name** Site of Wood Shed, Ditherington Flax Mill

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
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28836	Site of Wood Shed, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument
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Site of wood shed, possibly standing in 1832, later built over by the barley store in 1963.

**Monument Types and Dates**

WOOD SHED (Early 19th century to Late 19th century - 1832 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

**Description and Sources****Description**

A building c 14m x 5m, which was possibly standing in 1832. It was open to the south and east and housed a small boiler between 1849 and 1855. A wall from the north-west corner linked it to the round gas holder. Part of the area occupied by this building was built over by the barley store in 1963. <1> <2>

**Sources**

- (01) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Site 5.2.13. Location: ESA white
- (02) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p25; Site 22. Location: ESA white

**Location****National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49860 13923 (15m by 9m) SJ41SE

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded****Designations, Statutes and Scorings****Associated Legal Designations - None recorded****Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28836 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded****Land Use****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded****Other Land Classes - None recorded****Related Monuments**

04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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**Finds - None recorded****Associated Events/Activities**

ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)
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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**HER Number** 28837**Site Name** Site of Drying Shed, Ditherington Flax Mill

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
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28837	Site of Drying Shed, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument
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Site of Drying Shed, possibly standing in 1849, later built over by the barley store in 1963.

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***Monument Types and Dates***

DRYING HOUSE (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1849 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence	DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
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***Description and Sources*****Description**

A pierced building c 17m x 8m, which had been built by 1849. Part of the area occupied by this building was built over by the barley store in 1963. <1> <2>

**Sources**

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| (01) | Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Site 5.2.12. Location: ESA white |
| (02) | Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p26; Sites 21 and 23. Location: ESA white |
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***Location*****National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49855 13913 (19m by 12m)	SJ41SE
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**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
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Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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***Designations, Statutes and Scorings*****Associated Legal Designations - None recorded****Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28837	Active
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**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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***Land Use*****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded****Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments***

04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)
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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28838	Site of Wash House, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument
Site of Wash House, standing in 1849.		

### Monument Types and Dates

WASH HOUSE (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1849 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

GLASSHOUSE (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1849 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

The wash house had been constructed by 1849, and measured c 8m x 4.25m. It was linked to the gas holder (Site 13) by a 3.87cm lead pipe, and is presumed to have been part of the gas plant. <1> <2>

A trial trench (Trench 5) was excavated in a 2010 evaluation of the site, intended to establish the presence or absence of any buried remains pertaining to former outbuildings, including a stable and the washhouse linked to the gas holder. This indicated that structural remains survived associated with the wash house as a series of brick wall footings. The floor plan of the building appeared to have changed little between the nineteenth century and the production of the Ordnance Survey map of 1963. The internal arrangements of this building were, however, subject to several phases of modification. Further excavation was recommended. <3>

These ancillary outbuildings were targeted during a community excavation in 2013. Features associated with these outbuildings had first been recorded during trial trenching in 2010, together with the agricultural outbuildings to the W [see PRN 28833]. This washhouse is shown on a plan of 1855 (reproduced in report). ->

-> The results of excavation confirmed the locations of the wash house and added details about its construction, use and development. Three main phases of development were identified, relating to the periods 1812 to 1855, 1855 to 1902, and 1902 to the late twentieth century. The Wash House was shown to be a laundry with a bath that held rain water and was connected to the gas holder. A former greenhouse was also identified, attached to the wash house. The former greenhouse was probably a hot house, while the space between the Apprentice House and Wash House showed development as a covered passageway. The west wall had been modified on several occasions, and the form of the yard surface may have been a slate flagged surface or compacted ash and cinder in a matrix of tar. ->

-> The excavation was public-led and was supported by a large number of participants and visitors. Participants were involved in a range of excavation and recording tasks, post-excavation analysis and contributed to the production of the report. Pupils from Sundorne and Grange Secondary schools also participated, and made a very positive contribution to the project. <4>

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#### Location

##### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 49897 13907 (11m by 15m) SJ41SE

##### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

##### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

#### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded****Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites &amp; Monuments Record - 28838

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded****Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)
ESA6797	2010 trial trenching at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Intervention)
ESA7324	2013 community excavation at Ditherington Flax Mill, Ditherington by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Intervention)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**HER Number** 28839

**Site Name** Site of Privies, Ditherington Flax Mill

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28839	Site of Privies, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

Site of Privies, standing in 1849, part demolished by 1901.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

TOILET (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1849 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Privies abutting walls, built by 1849, and were linked to a soil tank. By 1855 the range had been extended as far as the corner of the Apprentice House. This extension had been demolished by 1901. <1> <2>

#### **Sources**

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### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49878 13908 (9m by 6m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statutes and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28839 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### ***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

### ***Finds - None recorded***

### ***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6796 2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)

### ***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

**HER Number** 28840**Site Name** Site of Fire Engine House, Ditherington Flax Mill

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28840	Site of Fire Engine House, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

Site of Fire Engine House, standing in 1849. This building had been demolished by 1901.

**Monument Types and Dates**

FIRE ENGINE HOUSE (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1849 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

**Description and Sources****Description**

A fire engine was purchased by John Marshall and Co in 1837 and housed in the north-west corner of the yard surrounding the Apprentice House by 1849. This building had been demolished by 1901. <1> <2>

**Sources**

- (01) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Site 5.2.7. Location: ESA white
- (02) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p27; Site 28. Location: ESA white

**Location****National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49871 13907 (7m by 6m)

SJ41SE

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish

Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded****Designations, Statutes and Scorings****Associated Legal Designations - None recorded****Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites &amp; Monuments Record - 28840

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded****Land Use****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded****Other Land Classes - None recorded****Related Monuments**

04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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**Finds - None recorded****Associated Events/Activities**

ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)
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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**HER Number** 28841

**Site Name** Site of Gas Meter, Ditherington Flax Mill

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28841	Site of Gas Meter, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

Site of Gas Meter, standing in 1849. The building had been demolished by 1927.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

GAS METER HOUSE (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1849 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

A structure 2m x 2m was located to the south of the fire engine house by 1849, but had been demolished by 1927.<1> <2>

#### **Sources**

(01) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Site 5.2.8. Location: ESA white

(02) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p28; Site 29. Location: ESA white

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49870 13904 (3m by 3m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28841 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### ***Related Monuments***

04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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***Finds - None recorded***

### ***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6796 2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)

***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

**HER Number** 28842

**Site Name** Site of Waste Room, Ditherington Flax Mill

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
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28842	Site of Waste Room, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument
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Site of Waste Room, standing in 1849. The building was demolished sometime after 1927.

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***Monument Types and Dates***

BUILDING (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1849 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence	DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
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***Description and Sources***

**Description**

A structure 5m x 4m was located to the south of the gas meter by 1849, and was extant in 1927, but has since been demolished. <1> <2>

**Sources**

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***Location***

**National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49868 13902 (6m by 5m)

SJ41SE

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish

Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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***Designations, Statutes and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28842

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments***

04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)
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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 28843

**Site Name** Site of Thread Room, Ditherington Flax Mill

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
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28843	Site of Thread Room, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument
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Site of Thread Room, standing in 1849. The building was demolished sometime after 1927.

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***Monument Types and Dates***

SPINNING SHED (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1849 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence	DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
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***Description and Sources***

**Description**

A structure 5m x 14m was located to the south of the waste room by 1849, and was extant in 1927, but has since been demolished. <1><2>

**Sources**

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***Location***

**National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49863 13894 (12m by 14m)	SJ41SE
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**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
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Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28843

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)
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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28844	Site of Rectangular Gas Holder, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

Site of Rectangular Gas Holder, possibly built in 1811, converted to a carpenter's shop and saw pit, which were later incorporated with the thread room and later malt silo.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

GAS HOLDER (Early 19th century to Mid 19th century - 1811 AD to 1855 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

CARPENTERS WORKSHOP (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1855 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SAW PIT (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1855 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

A structure 4.27m x 7.92m was located to the south of the thread room by 1849, and probably dated from 1811, when gas was first installed at the site. By 1855 the gas holder had been converted to a carpenter's shop and a saw pit was located in the area between the carpenter's shop and the thread room. The saw pit was later incorporated within the thread room. This building was later incorporated into the malt silo. <1> <2>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Site 5.2.10. Location: ESA white
- (02) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p28; Site 31. Location: ESA white

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49857 13884 (9m by 11m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28844 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### **Related Monuments**

04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works	Contemporary Complex* (P/C)
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### **Finds - None recorded**

### **Associated Events/Activities**

**HER Number** 28844

**Site Name** Site of Rectangular Gas Holder, Ditherington Flax Mill

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ESA6796 2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 28845

**Site Name** Site of building, Ditherington Flax Mill

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
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28845	Site of building, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument
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Unknown building abutting the east side of the Waste House and Thread Room, extant in 1901.

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***Monument Types and Dates***

GAS HOLDER (Early 19th century to Mid 19th century - 1811 AD to 1855 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

CARPENTERS WORKSHOP (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1855 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SAW PIT (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1855 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

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***Description and Sources***

**Description**

Unknown building abutting the east side of the Waste House (PRN 28842) and Thread Room (PRN 28843), extant in 1901.  
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**Sources**

(01) Map: OS County Series 1:2500 maps (2nd edition) - digital dataset (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (c1899-1903). Location: Corporate GIS

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***Location***

**National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49869 13895 (11m by 16m) SJ41SE

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28845 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 28846

**Site Name** Site of kiln, Ditherington Flax Mill

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28846	Site of kiln, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

A small circular kiln standing in 1849, but had been demolished by 1855.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

KILN (Mid 19th century - 1849 AD to 1855 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

A small circular kiln (c 2.2m diameter) stood in the north-west corner of the Ditherington Flax Mill site in 1849, but had been demolished by 1855. The purpose of the kiln is not known. <1> <2>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Site 5.2.16. Location: ESA white
- (02) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p29; Site 33. Location: ESA white

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

SJ 49839 13952 (point) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28846 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### ***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

### ***Finds - None recorded***

### ***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6796 2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)

### ***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

**HER Number** 28847

**Site Name** Site of privies, Ditherington Flax Mill

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28847	Site of privies, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

Site 2-hole closets, standing by 1811.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

TOILET (Early 19th century to Late 19th century - 1811 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

The plan of 1855 shows the privies as two, 2-hole closets. The buildings are of standard brick, indicating a construction date post-1805, but were extant by 1811 when they appear on a plan of this date. <1> <2>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Site 8.2. Location: ESA white
- (02) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p29; Site 36. Location: ESA white

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49826 13778 (4m by 4m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28847 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

### ***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6796 2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**HER Number** 28848**Site Name** Lodge and Gateway, Ditherington Flax Mill

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28848	Lodge and Gateway, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

Structural remains of a lodge located to the east of its main entrance gateway.

**Monument Types and Dates**

LODGE (Mid 19th century to Late 19th century - 1849 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

**Description and Sources****Description**

A lodge (measuring 3.05m x 12.65m) was located in the south-west corner of the site, to the east of its main entrance, and an additional bay appears to have been added on the south-west side by 1855. The building has now largely been demolished (some fragments of walls remain).<1> <2>

**Sources**

- (01) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Site Sites 10 and 10.1. Location: ESA white
- (02) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p30; Site 37. Location: ESA white

**Location****National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49856 13763 (4m by 4m) SJ41SE

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded****Designations, Statuses and Scorings****Associated Legal Designations - None recorded****Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites &amp; Monuments Record - 28848 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded****Land Use****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded****Other Land Classes - None recorded****Related Monuments - None Recorded****Finds - None recorded****Associated Events/Activities**

ESA6796 2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28849	Sultan Inn, E of Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

Site of the Sultan Inn and ancillary buildings, constructed by 1832, but only described as an inn from 1874 onwards. The northernmost of the buildings was used as a chapel at some point in the second half of the nineteenth century.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

INN (Early 19th century to First World War - 1832 AD to 1918 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

CHAPEL? (Mid 19th century to Early 20th century (pre-war) - 1850 AD? to 1900 AD?)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

The building comprising the Sultan Inn had probably been constructed by 1832, as the two groups of cluster houses which flanked the inn had been constructed by this time. Some of the buildings appear to have been demolished by 1851, and by 1882 there were four substantial buildings on the site, with several peripheral buildings (possibly privies/pig sties). The buildings were only described as an inn from 1874 onwards, and were delicensed in 1918. The northernmost of the buildings was used as a chapel at some point in the second half of the nineteenth century. The plot appears to have been divided into two distinct properties by 1927, and was demolished sometime after. <1> <2>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Site Sites 12.6. Location: ESA white
- (02) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p31; Site 43. Location: ESA white

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49972 13914 (43m by 37m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Area

### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28849 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### **Related Monuments - None Recorded**

### **Finds - None recorded**

### **Associated Events/Activities**

ESA6796 2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)

### **Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**





HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
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28850	Site of Drying Shed, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument
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Drying shed constructed 1852 on the site of two saw pits and a wood shed. Later built over by the Barley Silo.

**Monument Types and Dates**

SAW PIT (Early 19th century to Mid 19th century - 1811 AD to 1852 AD)

Evidence	DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
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WOOD SHED (Early 19th century to Mid 19th century - 1811 AD to 1852 AD)

Evidence	DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
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DRYING HOUSE (Mid 19th century to 20th century (post-war) - 1852 AD to 1951 AD)

Evidence	DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
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**Description and Sources****Description**

There were two saw pits south of the drying stove in 1811, alongside which a new wood shed had been constructed by 1849. In 1852 a drying shed (measuring c 11m x 13.4m) was constructed on the site, abutting the stove. This area was later built over by the Barley Silo. <1> <2>

**Sources**

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| (02) | Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p31; Site 43. Location: ESA white             |

**Location****National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49827 13812 (17m by 16m)	SJ41SE
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**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
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Area

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded****Designations, Statutes and Scorings****Associated Legal Designations - None recorded****Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 28850	Active
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**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded****Land Use****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded****Other Land Classes - None recorded****Related Monuments - None Recorded****Finds - None recorded****Associated Events/Activities**

ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)
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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
28851	Formal garden, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument
Gardens, fountain and greenhouse, east of Apprentice House of mid 19th century and later date.		

### Monument Types and Dates

FORMAL GARDEN (Mid 19th century to Early 20th century (pre-war) - 1849 AD to 1901 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

FOUNTAIN (Mid 19th century to Early 20th century (pre-war) - 1849 AD to 1901 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

GLASSHOUSE (Mid 19th century to Early 20th century (pre-war) - 1855 AD? to 1901 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

An area to the east of the Apprentice House, which was used as gardens and had been laid out with paths around a circular bed or lawn by 1855. The layout had been changed by 1882, and a fountain had been added. By 1901 the garden had been removed. ->

-> Greenhouses were installed to the north-east of the Apprentice House, in the northern area of the gardens between 1855 and 1882. One abutted the eastern wall of the wash house, and the others occupied the north-eastern corner of the site. All of the greenhouses had been demolished by 1901.<1> <2>

During a 2010 archaeological evaluation at Ditherington Flax Mill, Trench 4 was targeted on the site of the fountain and surfaces relating to the formal garden shown on historical mapping, situated a short distance to the southeast of the apprentice house. The trench revealed make-up layers of demolition rubble, and slag and fuel ash, to a depth of approximately 0.84m below modern ground level (56.24m aOD). A mortar bed was revealed at this depth, which overlay levelling deposits of crushed stone and brick that formed a consolidated and fairly level base for the mortar. There were no indications of historical surfacing remaining in-situ within the trench, although it is likely that the mortar bed formerly supported a structural surface, such as flagstones or setts. No structural remains were revealed that were demonstrably associated with the fountain, and there were few indications of buried soil horizons representing garden soil. Patches of soil were visible underlying the crushed stone and brick layers, although this was dark blackish-brown and appeared to have been contaminated by fuel ash or other industrial residues. It is possible, therefore, that this soil had been imported as a levelling layer. A ceramic land drain crossed the northern end of the trench. <3>

#### Sources

- (01) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Site 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3. Location: ESA white
- (02) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p25; Site 18 and 19. Location: ESA white
- (03) Excavation report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: Archaeological Evaluation (First Draft) (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Vannan A (2010), pp19-20; Trench 4. Location: ESA white

#### Location

##### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 49906 13887 (33m by 46m) SJ41SE

##### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

#### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

##### Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

##### Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 28851

Active

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

**HER Number** 28851

**Site Name** Formal garden, Ditherington Flax Mill

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6796 2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)

ESA6797 2010 trial trenching at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Intervention)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 29022

**Site Name** Open Brethren, Gospel Hall, John Street, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
29022	Open Brethren, Gospel Hall, John Street, Shrewsbury	Building

A Gospel Hall built in the early 1880s, extended, and is still in use.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

CHURCH HALL (Late 19th century to 21st century - 1880 AD? to 2099 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

"A small non-denominational Gospel Hall was built in the early 1880s at the junction of New Park Road and John Street. During the 1890s it developed into an Assembly of Open Brethren, who still use the building (2000)." © Janice Cox, 2017. <1>

Plate 36 shows the Gospel Hall. <2>

Photograph taken 5th March 2016. <3>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Webpage: Shropshire's Nonconformist Chapels (<http://www.users.waitrose.com/~coxfamily/index.html>) by Cox, Janice (2013 onwards), <http://www.users.waitrose.com/~coxfamily/shrewbre.htm>. Location: Online
- (02) Article in serial: 'Simplicity without meanness, commodiousness without extravagance'; the nonconformist chapels and meeting houses of Shrewsbury in the nineteenth century (Trans Shropshire Archaeol Hist Soc) by Cox J (1997), pp.90, 91. Location: SMR Library
- (03) SMR comment: Comments by J B Haynes, HER Compiler by Haynes J B (2014 onwards), 14/04/2016. Location: HER database

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

SJ 49903 13394 (point)

SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 29022

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**



**HER Number** 29129 **Site Name** The site of Green Fields Prisoner of War (POW) Camp

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
29129	The site of Green Fields Prisoner of War (POW) Camp	Monument

The site of a former WWII POW Camp No 23

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***Monument Types and Dates***

PRISONER OF WAR CAMP (Second World War - 1939 AD to 1945 AD)  
Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

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***Description and Sources***

**Description**

Camp No 23. No further information. <1>

In use up until 1948. <2>

**Sources**

- (01) Report: Prisoner of War Camps (1939 - 1948) - Project Report by Thomas Roger JC (2003), p21.  
Location: SMR Sources
- (02) Webpage: Shropshire History website (<http://shropshirehistory.com/>) by Anon,  
<http://shropshirehistory.com/military/prisoner.htm>. Location: Internet
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***Location***

**National Grid Reference**

SJ 4962 1395 (point) SJ41SE

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Point

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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***Designations, Statutes and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 29129 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
30948	Site of northern malt silo, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

The site of the northern malt silo at Ditherington Flax Mill, constructed between 1954 and 1963. It was demolished in 2012.

### Monument Types and Dates

SILO (20th century (post-war) to 21st century - 1954 AD to 2012 AD)

Evidence DEMOLISHED BUILDING

### Description and Sources

#### Description

A rapid inspection of the upper floor of the Malt Silo was also undertaken in 2011-2012 ahead of urgent repair works at Ditherington Flax Mill. The inspection was carried out from an external scaffold, prior to the removal of asbestos sheeting that formed the roofing material, but which was in a poor state of repair. No access for metric survey was possible within the structure. ->

-> The rectangular silo was constructed between 1954 and 1963, and measures 53 x 26' (16.15 x 7.92m). The ground floor has highlevel glazing bands to each elevation, with the silo above being devoid of features below roof level. The building has a gambrel roof of steel and corrugated asbestos sheet construction, with almost all of the sheeting of each of the lower pitches having been lost prior to the survey. The eastern bay of the roof is raised to approximately double the height of the western three bays, and houses a wooden dog-legged staircase and a small hopper, served by a series of ducts. This bay also has doorways in both long elevations, canted out beyond the angle of the lower pitch. This afforded access to the parapet wall and drainage gulleys located to the rear. <1>

The 24m tall silo was demolished in 2012, having been damaged by arson and vandalism. It had not been used since the maltings closed in the 1980s. <2>

Photographed during aerial photographic survey in 2009. <3>

Constructed over a rectangular gas holder (PRN 28844). <4>

#### Sources

- (01) Watching brief report: The Dye House and Malt Kiln, Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological watching brief (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Wild C (2012), pp.31-36. Location: ESA white
- (02) Webpage: BBC News Article: North Silo at Flax Mill demolition plans (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-20288461>) by BBC Shropshire (2012). Location: SMR DRF for PRN 30948
- (03) Oblique aerial photograph: SA0908\_21 to SA0908\_24 (4 photos) Flight: 09\_SA\_08 (Colour) by Shropshire Council (2009-Apr-5). Location: SC Network and CD Storage
 

SC Digital AP Ref	SA0908_21
SC Digital AP Ref	SA0908_22
SC Digital AP Ref	SA0908_23
SC Digital AP Ref	SA0908_24
- (04) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), p.32; Site 45. Location: ESA white

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SJ 49862 13882 (21m by 17m) SJ41SE

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

### Other Statutes and Cross-References



**HER Number** 30948

**Site Name** Site of northern malt silo, Ditherington Flax Mill

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Sites & Monuments Record - 30948

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments***

06731 Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury Functional Association (P/C)

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6796 2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)  
ESA6798 2011-12 building recording at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation. Ref: L10441)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 31284 **Site Name** 19th century industrial worker's housing, E of Shrewsbury Canal, Ditherington Flax Mill

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
31284	19th century industrial worker's housing, E of Shrewsbury Canal, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

A series of terraces lining the eastern side of Shrewsbury Canal, and housing workers from Ditherington Flax Mill. Constructed 1832 and demolished after 1927.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

BACK TO BACK HOUSE (Early 19th century to 20th century (inter-war) - 1832 AD to 1930 AD?)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

LODGE? (Early 19th century to 20th century (inter-war) - 1832 AD to 1930 AD?)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

TERRACE (Early 19th century to 20th century (inter-war) - 1832 AD to 1930 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

A series of terraces lining the eastern side of Shrewsbury Canal, and housing workers from Ditherington Flax Mill. Constructed 1832 and demolished after 1927. ->

-> These buildings included a series of terraces, a pair of tunnel back houses (a modification of the back-to-back) and a series of terraces to the north. An area, later known as Haughmond Square, included two lodges, perhaps intended to suggest an entrance to the Flax Mill. Buildings are shown on 1832 mapping of this area, and were still standing on maps of 1927. They have since been demolished. <1><2>

A small trench (Trench 1) was excavated in the area of the former canal (PRN 03410) and an area of the former workers' housing in Haughmond Square. A brick wall was encountered lying parallel to, and 1.03m to the east of, the eastern edge of the canal. Only two courses of this wall remained in-situ, with the demolished remnants of higher courses having been utilised as part of a levelling layer that supported the tarmac to the east of the extant walling. The wall had been laid on a thin mortar bed laid directly over the natural clay within a very shallow foundation cut approximately 100mm deep. It is likely that this wall represented the western extent of one of the buildings associated with workers' housing at the western side of Haughmond Square. No fabric representing either internal or external surfaces was encountered. <3>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988), Sites 12.1-12.4. Location: ESA white
- (02) Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009), pp.30-31; Sites 39-42. Location: ESA white
- (03) Excavation report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: Archaeological Evaluation (First Draft) (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Vannan A (2010), p.16; Trench 1. Location: ESA white

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49908 13799 (77m by 111m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

#### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 31284 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**HER Number** 31284

**Site Name** 19th century industrial worker's housing, E of Shrewsbury Canal, Ditherington Flax Mill

***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA6796 2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Interpretation)

ESA6797 2010 trial trenching at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Oxford Archaeology North (Event - Intervention)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
31333	Castlefield War memorial	Monument
Canopied Crucifix in the grounds of the now closed St. Michael's Church.		

**Monument Types and Dates**

WAR MEMORIAL (20th century - 1900 AD to 1999 AD)

Evidence STRUCTURE

**Description and Sources****Description**

Square base surmounted by oblong block bearing names. Crucifix rises from this with angels overlooking on each side, Carved rifle and steel helmet resting on upper ledge of front panel. ->

-> Inscription: To the Glory of God and in memory of those connected with this parish who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War 1914 - 1919, friends and neighbours have caused this to be erected/ (Names). <1>

Photograph taken on 22nd March 2015. <2>

**Sources**

- (01) Online database: Imperial War Museum: National Inventory of War Memorials by Imperial War Museum, 14009. Location: Internet
- (02) SMR comment: Comments by J B Haynes, HER Compiler by Haynes J B (2014 onwards). Location: HER database

**Location****National Grid Reference**

SJ 49711 13617 (point)

SJ41SE

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish

Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded****Designations, Statuses and Scorings****Associated Legal Designations - None recorded****Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites &amp; Monuments Record - 31333

Active

Imperial War Museum War Memorial Database ID - 14009

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded****Land Use****Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded****Other Land Classes - None recorded****Related Monuments - None Recorded****Finds - None recorded****Associated Events/Activities - None recorded****Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
31544	Site of southern malt silo, Ditherington Flax Mill	Monument

The site of the southern malt silo at Ditherington Flax Mill, constructed in 1951. It was demolished in 2014-2015.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

SILO (20th century (post-war) to 21st century - 1951 AD to 2015 AD)

Evidence DEMOLISHED BUILDING

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

The South Silo was built 1951 to store barley. The silo is approximately 19.4m x 13.5m in plan and 22m high and is constructed of reinforced concrete. Internally the silo is subdivided into 15 individual silos arranged in 3 rows of 5. A stairway block connecting the ground floor to the silo top access level and the roof is located on the Northwest elevation. Below the ground floor is a basement level. ->

-> The South Silo is not listed, but does contribute to the post WWII layer of development of the Maltings site and is within the curtilage of the heritage site. It represents the last major investment in mechanisation and bulk storage infrastructure, before the final decline in the Maltings era in the 1980's. Its presence contributes to a dramatic sense of enclosure in the space to the west of the Main Mill and is a highly visible structure on the skyline of the site. <1>

The silo was carefully demolished in 2014-2015. <2>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Non-archaeological specialist report: Ditherington Flax Mill Maltings demolition of the south silo: Listed Building consent application - design & access statement (Feilden Cleg Bradley Rep) by Feilden Cleg Bradley (2013). Location: Digital ESA white
- (02) Newspaper article: Demolition of Shrewsbury Flax Mill silo complete (Shropshire Star) by Shropshire Star (2015), <http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2015/02/10/demolition-of-shrewsbury-flax-mill-silo-complete/>. Location: Internet

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49830 13808 (26m by 22m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

#### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 31544 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### **Related Monuments**

06731 Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury Functional Association (P/C)

### **Finds - None recorded**

### **Associated Events/Activities**

**HER Number** 31544

**Site Name** Site of southern malt silo, Ditherington Flax Mill

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ESA6956 2013 Building recording and photographic survey of the south silo at Ditherington Flax Mill by  
Feilden Cleg Bradley (Event - Survey)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 31868 **Site Name** Site of searchlight emplacement, The Moveage, Mount Pleasant, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
31868	Site of searchlight emplacement, The Moveage, Mount Pleasant, Shrewsbury	Monument

Site of Second World War searchlight battery at Moveage Farm, Shrewsbury.

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### ***Monument Types and Dates***

SEARCHLIGHT BATTERY (Second World War - 1939 AD to 1945 AD)  
Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

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### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Site of Second World War searchlight battery at Moveage Farm, Shrewsbury. No further information. <1>

Nothing visible on 1980s vertical photography prior to construction of housing in this area. <2>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Online database: Pastscape by National Monuments Record (NMR),  
[http://pastscape.org.uk/hob.aspx?hob\\_id=1457499](http://pastscape.org.uk/hob.aspx?hob_id=1457499). Location: <http://www.pastscape.org.uk>
- (02) Vertical aerial photograph: Set of vertical aerial photographs, 1983 (Black and white) by Cartographical Services Ltd (1983), Frame 7515. Location: SMR Vertical AP Drawers

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### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

SJ 4938 1462 (point) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Point

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### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### ***Designations, Statutes and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

National Monuments Record - 1457499	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 31868	Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### ***Land Use***

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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### ***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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### ***Finds - None recorded***

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### ***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA7579 2015 DBA on proposed Hencote Vineyard and Winery, Hencott Farm, Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury by Prospect Archaeology (Event - Survey)

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### ***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 31875 **Site Name** Former St Catherine's Hall, then Friends Meeting House, Corporation Lane, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
31875	Former St Catherine's Hall, then Friends Meeting House, Corporation Lane, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury	Building

St Catherine's Misson Hall, an Anglican place of worship, was consecrated in October 1930. In 1986 the Society of Friends in Shrewsbury bought the former St Catherine's Hall as its meeting house.

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

MISSION HALL (20th century (inter-war) - 1930 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE (20th century (post-war) to 21st century - 1986 AD to 2005 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

The Quaker Meeting House occupies St Catherine's Misson Hall, a former Anglican place of worship, designed by F.M. Drake, and consecrated in October 1930. <1>

The meeting of the Society of Friends in Shrewsbury revived in 1931 and in 1986 bought the former St Catherine's Hall on Coton Hill as its meeting house.<2>

A building survey was undertaken in 2015 of the Friends Meeting House. The meeting house was built as an Anglican mission hall by St Mary's parish, to serve the 1920s estate built on Coton Hill. The architects for the mission hall were Shayler and Drake and the foundation stone was laid by the Bishop of Lichfield on 20 March 1930, and the hall was consecrated in October 1930. The Society of Friends bought the hall in 1986, and it was subsequently refurbished and improved. <3>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Monograph: Beyond the Bridges - The Suburbs of Shrewsbury 1760 -1960 by Trinder Barrie (2006), p137. Location: not given
- (02) Volume: Shrewsbury - General History and Topography (Victoria County History of Shropshire) by Champion W A and Thacker A.T (2014), p297. Location: not given
- (03) Deskbased survey report: Friends Meeting House, Shrewsbury [statement of significance] (Architectural History Practice Rep) by The Architectural History Practice (2015). Location: ESA DRF

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49068 13503 (28m by 16m) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Area

#### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 31875 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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### **Related Monuments - None Recorded**



**HER Number** 31875

**Site Name** Former St Catherine's Hall, then Friends Meeting House,  
Corporation Lane, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury

***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities***

ESA7921 2015 Building survey of Friends Meeting House, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury by The Architectural  
History Practice (Event - Survey)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
32058	Bird in Hand Public House, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury	Building

A 19th century public house.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

PUBLIC HOUSE (Early 19th century to 20th century (post-war) - 1800 AD to 1999 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Three storey timbered public house, with ground floor bay window, and a single storey extension with bay window where a three storey brick house used to be, black and white to match the main building. The timbers look too regular to be 17th century, so probably Victorian. <1>

A photographic record was produced in 2015 of outbuildings to the rear of the public house. <2>

A further photographic record was produced in 2016 of outbuildings to the rear of the public house, prior to their demolition. The buildings consisted of a brick building dated to the late 19th century and a timber outbuildings of early 20th century date. <3>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Webpage: Discovering Shropshire's History (<http://www.discovershropshire.org.uk/>) by Shropshire Council, [http://search.shropshirehistory.org.uk/collections/getrecord/CCA\\_XPH\\_S\\_13\\_C\\_26\\_111/](http://search.shropshirehistory.org.uk/collections/getrecord/CCA_XPH_S_13_C_26_111/). Location: Online
- (02) Photograph: Bird in Hand P.H., 51 Coton Hill, Shrewsbury: photographic schedule (Colour) by Fake I (2015). Location: Digital ESA white
- (03) Photograph: Photographic schedule: Bird in Hand P.H., 51 Coton Hill, Shrewsbury (Colour) by Fake I (2016). Location: Digital ESA white

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

SJ 49210 13350 (point)

SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish

Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

#### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 32058

Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### **Related Monuments - None Recorded**

### **Finds - None recorded**

### **Associated Events/Activities**

**HER Number** 32058

**Site Name** Bird in Hand Public House, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury

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ESA7749 2015 Photographic record of outbuildings to the rear of The Bird in Hand, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury by Republica (Event - Survey)

ESA7987 2016 Photographic record of outbuildings to the rear of The Bird in Hand, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury by Republica (Event - Survey)

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
32077	Site of Baptist Chapel, Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury	Monument

The site of a Baptist Chapel, erected in 1830. On the line of the railway and subsequently demolished in the late 1840s.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

BAPTIST CHAPEL (Early 19th century to Mid 19th century - 1830 AD to 1848 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Site of a Baptist Chapel. Erected in 1830 and opened on 9 April, Good Friday, of that year, by a breakaway group of Baptists who had formerly been part of the congregation at Claremont Street. Location depicted on a map in Shropshire Archives, dated 1845 (deposited plan 337). In the late 1840s, the chapel was taken down as it was on the line of the Shrewsbury and Chester Railway (PRN 08444). <1>

#### **Sources**

- (01) Article in serial: 'Simplicity without meanness, commodiousness without extravagance'; the nonconformist chapels and meeting houses of Shrewsbury in the nineteenth century (Trans Shropshire Archaeol Hist Soc) by Cox J (1997), p.75. Location: SMR Library

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

SJ 49346 13354 (point)

SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish

Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

Point

### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statutes and Scorings***

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 32077

Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### ***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

### ***Finds - None recorded***

### ***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

### ***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

**HER Number** 32078 **Site Name** Site of Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, New Park Road, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
32078	Site of Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, New Park Road, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury	Monument

The site of a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel erected in 1837. Sold in 1973 to Shrewsbury Borough Council and subsequently demolished.

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL (Mid 19th century to 20th century (post-war) - 1837 AD to 1973 AD)

Evidence DEMOLISHED BUILDING

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

The chapel was first erected in 1837 on a site measuring 200 square yards. It was a small chapel with a projecting porch. Rebuilt in 1893. In 1927 a schoolroom and vestry were added. The chapel was sold to Shrewsbury Borough Council in 1973 for £1500 and subsequently demolished. <1>

#### **Sources**

(01) Article in serial: 'Simplicity without meanness, commodiousness without extravagance'; the nonconformist chapels and meeting houses of Shrewsbury in the nineteenth century (Trans Shropshire Archaeol Hist Soc) by Cox J (1997), p.77. Location: SMR Library

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

SJ 49739 13182 (point) SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
Point

#### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

#### **Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 32078 Active

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

#### **Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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### **Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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### **Finds - None recorded**

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### **Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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### **Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**HER Number** 31887

**Site Name** United Church, Greenfields

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
31887	United Church, Greenfields	Building
Greenfields United Church, formerly a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel.		

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***Monument Types and Dates***

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL (20th century - 1900 AD to 1999 AD)

Evidence                      STRUCTURE

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***Description and Sources***

**Description**

United Church, Greenfields. ->

-> Photograph taken 7th March 2016. <1>

Wesleyan Methodist Chapel shown on 2nd edition Ordnance Survey 1:2500 map. <2>

**Sources**

- (01)                      SMR comment: Comments by J B Haynes, HER Compiler by Haynes J B (2014 onwards), 01/09/2016.  
                                 Location: HER database
- (02)                      Map: OS County Series 1:2500 maps (2nd edition) - digital dataset (OS County Series) by Ordnance  
                                 Survey (c1899-1903). Location: Corporate GIS

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***Location***

**National Grid Reference**

SJ 49350 13784 (point)    SJ41SE

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish                                      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

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**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 31887    Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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**HER Number** 31891

**Site Name** Mission Room, Greenfields Street, Shrewsbury

HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
31891	Mission Room, Greenfields Street, Shrewsbury	Building

Mission room marked on 2nd edition Ordnance Survey mapping.

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

MISSION HALL (20th century - 1900 AD to 1999 AD)

Evidence                      STRUCTURE

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

Mission room marked on 2nd edition Ordnance Survey 1:2500 mapping. Presumably associated with United Church (former Wesleyan methodist chapel) on opposite side of the road (PRN 31887). <1>

#### **Sources**

(01)                      Map: OS County Series 1:2500 maps (2nd edition) - digital dataset (OS County Series) by Ordnance Survey (c1899-1903). Location: Corporate GIS

### ***Location***

#### **National Grid Reference**

SJ 49348 13815 (point)    SJ41SE

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish                                      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

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**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 31891    Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### ***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**HER Number** 32787

**Site Name** Green Fields prisoner of war camp 23

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HER Number	Site Name	Record Type
32787	Green Fields prisoner of war camp 23	Monument
Second World War prisoner of war camp on Ellesmere Road.		

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***Monument Types and Dates***

PRISONER OF WAR CAMP (Second World War - 1939 AD to 1945 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

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***Description and Sources***

**Description**

Second World War prisoner of war camp on Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury in use up until 1948. Source not fully identified.  
<1>

**Sources**

(01) Webpage: Shropshire History website (<http://shropshirehistory.com/>) by Anon,  
<http://shropshirehistory.com/military/prisoner.htm>. Location: Internet

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***Location***

**National Grid Reference**

SJ 492 138 (point) SJ41SE

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire  
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**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - 32787 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

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***Finds - None recorded***

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***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

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***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

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## Shropshire Council HER: Event Report

01/09/2017

Number of records: 43

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA2077	1960 field observation by the Ordnance Survey	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 10/10/1960 - 10/10/1960

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Field survey/field observation

**Thesaurus Event Types**

FIELD OBSERVATION (VISUAL ASSESSMENT)

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Ordnance Survey

**Associated Individuals**

W, J H - Ordnance Survey

**Associated Organisations**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

SJ 4921 1346 (point) SJ41SE Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Description and Sources**

**Description - None recorded**

**Sources**

(01) Card index: Ordnance Survey Record Card SJ41SE4 (Ordnance Survey record cards) by Ordnance Survey (1960). Location: SMR OSRC Card Drawers

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**Associated Monuments**

01528 Chapel yard and postulated site of St Catharines Chapel, Coton Hill (Monument 01528)

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**Event ID:** ESA2078      **Name:** 1991 field observation by Shropshire County Council

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA2078	1991 field observation by Shropshire County Council	Event - Survey

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**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 11/10/1991 - 11/10/1991

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Field survey/field observation

**Thesaurus Event Types**

FIELD OBSERVATION (VISUAL ASSESSMENT)

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:**

Shropshire Council  
Natural and Historic Environment Team

**Associated Individuals**

Horton, Wendy B - \* Shropshire Council HER

**Associated Organisations**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

SJ 4919 1337 (point)      SJ41SE      Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Description and Sources**

**Description - None recorded**

**Sources**

(01)      Field recording form: Site Visit Form, 11/10/1991 (SMR site visit form) by Horton Wendy B (1991-Oct-11). Location: SMR

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**Associated Monuments**

01529      Myttons Mansion (Monument 01529)

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**Event ID:** ESA2123      **Name:** 1960 field observation by the Ordnance Survey

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
ESA2123	1960 field observation by the Ordnance Survey	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 10/10/1960 - 10/10/1960

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***Project Details:***

**Event/Activity Types**

Field survey/field observation

**Thesaurus Event Types**

FIELD OBSERVATION (VISUAL ASSESSMENT)

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Ordnance Survey

**Associated Individuals**

W, J H - Ordnance Survey

**Associated Organisations**

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***Location***

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4957 1408 (10m by 30m)      SJ41SE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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***Description and Sources***

**Description - None recorded**

**Sources**

(01)      Card index: Ordnance Survey Record Card SJ41SE13 (Ordnance Survey record cards) by Ordnance Survey (1960). Location: SMR OSRC Card Drawers

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***Associated Monuments***

01579      Find Spot in c 1934-7 of Flint implements at Greenfields Allotments, Shrewsbury (Monument 01579)

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**Event ID:** ESA2128      **Name:** 1960 field observation by the Ordnance Survey

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA2128	1960 field observation by the Ordnance Survey	Event - Survey

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**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 10/10/1960 - 10/10/1960

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***Project Details:***

**Event/Activity Types**

Field survey/field observation

**Thesaurus Event Types**

FIELD OBSERVATION (VISUAL ASSESSMENT)

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Ordnance Survey

**Associated Individuals**

W, J H - Ordnance Survey

**Associated Organisations**

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***Location***

**Grid Reference**

SJ 4955 1388 (point)      SJ41SE      Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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***Description and Sources***

**Description - None recorded**

**Sources**

(01)      Card index: Ordnance Survey Record Card SJ41SE14 (Ordnance Survey record cards) by Ordnance Survey (1960). Location: SMR OSRC Card Drawers

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***Associated Monuments***

01582      Find Spot in 1946 of stone axe at Falstaff Street, Greenfields, Shrewsbury (Find Spot 01582)

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**Event ID:** ESA2129      **Name:** 1960 field observation by the Ordnance Survey

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
ESA2129	1960 field observation by the Ordnance Survey	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 28/10/1960 - 28/10/1960

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***Project Details:***

**Event/Activity Types**

Field survey/field observation

**Thesaurus Event Types**

FIELD OBSERVATION (VISUAL ASSESSMENT)

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Ordnance Survey

**Associated Individuals**

R, J - Ordnance Survey

**Associated Organisations**

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***Location***

**Grid Reference**

SJ 4955 1388 (point)      SJ41SE      Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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***Description and Sources***

**Description - None recorded**

**Sources**

(01)      Card index: Ordnance Survey Record Card SJ41SE14 (Ordnance Survey record cards) by Ordnance Survey (1960). Location: SMR OSRC Card Drawers

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***Associated Monuments***

01582      Find Spot in 1946 of stone axe at Falstaff Street, Greenfields, Shrewsbury (Find Spot 01582)

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**Event ID:** ESA2130      **Name:** 1960 field observation by the Ordnance Survey

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
ESA2130	1960 field observation by the Ordnance Survey	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 10/10/1960 - 10/10/1960

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***Project Details:***

**Event/Activity Types**

Field survey/field observation

**Thesaurus Event Types**

FIELD OBSERVATION (VISUAL ASSESSMENT)

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Ordnance Survey

**Associated Individuals**

W, J H - Ordnance Survey

**Associated Organisations**

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***Location***

**Grid Reference**

SJ 4975 1343 (point)      SJ41SE      Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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***Description and Sources***

**Description - None recorded**

**Sources**

(01)      Card index: Ordnance Survey Record Card SJ41SE15 (Ordnance Survey record cards) by Ordnance Survey (1960). Location: SMR OSRC Card Drawers

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***Associated Monuments***

01583      Find Spot before 1892 of a perforated whetstone at Shrewsbury Gas Works (Find Spot 01583)

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**Event ID:** ESA3450      **Name:** Mar 1995 Evaluation of a housing development off Ellesmere Road by OAU

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA3450	Mar 1995 Evaluation of a housing development off Ellesmere Road by OAU	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/03/1995 - 31/03/1995

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological intervention/excavation/trial trench  
Field survey/geophysical survey

**Thesaurus Event Types**

GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY  
TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Oxford Archaeological Unit

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4957 1415 (286m by 199m)      SJ41SE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Evaluation carried out at land off Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury in conjunction with planned residential development proposals for the site in 1995 by Oxford Archaeology Unit. Reports details phases 1 and 2 of excavations carried out at the site in 1995. A rectilinear enclosure dated to the Roman period was identified at the western end of the development area. <1>

**Sources**

- (01) Archaeological fieldwork report: Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury - Archaeological Desktop Appraisal and Field Evaluation (OAU Rep) by Early R (1995). Location: ESA white
- (02) Article in serial: Archaeological Investigations in Shropshire in 1994-5 (Trans Shropshire Archaeol His Soc) by Hannaford Hugh R (1996). Location: ESA white (multiple)

**Associated Monuments**

04713      Roman enclosure, Greenfields (Monument 04713)

**Event ID:** ESA3451      **Name:** 1995 Excavation in connection with a housing development off Ellesmere

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA3451	1995 Excavation in connection with a housing development off Ellesmere Road by Oxford Archaeological Unit	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/05/1995 - 31/05/1995

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological intervention/excavation

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Oxford Archaeological Unit

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4945 1412 (39m by 45m)      SJ41SE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Evaluation carried out at land off Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury in conjunction with planned residential development proposals for the site in 1995 by Oxford Archaeology Unit. Reports details phases 1, 2 (briefly) and 3 of excavations carried out at the site in 1995. A rectilinear enclosure dated to the Roman period was identified at the western end of the development area. A date range between mid 2nd and 4th centuries was tentatively assigned to the enclosure corroborated by the pottery assemblage recovered during the excavation. <1>

**Sources**

- (01) Excavation report: Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury - Archaeological Excavation (OAU Rep) by Oxford Archaeological Unit (1996). Location: ESA white
- (02) Article in serial: Archaeological Investigations in Shropshire in 1994-5 (Trans Shropshire Archaeol His: Soc) by Hannaford Hugh R (1996). Location: ESA white (multiple)

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**Associated Monuments**

04713      Roman enclosure, Greenfields (Monument 04713)

+ Link to online report <https://doi.org/10.5284/1026969#>



**Event ID:** ESA3924      **Name:** 1946 observation

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA3924	1946 observation	Event - Intervention

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**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/1946 - 31/12/1946, at some time (1946)

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***Project Details:***

**Event/Activity Types**

Field survey/casual observation

**Thesaurus Event Types**

CASUAL OBSERVATION

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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***Location***

**Grid Reference**

SJ 4955 1388 (point)      SJ41SE      Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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***Description and Sources***

**Description - None recorded**

**Sources**

(01)      Article in serial: Prehistoric and Other Early Finds in the Borough of Shrewsbury (Trans Shropshire Archaeol Hist Soc) by Chitty Lily F (1951/ 1953). Location: not given

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***Associated Monuments***

01582      Find Spot in 1946 of stone axe at Falstaff Street, Greenfields, Shrewsbury (Find Spot 01582)

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**Event ID:** ESA3925      **Name:** 1899 observation

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA3925	1899 observation	Event - Survey

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**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/1800 - 31/12/1899, at some time (19th century)

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***Project Details:***

**Event/Activity Types**

Field survey/casual observation

**Thesaurus Event Types**

CASUAL OBSERVATION

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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***Location***

**Grid Reference**

SJ 4975 1343 (point)      SJ41SE      Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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***Description and Sources***

**Description - None recorded**

**Sources**

- (01) Card index: Ordnance Survey Record Card SJ41SE15 (Ordnance Survey record cards) by Ordnance Survey (1960). Location: SMR OSRC Card Drawers
  - (02) Article in serial: Article in the Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological and Historical Society (Trans Shropshire Archaeol Hist Soc) by Kenyon R L (1892). Location: not given
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***Associated Monuments***

01583      Find Spot before 1892 of a perforated whetstone at Shrewsbury Gas Works (Find Spot 01583)

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**Event ID:** ESA4787      **Name:** 1994-1999 Wroxeter Hinterland Project

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA4787	1994-1999 Wroxeter Hinterland Project	Event - Survey

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**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/09/1994 - 31/12/1999

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***Project Details:***

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types - None recorded**

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** BUFAU

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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***Location***

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 5500 0950 (38000m by 31000m)      SJ50NE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas - None recorded**

**Address - None recorded**

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***Description and Sources***

**Description**

Full record and links yet to be constructed. Multiple Event records created for field walking surveys and excavations (see child records). Refer to report <1>

Published report (not processed). <2>

**Sources**

- (01) Archaeological fieldwork report: Wroxeter, the Cornovii and the Urban Process: Final Report on the Work of the Wroxeter Hinterland Project Vol 1 (BUFAU Rep) by Gaffney Vince L et al (2001). Location: ESA red (ESA4787)
  - (02) Monograph: Wroxeter, the Cornovii and the Urban Process: Final Report on the Work of the Wroxeter Hinterland Project Vol 2: Characterizing the city by Gaffney Vince L et al (2013). Location: SMR Library
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***Associated Monuments - None recorded***

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**Event ID:** ESA4835      **Name:** 2002 Desk Based Assessment of the remaining flood risk areas in

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA4835	2002 Desk Based Assessment of the remaining flood risk areas in Shrewsbury by SCCAS	Event - Interpretation

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/2002 - 30/11/2002, at some time (2002)

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archive interpretation/documentary research

**Thesaurus Event Types**

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Shropshire County Council Archaeology Service

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4952 1286 (2060m by 1619m)      SJ41SE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

There are currently proposals to construct a second phase of flood defences alongside the River Severn in Shrewsbury, Shropshire. A number of significant archaeological sites lie in the area to be crossed by the new flood defences. In view of the archaeological significance of the areas affected by the proposed flood alleviation works, the Archaeology Service, Shropshire County Council was commissioned to undertake an archaeological desk-based assessment of the scheme. ->

-> At least 49 known archaeological monuments 30 Listed Buildings were identified lying wholly or partly within the study area. These archaeological monuments and sites include elements of the town's defences, wharfages, and bridges, dating from the medieval and post-medieval periods, and part of a medieval friary. There have been a number of previous archaeological interventions within the study areas, which have made it possible to recommend a provisional mitigation strategy for most of the sites and monuments affected. Certain areas will however require further field evaluation before mitigation strategies can be recommended for them. <1>

Not linked to any monuments as rehearses UAD information with no new sites/additional detail identified in the assessment. <2>

**Sources**

- (01) Deskbased survey report: The remaining flood risk areas of Shrewsbury: an archaeological desk based assessment (SCCAS Rep) by Hannaford Hugh R (2002). Location: ESA white
- (02) SMR comment: Comments by HER compiler in HER database by Carey Giles (2014 onwards), 03/03/2015. Location: HER database

**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** ESA4835

**Name:** 2002 Desk Based Assessment of the remaining flood risk areas in

**Event ID:** ESA4836      **Name:** 2002 assessment of proposed Shrewsbury North West Relief Road

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA4836	2002 assessment of proposed Shrewsbury North West Relief Road	Event - Interpretation

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**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/2002 - 31/07/2002, at some time (2002)

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archive interpretation/aerial photograph

Archive interpretation/documentary research

**Thesaurus Event Types**

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH INTERPRETATION

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Shropshire County Council Archaeology Service

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4836 1487 (3827m by 3974m)      SJ41SE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

In 2002 an assessment of the preferred route for the Shrewsbury North West Relief Road was carried out. The work consisted entirely of desk based research within a 600m wide corridor based on the proposed road. The report identified a number of potentially affected sites and recommended a further programme of both documentary and field evaluation <1>

**Sources**

(01)      Deskbased survey report: The Shrewsbury North West Relief Road: a desk-based archaeological assessment (SCCAS Rep) by Hannaford Hugh R (2002). Location: ESA white

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**Associated Monuments**

00010	Cropmark enclosures, ring ditches and linear features, Willow Pool (NW of Gravel Hill Farm) (Monument 00010)
08507	Site of former ridge and furrow in Shrewsbury (Monument 08507)

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**Event ID:** ESA5478      **Name:** 1988 Buildings Assessment of Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA5478	1988 Buildings Assessment of Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury	Event - Survey

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**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/1988 - 31/12/1988, at some time (1988)

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Field survey/building recording

**Thesaurus Event Types**

BUILDING SURVEY

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust (Ironbridge Archaeology)

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4996 1390 (290m by 331m)      SJ41SE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

1988 Building assessment carried out on Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by English Heritage and Shropshire Industrial Enterprises Ltd in 1988. Ditherington Flax Mill complex includes the first, third and eighth cast ironed framed buildings anywhere in the world. Completed in 1797, the mill operated as a flax mill until it was converted in the 1890s for use as a maltings [which it operated as until 1987]. The report details the condition of the existing buildings on site and lists those that have been demolished. The report concludes that the mill complex should be fully investigated through excavation and documentary analysis should the possibility arise. <1>

**Sources**

(01)      Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury: a survey and historical evaluation (Ironbridge Inst Res Pap) by Macleod M, Trinder B & Worthington M (1988). Location: ESA white

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**Associated Monuments**

04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works (Monument 04529)
06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury (Monument 06731)
10235	Main Mill or Spinning Mill, Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 10235)
17303	The Cross Mill at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 17303)
17304	Apprentice House of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 17304)
17305	Stove House and Dye house at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Ditherington, Shrewsbury (Building 17305)
17306	Stables of former Ditherington Flax Mill, Spring Gardens, Shrewsbury (Building 17306)
17307	Workshop and Offices of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 17307)

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**Event ID:** ESA5478

**Name:** 1988 Buildings Assessment of Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury

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20171	Flax warehouse at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 20171)
21755	Malt Kiln at Ditherington Flax Mill (Building 21755)
28828	Site of cluster houses, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28828)
28829	Site of cluster houses, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28829)

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**Event ID:** ESA5587      **Name:** 1995+ Shrewbury Urban Archaeological Database Project by Nigel Baker

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA5587	1995+ Shrewbury Urban Archaeological Database Project by Nigel Baker	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/1996 - 01/01/1996, between (01 Jan 1996)

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archive interpretation/documentary research  
Field survey/field observation

**Thesaurus Event Types**

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT  
FIELD OBSERVATION (VISUAL ASSESSMENT)

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49500 12500 (3000m by 3000m)      SJ41SE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

English Heritage sponsored project to prepare an Urban Archaeological Database for Shrewsbury. The project was carried out by N Baker and involved both documentary research and site visits in Shrewsbury. The database has since been incorporated into the SMR. See also sources <1>

**Sources**

- (01) Article in serial: Archaeological Investigations in Shropshire in 1995-6 (Trans Shropshire Archaeol Hisi Soc) by Hannaford Hugh R (1997). Location: ESA white (multiple)
- (02) Article in serial: Archaeological Investigations in Shropshire in 1994-5 (Trans Shropshire Archaeol Hisi Soc) by Hannaford Hugh R (1996). Location: ESA white (multiple)

**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** ESA5846      **Name:** 2004 Stage 2 assessment of Shrewsbury North West Relief Road by SCCAS

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA5846	2004 Stage 2 assessment of Shrewsbury North West Relief Road by SCCAS	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/07/2004 - 12/08/2004, between (2004)

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archive interpretation/documentary research  
Field survey/field observation

**Thesaurus Event Types**

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT  
FIELD OBSERVATION (VISUAL ASSESSMENT)  
WALKOVER SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Shropshire County Council Archaeology Service

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4804 1454 (5200m by 3611m)      SJ41SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Bicton, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
Civil Parish	Pimhill, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire
Civil Parish	Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

In 2004 a further assessment was prompted by new proposals for the Shrewsbury North West Relief Road. In this case, six route options were considered, the assessment being carried out through documentary research and a walk over survey of the entire area. The survey had to take place in high summer, due to the constraints of the project, so conditions on arable land at least were not ideal, with abundant crops and other vegetation. The report recommended a further programme of evaluation for the Berwick cropmark complex, but only a programme of strip recording and watching briefs for the other archaeological features identified. <1><2>

**Sources**

- (01a) Historic landscape survey report: An archaeological assessment of The Shrewsbury North West Relief Road (DRMB Stage 2) (SCCAS Rep) by Hannaford Hugh R (2004). Location: Digital ESA white
- (01) Historic landscape survey report: An archaeological assessment of The Shrewsbury North West Relief Road (DRMB Stage 2) (SCCAS Rep) by Hannaford Hugh R (2004). Location: ESA white
- (02) Field survey report: The Shrewsbury North West Relief Road: Environmental Appraisal - Archaeology (SCAS Rep) by Hannaford Hugh R (2010). Location: ESA white (ESA5846)

**Associated Monuments**

01545	Hencote Mill (Monument 01545)
08508	Rifle range west of Coton Grange, Shrewsbury (Monument 08508)
08514	Former gravel quarry, Shelton (Monument 08514)
08515	Holloway, Shelton Lane (Monument 08515)
08516	Earthwork ridge and furrow north of the Mount (Monument 08516)

**Event ID:** ESA5846      **Name:** 2004 Stage 2 assessment of Shrewsbury North West Relief Road by SCCAS

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08517	Surviving ridge and furrow east of Gravel Hill Farm (Monument 08517)
08518	Holloway, Corporation Lane (Monument 08518)

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**Event ID:** ESA5888      **Name:** 2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA5888	2000 - 2003 buildings at risk survey, SABC	Event - Survey

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**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/2000 - 31/12/2003, between (2000 - 2003)

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***Project Details:***

**Event/Activity Types**

Field survey/building recording

**Thesaurus Event Types - None recorded**

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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***Location***

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4734 0823 (36863m by 29306m)      SJ40NE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

District      Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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***Description and Sources***

**Description**

Between 2000 and 2003 a buildings at risk survey was carried out by Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council. The survey, which was an update of a previous survey in 1990-1993, looked at all the Listed Buildings in the district, together with about 100 additional buildings of architectural or historic importance. Buildings identified by the survey as being at risk through neglect and decay, or vulnerable to becoming so, were included on a new Local Register of buildings at risk <1>

**Sources**

(01)      Monograph: Shrewsbury & Atcham Buildings at Risk report 2004 by Griffiths C & Kilby I (2004).  
Location: SMR Library

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***Associated Monuments - None recorded***

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**Event ID:** ESA6160      **Name:** 2005 WB at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Birmingham Archaeology

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA6160	2005 WB at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Birmingham Archaeology	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 07/12/2005 - 07/12/2005

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological intervention/watching brief

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Birmingham Archaeology

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4986 1381 (49m by 62m)      SJ41SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

In December a watching brief was carried out at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, to observe the partial removal of blockings from five early windows within the main mill building. The work aimed to expose the window heads and recover evidence for the methods of construction. Each of the blocked windows investigated retained a timber lintel, generally 9 inches wide, and, in the one case where it was possible to measure, 3 inches thick. There seems, however, to have been a degree of variation. One lintel was composed of two timbers, another had a chamfered outer face, and another lintel abutted a timber with a chamfered inner face. In one opening a splayed jamb was also recorded. It is difficult to draw any conclusions from this diversity without more extensive investigation.<1>

A watching brief was carried out for English Heritage at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, to coincide with the partial removal of the blockings from five early windows within the main mill building, in order to expose the window heads and to recover evidence for the techniques of construction. The exercise revealed 9 in wide timber lintels to all five window openings. Two of these lintels were abutted by chamfered outer timbers, one towards the exterior and one towards the interior. In one opening a splayed jamb was recorded. <2>

**Sources**

- (01) Watching brief report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: An archaeological watching brief (Birmingham Arch Rep) by Hislop Malcolm (2005). Location: ESA white
- (02) Online database: OASIS data collection form by Various, birmingh2-28382. Location: Online

**Associated Monuments**

- 06731 Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury (Monument 06731)
- 10235 Main Mill or Spinning Mill, Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 10235)

**Event ID:** ESA6160

**Name:** 2005 WB at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Birmingham Archaeology

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+ Link to online report [#https://doi.org/10.5284/1002211#](https://doi.org/10.5284/1002211#)

**Event ID:** ESA6161      **Name:** 2005 WB at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Birmingham Archaeology

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA6161	2005 WB at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Birmingham Archaeology	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/09/2005 - 30/09/2005, at some time (2005)

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological intervention/watching brief

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Birmingham Archaeology

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4985 1386 (145m by 178m)      SJ41SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

During September 2005 an archaeological watching brief was carried out by Birmingham Archaeology in the grounds of Ditherington Flax Mill (PRN 06314) in Shrewsbury. The watching brief was commissioned by English Heritage and the work was undertaken during the excavation of 11 hydro-geological trial holes.->

-> Two excavations took place over the concrete base of a demolished warehouse structure which revealed a 2m deep brick lined chamber with multiple access ways through the floor of the building. A large opening in the floor was identified at the southern end of the structure, complete with an access ladder, leading into the chamber. The chamber may have housed part of a possible conveyor system associated with the maltings buildings. ->

->A further trial hole revealed evidence for a brick structure, complete with exterior yard surface, to the north of the apprentice house, probably relating to structures outlined on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey. ->

->Excavations between the cross mill and the kiln structures revealed evidence for one of the railway tracks which served the factory buildings, a section of one of the rails being exposed. However, evidence from a further trial hole to the west of the dye house suggested that the second of the two railway lines had been removed or destroyed. ->

->Excavations at the front of the main mill building, over the presumed site of the boiler house revealed a series of layers of made ground reaching a depth of over 2m without the natural ground surface being encountered. ->

->Other excavations within the area bounded by the perimeter walls all revealed several layers of rubble and ash overlying the natural ground surface presumably associated with debris produced by industrial processes and the remodelling of the structures over the lifetime of the site. ->

->Two trial holes were excavated outside of the perimeter wall to the west of the mill. These were located in an area of open scrub land between the factory and the Crewe and Shrewsbury Railway line. Both of the excavations revealed deep build ups of dumped ash material, over 2m in depth, containing numerous glass bottles and fragmentary ceramics. This evidence suggested that the area to the rear of the factory was used as a rubbish dump, possibly connected with the infilling of areas disturbed by the construction of the railway embankment. ->

->Evidence from the excavation of the trial holes suggests that a significant amount of below ground archaeology still remains on the site of Ditherington Flax Mill particularly in terms of the early development of the site and its association with the railway.

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### Sources

(01) Watching brief report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: An archaeological watching brief (Birmingham Arch Rep) by Bain Kate (2005). Location: ESA white

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### Associated Monuments

04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works (Monument 04529)
06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury (Monument 06731)
10235	Main Mill or Spinning Mill, Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 10235)
17304	Apprentice House of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 17304)
17305	Stove House and Dye house at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Ditherington, Shrewsbury (Building 17305)

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**Event ID:** ESA6331      **Name:** 1988 Structural buildings survey on the farm buildings at Moveage Farm,

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA6331	1988 Structural buildings survey on the farm buildings at Moveage Farm, Shrewsbury by Cox Turner Morse and Partners	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 17/10/1988 - 17/10/1988, between (October 1988)

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Field survey/building recording  
Field survey/photographic survey

**Thesaurus Event Types**

BUILDING SURVEY  
PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Cox Turner Morse & Partner

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4938 1463 (46m by 53m)      SJ41SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A structural survey of the existing farmhouse and outbuildings, Moveage Farm, Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury, was undertaken in October 1988, including visual assessment and photographic survey of the farm house, a two storey barn building and a single storey cow shed. The single storey cow shed was to be demolished. Two trial pits were dug adjacent to the walls of the farmhouse, but these were not for archaeological purposes. <1>

**Sources**

(01)      Field survey report: Structural report on existing farm buildings at Moveage Farm, Ellesmere Road for Second City Homes Limited, Bilston by Cox Turner Morse and Partners (1988). Location: ESA white

**Associated Monuments**

26881      Site of The Moveage, Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury (Monument 26881)

**Event ID:** ESA6342      **Name:** 1999 trial pits at Ditherington Flax Mill by IGMT for Earnest Ireland

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA6342	1999 trial pits at Ditherington Flax Mill by IGMT for Earnest Ireland	Event - Intervention

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**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/05/1999 - 31/05/1999, at some time

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological intervention/excavation/test pit

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TEST PIT

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust (Ironbridge Archaeology)

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4985 1392 (47m by 30m)      SJ41SE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

In 1999 trial trenches were excavated as part of preliminary investigations to inform the redevelopment and conservation of Ditherington Flax Mill. The pits were excavated by machine and varied from 0.7m to 0.1m wide.->

-> Trial Pit 1 revealed a layer of loose cinder and brick rubble sealing a compact dark grey soil with coal dust. Below was redeposited clay with looser clay. Trial Pits 2 & 3 revealed a boundary wall, noted on 1849 plans, laid on natural clay with foundation stepped out and five courses deep. A further four courses were found above foundation level. To the east of the wall, below loose brick, rubble and sand was the uneven edge of a reinforced concrete surface of likely 19th century date but possible as late as 1920. This corresponds to a small structure on the 1849 plan. To the west of the wall, beneath a surface layer of sand and brick rubble, were two deposits of redeposited clay, with natural clay c1.2m below ground level. At the western end of the trench a cast iron pipe was found running N-S, and appeared not to be in situ. ->

-> Trial Pit 4 revealed a floor of brick sett (stamped Tonk & Newell') against the north boundary wall in the location of the retort house on the 1849 plan. On the west side the floor was bounded by a wall (or kerb) only one brick thick. The floor contained integral drainage gullies, suggesting it had been used as stables and was not connected with the retorts. The brick floor was laid on thin mortar, below which was a layer of compacted brick fragments and clinker laid on natural. To the south was a duct (possibly associated with the retort house) lined by four courses of brick, with a thin mortar base, and having evidence of truncations. Further south brick foundations beneath a mid 20th century concrete base, suggests the loose brick rubble post dates the demolition of this building. ->

-> Trial Pit 5 encountered black soil with brick rubble containing large quantities of roof slate fragment. At the base of the trench was four courses of curved brick wall relating to the outer wall of the gas holder built in 1842 and shown on the 1849 plan. The base of the gas holder was dug into natural and deliberately infilled with building debris. A former surface and below this a brick wall were also found within the trench. ->

-> Trial Pit 6 revealed a compact black band of hard coal fragments and ash rising gently upwards to the east. The level of this earlier ground surface appears to correspond with the battered revetment and its parapet to the west. A railway sleeper was found on top of this surface, possibly in situ, relating to the former railway sidings laid

in c.1858 in this location. Above this was mainly demolition rubble. By the mid 19th century the ground sloped gently upwards to the east. It appears the railway was laid upon this sloping ground and was not significantly embanked or cut into the slope. Additional unmonitored trial pits located against the walls of the dye house, main mill and cross mill failed to reveal earlier yard surfaces.->

-> GIS polygons for test pits in approximate location. <1>

**Sources**

(01) Archaeological fieldwork report: Ditherington Flax Mill Shrewsbury: trial pit excavations (Ironbridge Archaeology Series) by Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust (IGMT) (1999). Location: ESA white

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**Associated Monuments**

04529	Ancillary features at Ditherington Flax Mill, including the gas works (Monument 04529)
06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury (Monument 06731)
10235	Main Mill or Spinning Mill, Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 10235)
17303	The Cross Mill at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 17303)
17305	Stove House and Dye house at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Ditherington, Shrewsbury (Building 17305)
21572	Railway siding at the former Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 21572)

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**Event ID:** ESA6397      **Name:** 1994 site visit at 50b and The Plough, Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA6397	1994 site visit at 50b and The Plough, Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 02/11/1994 - 02/11/1994

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Field survey/building recording

**Thesaurus Event Types - None recorded**

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4948 1324 (69m by 31m)      SJ41SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

In November 1994 site visits were carried out by Madge Moran to 50b Castle Foregate and The Plough, Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury, in respect of potential planning applications at the two sites.<1>

**Sources**

(01)      Site visit report: No. 50b Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury (The Plough, Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury) by Moran Madge (1994). Location: ESA DRF

**Associated Monuments**

20115	The Plough Public House, CASTLE FOREGATE, Shrewsbury (Building 20115)
21541	Site of The 'Red Lion' inn, CASTLE FOREGATE, Shrewsbury (Building 21541)

**Event ID:** ESA6439      **Name:** 2003/4 condition survey of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA6439	2003/4 condition survey of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/11/2003 - 31/01/2004, between

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archive interpretation/documentary research  
Field survey/field observation

**Thesaurus Event Types**

FIELD OBSERVATION (VISUAL ASSESSMENT)

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Feilden Cleg Bradley

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4986 1386 (112m by 191m)      SJ41SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

In 2004 an assessment of the current conditions affecting the Flax Mill site including its development history, historical significance, market context and structural condition.<1>

**Sources**

(01)      Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill: masterplan study (Feilden Cleg Bradley Rep) by Feilden Cleg Bradley (2004). Location: ESA white

**Associated Monuments**

06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury (Monument 06731)
10235	Main Mill or Spinning Mill, Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 10235)
17303	The Cross Mill at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 17303)
17304	Apprentice House of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 17304)
17305	Stove House and Dye house at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Ditherington, Shrewsbury (Building 17305)
17306	Stables of former Ditherington Flax Mill, Spring Gardens, Shrewsbury (Building 17306)
17307	Workshop and Offices of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 17307)
20171	Flax warehouse at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 20171)
21755	Malt Kiln at Ditherington Flax Mill (Building 21755)



**Event ID:** ESA6656      **Name:** 2005 brief photographic record of 51-54 St Michael's Street, Shrewsbury, by

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA6656	2005 brief photographic record of 51-54 St Michael's Street, Shrewsbury, by O Taylor	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/2005 - 31/01/2005, at some time

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***Project Details:***

**Event/Activity Types**

Field survey/photographic survey

**Thesaurus Event Types**

PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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***Location***

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4970 1356 (17m by 18m)      SJ41SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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***Description and Sources***

**Description**

Set of three colour photographs of 52-54 St Michael's Street <1>

**Sources**

(01)      Photograph: Three photos of 51-54 St Michael's Street (Colour) by Taylor O (2005). Location: ESA CE

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***Associated Monuments - None recorded***

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**Event ID:** ESA6796      **Name:** 2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA6796	2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford Archaeology North	Event - Interpretation

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/10/2009 - 31/10/2009, at some time (October 2009)

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT

FIELD VISIT

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Oxford Archaeology North

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49864 13864 (112m by 191m)      SJ41SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

In October 2009 a desk-based assessment of the sub-surface archaeological resource of the Dithering Flaxmill and Maltings was undertaken by Oxford Archaeology North. The assessment was required to inform and support design proposals for the proposed regeneration and development of parts of the site, which was occupied from 1797 by the Ditherington Flax Mill. <1>

**Sources**

(01)      Deskbased survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological deskbased assessment (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Blythe K (2009). Location: ESA white

**Associated Monuments**

03410	Shrewsbury Canal (Monument 03410)
06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury (Monument 06731)
10235	Main Mill or Spinning Mill, Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 10235)
17303	The Cross Mill at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 17303)
17304	Apprentice House of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 17304)
17305	Stove House and Dye house at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Ditherington, Shrewsbury (Building 17305)
17306	Stables of former Ditherington Flax Mill, Spring Gardens, Shrewsbury (Building 17306)
20171	Flax warehouse at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 20171)
28828	Site of cluster houses, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28828)
28829	Site of cluster houses, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28829)
28830	Site of Warehouse (Packing Shop), Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28830)
28831	Gas Lighting System Retort House, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28831)



**Event ID:** ESA6796

**Name:** 2009 DBA and site visit at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury of Oxford

28832	Round Gas Holder, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28832)
28833	Stables and Pigsties, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28833)
28834	Building north of stables, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28834)
28835	Boiler Houses and Chimney, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28835)
28836	Site of Wood Shed, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28836)
28837	Site of Drying Shed, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28837)
28838	Site of Wash House, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28838)
28839	Site of Privies, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28839)
28840	Site of Fire Engine House, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28840)
28841	Site of Gas Meter, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28841)
28842	Site of Waste Room, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28842)
28843	Site of Thread Room, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28843)
28844	Site of Rectangular Gas Holder, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28844)
28846	Site of kiln, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28846)
28847	Site of privies, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28847)
28848	Lodge and Gateway, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28848)
28849	Sultan Inn, E of Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28849)
28850	Site of Drying Shed, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28850)
28851	Formal garden, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28851)
30948	Site of northern malt silo, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 30948)
31284	19th century industrial worker's housing, E of Shrewsbury Canal, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 31284)

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**Event ID:** ESA6797      **Name:** 2010 trial trenching at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Oxford

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA6797	2010 trial trenching at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Oxford Archaeology North	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/02/2010 - 28/02/2010, at some time (February 2010)

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Oxford Archaeology North

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49878 13843 (64m by 139m)      SJ41SE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

In February 2010, Oxford Archaeology North (OA North) was commissioned by Fielden Clegg Bradley Studios, acting on behalf of English Heritage, to carry out a programme of archaeological evaluation at Ditherington, Shrewsbury (centred on NGR SJ 49888 13849). The investigation was required to inform and support design proposals for the proposed regeneration and development of the site, which was occupied from 1797 by the Ditherington Flax Mill. ->

-> The archaeological investigation comprised the excavation of five small evaluation trenches, which were targeted on structures shown on historical mapping of the area. The potential for buried remains of archaeological interest to survive in these areas was established in a desk-based assessment of the site, which was completed in October 2009 (ESA 6796). The evaluation was also intended to establish the presence, depth and character of any historical surfacing that may survive beneath the modern ground surface. ->

-> The results obtained from the evaluation demonstrated that structural remains associated with the former flax warehouse, wash house, maltings lean-to, canal, and workers' housing survived as sub-surface features. Further excavation was recommended. <1>

**Sources**

(01)      Excavation report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: Archaeological Evaluation (First Draft) (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Vannan A (2010). Location: ESA white

**Associated Monuments**

03410      Shrewsbury Canal (Monument 03410)  
06731      Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury (Monument 06731)  
06732      Brickfield now St Michaels Street Recreation Ground (Monument 06732)  
28830      Site of Warehouse (Packing Shop), Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28830)  
28835      Boiler Houses and Chimney, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28835)  
28838      Site of Wash House, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28838)  
28851      Formal garden, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28851)

**Event ID:** ESA6797      **Name:** 2010 trial trenching at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Oxford

31284      19th century industrial worker's housing, E of Shrewsbury Canal, Ditherington Flax Mill  
(Monument 31284)

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**Event ID:** ESA6873      **Name:** 2010 DBA, site visit and photographic record of Ditherington Flax Mill by

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA6873	2010 DBA, site visit and photographic record of Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/2010 - 31/07/2010, at some time (2010)

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT

PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY

WALKOVER SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Feilden Cleg Bradley

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49888 13865 (229m by 283m)      SJ41SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

An heritage impact assessment was prepared for Ditherington Flax Mill in 2010. This includes an assessment of significance of individual buildings, their condition and outlines options for progress. <1>

**Sources**

(01)      Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill: heritage impact assessment (Feilden Cleg Bradley Rep) by Griffiths E (2010). Location: Digital ESA white

**Associated Monuments**

06731	Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury (Monument 06731)
10235	Main Mill or Spinning Mill, Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 10235)
17303	The Cross Mill at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 17303)
17304	Apprentice House of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 17304)
17305	Stove House and Dye house at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Ditherington, Shrewsbury (Building 17305)
17306	Stables of former Ditherington Flax Mill, Spring Gardens, Shrewsbury (Building 17306)
17307	Workshop and Offices of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 17307)
20171	Flax warehouse at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 20171)

**Event ID:** ESA6873

**Name:** 2010 DBA, site visit and photographic record of Ditherington Flax Mill by

**Event ID:** ESA6956      **Name:** 2013 Building recording and photographic survey of the south silo at

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA6956	2013 Building recording and photographic survey of the south silo at Ditherington Flax Mill by Feilden Cleg Bradley	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/06/2013 - 26/06/2013, at some time

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

BUILDING SURVEY

PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Feilden Cleg Bradley

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49830 13808 (26m by 22m)      SJ41SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A programme of building recording and photographic survey was undertaken to support an application for complete demolition of the South silo at the Ditherington Flax Mill site. This gives a general overview of the flax mill complex as well as detailed photographs of the south silo, part of the post WWII development of the site. <1>

**Sources**

(01)      Non-archaeological specialist report: Ditherington Flax Mill Maltings demolition of the south silo: Listec Building consent application - design & access statement (Feilden Cleg Bradley Rep) by Feilden Cleg Bradley (2013). Location: Digital ESA white

**Associated Monuments**

31544      Site of southern malt silo, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 31544)

**Event ID:** ESA7081      **Name:** 2006-2007 recording at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Ironbridge

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA7081	2006-2007 recording at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Ironbridge Archaeology	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/08/2006 - 31/08/2007, at some time (2006-2007)

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

MEASURED SURVEY

TEST PIT

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Ironbridge Archaeology

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49864 13864 (112m by 191m)      SJ41SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A watching brief was carried out between August 2006 and August 2007 during ground investigations at Ditherington Flax Mill. The work undertaken included 7 test-pits excavated to ascertain the existence, extent and condition of foundations of the main mill, excavations within the main mill associated with repair work. A series of cast iron pipes were removed from the walls of the main mill building and these were recorded. In addition, recording was carried out during repairs and alterations to the roof of the warehouse. A wooden platform in the roof of the cross mill and a staircase located on the top floor of the flax mill were both removed, and recording was carried out. <1>

No plan is included in <1>, but the focus of this recording seems to have been the main mill building. <2>

**Sources**

- (01) Field survey report: Ditherington Flax Mill: watching brief and building recording report (Ironbridge Archaeology Series) by White S, Watson S and Hinton K (2006). Location: ESA white
- (02) SMR comment: Comments by HER compiler in HER database by Carey Giles (2014 onwards), 24/11/2015. Location: HER database
- (03?) Archaeological fieldwork report: Archaeological Investigations and Building Recording at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire (Ironbridge Archaeology Series) by Belford P (2009). Location: ESA red (copy needed)

**Associated Monuments**

06731      Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury (Monument 06731)

**Event ID:** ESA7081

**Name:** 2006-2007 recording at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Ironbridge



**Event ID:** ESA7085      **Name:** 2008 WB at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Ironbridge Archaeology

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA7085	2008 WB at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Ironbridge Archaeology	Event - Intervention

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**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/02/2008 - 29/02/2008, between (February 2008)

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TEST PIT

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Ironbridge Archaeology

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49843 13839 (29m by 113m)      SJ41SE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

As part of the preparations for future residential development of Ditherington Flax Mill a number of trenches and bore holes were excavated in order to identify the nature of the underlying strata, regarding possible geological weaknesses or deposits of hazardous material. This work was undertaken by the firm of Geotechnics in February 2008 and monitored by Ironbridge Archaeology as part of an archaeological watching brief. ->

-> This monitored the excavation of two test pits to the NW (TP 1 and 3) and two test pits to the SE of the mill (TP 5 and 5a).<1>

The location of the work was determined from a site plan included with the geotechnical site investigation report, and appended to <1>. <2>

**Sources**

- (01) Watching brief report: Ditherington Flax Mill: test pits 1,3,5 and 5a (Ironbridge Archaeology Series) by Hinton K (2008). Location: ESA white
  - (02) SMR comment: Comments by HER compiler in HER database by Carey Giles (2014 onwards), 23/11/2015. Location: HER database
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**Associated Monuments**

06731      Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury (Monument 06731)

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**Event ID:** ESA7255      **Name:** 2000 Management plan for Old Shrewsbury Canal

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
ESA7255	2000 Management plan for Old Shrewsbury Canal	Land Management

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/2000 - 31/12/2000, at some time (2000)

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

MANAGEMENT SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 51666 14322 (2753m by 560m)      SJ51SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A management plan was prepared in 2000, outlining the optimum management of the Old Shrewsbury Canal Site over the next 5 years. Contains a very brief mention of cultural heritage, although its focus is on the Natural Environment. <1>

**Sources**

(01)      Management report: Old Shrewsbury Canal: Management Plan 2000-2005 (Shrewsbury Countryside Unit Rep) by Thornton M (2000). Location: ESA white

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**Associated Monuments**

03410      Shrewsbury Canal (Monument 03410)

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**Event ID:** ESA7324**Name:** 2013 community excavation at Ditherington Flax Mill, Ditherington by Oxford

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA7324	2013 community excavation at Ditherington Flax Mill, Ditherington by Oxford Archaeology North	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:****Dates:** 01/04/2013 - 31/05/2013, between (April - May 2013)**Project Details:****Event/Activity Types - None recorded****Thesaurus Event Types**

OPEN AREA EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References - None recorded****Organisation:** Oxford Archaeology North**Associated Individuals - None recorded****Associated Organisations - None recorded****Location****Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49892 13909 (27m by 26m) SJ41SE Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded****Description and Sources****Description**

Oxford Archaeology North carried out a programme of archaeological investigation in advance of proposed regeneration and development works at the Ditherington Flax Mill site near Shrewsbury. The project was supported by a grant obtained from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and the scope of the archaeological works required the delivery of a public-led excavation on the site. The public-led excavation investigated the site of a group of former outbuildings (centred on NGR 349895 313920), including a stable and a wash house linked to a gas holder, which occupied the northern part of the flax mill site.->

-> These structures were targeted during an archaeological evaluation that was carried out in 2010, which revealed well-preserved structural remains at a depth of c 300mm below the modern ground surface. The public-led excavation targeted the entire footprint of these outbuildings, and was carried out in April and May 2013. The excavated trench measured c 25 x 12m, incorporating the evaluation trench excavated in 2010, and examined the footprint of the outbuildings shown on a plan dating to 1855. These buildings are annotated on the historical plan as the Wash House, Stable, Cow Shed and Piggeries. In addition, a space linking the Wash House to the Apprentice House, the boundary walls and the surface of the courtyard around which these buildings stood, a former open drain emptying into the canal, and the location of a greenhouse adjacent to the Wash House, were also investigated.->

-> The results confirmed the locations of all the above features and added details about their construction, use and development. Three main phases of development were identified, relating to the periods 1812 to 1855, 1855 to 1902, and 1902 to the late twentieth century. In addition, the footings of a wall pre-dating the construction of the Apprentice House and ancillary buildings in c 1812 were revealed. The Wash House was shown to be a laundry with a bath that held rain water and was connected to the gas holder. The stable, cow house and piggeries were a development of an earlier stable and unidentified structure, probably an earlier piggery. Of particular note was a drainage system associated with the construction of the Apprentice House that connected to an open drain emptying into the canal. The former greenhouse was probably a hot house, while the space between the Apprentice House and Wash House showed development as a covered passageway. The west wall had been modified on several occasions, and the form of the yard surface may have been a slate flagged surface or compacted ash and cinder in a matrix of tar. ->

-> The excavation was public-led and was supported by a large number of participants and visitors. Participants

**Event ID:** ESA7324

**Name:** 2013 community excavation at Ditherington Flax Mill, Ditherington by Oxford

were involved in a range of excavation and recording tasks, post-excavation analysis and contributed to the production of the report. Pupils from Sundorne and Grange Secondary schools also participated, and made a very positive contribution to the project. <1>

**Sources**

- (01) Excavation report: Ditherington Flax Mill, Ditherington, Shrewsbury: public-led archaeological excavation (draft report) (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Maron D (2013). Location: Digital ESA white
- (02) Online database: OASIS data collection form by Various, oxfordar2-173518. Location: Online
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**Associated Monuments**

- 06731 Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury (Monument 06731)
- 28833 Stables and Pigsties, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28833)
- 28838 Site of Wash House, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 28838)
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**Event ID:** ESA7469      **Name:** 1995 gradiometer survey on land at Ellesmere Road/Hubert Way,

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA7469	1995 gradiometer survey on land at Ellesmere Road/Hubert Way, Shrewsbury by Stratascan Ltd	Event - Survey

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**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 20/02/1995 - 21/02/1995, between (February 1995)

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

MAGNETOMETRY SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Stratascan Ltd, Geophysical and Specialist Survey Services

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49573 14159 (286m by 207m)      SJ41SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A programme of magnetometry was undertaken on land at Ellesmere Road/Hubert Way, Shrewsbury as part of a programme of archaeological investigation prior to development. This comprised scanning across the entire area, followed by smaller areas of targeted detailed survey. A single linear anomaly (M14) was considered worthy of further investigation. <1>

**Sources**

(01)      Geophysical survey report: A report for Oxford Archaeological Unit on a geophysical survey carried out at land at Ellesmere Road/Hubert Way, Shrewsbury (Stratascan Rep) by Stratascan (1995).  
Location: ESA white

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**Associated Monuments**

04713      Roman enclosure, Greenfields (Monument 04713)

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**Event ID:** ESA7749      **Name:** 2015 Photographic record of outbuildings to the rear of The Bird in Hand,

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA7749	2015 Photographic record of outbuildings to the rear of The Bird in Hand, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury by Republica	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 04/08/2015 - 04/08/2015, at some time (August 2015)

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Republica

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

SJ 49222 13346 (point)      SJ41SE      Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A photographic survey of outbuildings to the rear of 51 Coton Hill, Shrewsbury. <1>

**Sources**

(01)      Photograph: Bird in Hand P.H., 51 Coton Hill, Shrewsbury: photographic schedule (Colour) by Fake I (2015). Location: Digital ESA white

**Associated Monuments**

32058      Bird in Hand Public House, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury (Building 32058)

**Event ID:** ESA7880      **Name:** 1988 Photographic survey of interior and exterior of Ditherington Flax Mill by

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA7880	1988 Photographic survey of interior and exterior of Ditherington Flax Mill by English Heritage, NMR	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 22/07/1988 - 22/07/1988, at some time (June 1988)

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** English Heritage, National Monuments Record Centre

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49864 13864 (112m by 191m)      SJ41SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Photographic survey of the interior and exterior of Ditherington Flax Mill in 1988, carried out by English Heritage, NMR. Resulted in c.60 monochrome photographs (photocopies held in HER). <1>

**Sources**

(01)      Field survey report: Photographic survey of Ditherington Flax Mill, 1988 and 2000 (English Heritage Rep) by English Heritage NMR (1988/2000). Location: ESA white

**Associated Monuments**

06731      Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury (Monument 06731)



**Event ID:** ESA7881      **Name:** 2000 Photographic survey of interior and exterior of Ditherington Flax Mill by

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA7881	2000 Photographic survey of interior and exterior of Ditherington Flax Mill by English Heritage, NMR	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 16/11/2000 - 16/11/2000, at some time (November 2000)

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** English Heritage, National Monuments Record Centre

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49864 13864 (112m by 191m)      SJ41SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Photographic survey of the interior and exterior of Ditherington Flax Mill in 2000, carried out by English Heritage, NMR. Resulted in c.103 colour photographs (photocopies held in HER). <1>

**Sources**

(01)      Field survey report: Photographic survey of Ditherington Flax Mill, 1988 and 2000 (English Heritage Rep) by English Heritage NMR (1988/2000). Location: ESA white

**Associated Monuments**

06731      Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury (Monument 06731)

**Event ID:** ESA7921      **Name:** 2015 Building survey of Friends Meeting House, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury by

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA7921	2015 Building survey of Friends Meeting House, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury by The Architectural History Practice	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 16/11/2015 - 16/11/2015, at some time (November 2015)

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

BUILDING SURVEY

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** The Architectural History Practice Ltd

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49068 13503 (28m by 16m)      SJ41SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A building survey was undertaken of the Friends meeting House, Shrewsbury in 2015.<1>

**Sources**

- (01)      Deskbased survey report: Friends Meeting House, Shrewsbury [statement of significance] (Architectural History Practice Rep) by The Architectural History Practice (2015). Location: ESA DRF
- (02)      Online database: OASIS data collection form by Various, architect1-250831. Location: Online
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**Associated Monuments**

- 16743      Friends Meeting House, later a Baptist Chapel, St John's Hill, Shrewsbury (Building 16743)
- 31875      Former St Catherine's Hall, then Friends Meeting House, Corporation Lane, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury (Building 31875)
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+ Link to online report [#https://doi.org/10.5284/1038912#](https://doi.org/10.5284/1038912#)

**Event ID:** ESA7957      **Name:** 2015 Hygrothermal modelling at Ditherington Flax Mill by Historic England

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA7957	2015 Hygrothermal modelling at Ditherington Flax Mill by Historic England	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/2015 - 31/12/2015, at some time (2015)

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

MANAGEMENT SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Historic England (Conservation)

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

SJ 49848 13791 (point)      SJ41SE      Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Hygrothermal simulations were undertaken of the second floor of the South Engine House at Ditherington Flax Mill to predict the impact of a range of internal wall insulation systems over a period of thirty years. Simulation results using WUFI indicate that 1-D modelling is generally satisfactory for a range of scenarios. Uncertainty will result from using alternative material data from the WUFI database compared with the actual material in the Ditherington case. Thirty year simulations indicate that insulation systems which are hygroscopic with some vapour resistance are possibly the best option to reduce risk of moisture problems in internal wall insulation, whereas materials unable to buffer moisture or having a high vapour resistance may, in the worst case, allow a long term build-up of moisture. WUFI is a useful tool which can be used to assess options for upgrading the thermal performance of traditional buildings, provided we know the material properties of our traditional materials. However, as the simulations results reported show, unknown boundary conditions such as absorption of driving rain may produce a high level of uncertainty. <1><2>

**Sources**

- (01) Non-archaeological specialist report: Ditherington Flax Mill: Hygrothermal Modelling (Historic England Research Rep Series no.) by Baker Paul (2016). Location: Digital ESA white
- (02) Online database: OASIS data collection form by Various, englishh2-256402. Location: Online

**Associated Monuments**

10235      Main Mill or Spinning Mill, Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 10235)

+ Link to online report [#https://doi.org/10.5284/1037937#](https://doi.org/10.5284/1037937#)

**Event ID:** ESA7987      **Name:** 2016 Photographic record of outbuildings to the rear of The Bird in Hand,

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA7987	2016 Photographic record of outbuildings to the rear of The Bird in Hand, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury by Republica	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 05/04/2016 - 05/04/2016, once between (April 2016)

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Republica

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

SJ 49216 13338 (point)      SJ41SE      Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A photographic record was undertaken of outbuildings to the rear of 51 Coton Hill, Shrewsbury in 2016 prior to their demolition. <1>

**Sources**

(01)      Photograph: Photographic schedule: Bird in Hand P.H., 51 Coton Hill, Shrewsbury (Colour) by Fake I (2016). Location: Digital ESA white

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**Associated Monuments**

32058      Bird in Hand Public House, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury (Building 32058)

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**Event ID:** ESA7995      **Name:** 2016 Heritage Impact Assessment of Flax Mill Malting - Stage II Project in

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA7995	2016 Heritage Impact Assessment of Flax Mill Malting - Stage II Project in Shrewsbury, Shropshire by Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios LPP	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/06/2016 - 30/06/2016, between (June 2016)

**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

BUILDING SURVEY

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Feilden Cleg Bradley

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49872 13827 (61m by 77m)      SJ41SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

The Stage II project centres on the conservative repair and refurbishment of the Grade I listed Main Mill/Spinning Mill and Grade II Kiln which are part of Shrewsbury Flax Mill Malting Masterplan. The new structural strengthening of installation will allow to remove scaffolding, re-openen new windows will afford natural light and ventilation to all floors. The ground floor of Main Mill will be open to public as a visitor centre, learning space and café and will be managed by Friends of the Flaxmill Malting. The upper four floors will be adopted for commercial use tenants. The Kiln will become circulation space for comercial use tenants and provide access for visitor tours to the restored tower. The buildings are to be adopted to a new use as a cultural and creative industries hub.<1>

**Sources**

(01)      Field survey report: Shrewsbury Flax Mill Maltings - Stage II Project: Heritage Impact Assessment (Feilden Cleg Bradley Studios LLP) by Feilden Cleg Bradley Studios LLP (2016). Location: ESA white

**Associated Monuments**

10235	Main Mill or Spinning Mill, Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 10235)
21755	Malt Kiln at Ditherington Flax Mill (Building 21755)

**Event ID:** ESA7406**Name:** 2015 Building survey of stables and office blocks, Ditherington Flax Mill by

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA7406	2015 Building survey of stables and office blocks, Ditherington Flax Mill by Oxford Archaeology North	Event - Survey

**External Reference:** 17/00624/DIS**Dates:** 01/01/2015 - 31/01/2015, between (January 2015)**Project Details:****Event/Activity Types - None recorded****Thesaurus Event Types**

BUILDING SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded****Organisation:** Oxford Archaeology North**Associated Individuals - None recorded****Associated Organisations - None recorded****Location****Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49824 13791 (12m by 24m) SJ41SE Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded****Description and Sources****Description**

As part of a major scheme of regeneration and repair works at Ditherington Flax Mill in Shrewsbury, a programme of archaeological building recording was undertaken, targeted on the Stable (PRN 17306) and former Smithy/Office (PRN 17307) buildings (centred on NGR SJ 49824 13812), a pair of two storey structures dating to the late eighteenth- / early nineteenth-century in the southwestern part of the mill complex. ->

-> The former Smithy/Offices is a brick-built, two-storey structure that was added to the flax mill site before 1811. It is marked on a plan of 1855 as a smithy, but the first floor was converted for use as an office in the later nineteenth century. This involved the insertion of an additional fireplace and the replacement of an internal stair with an external stair that afforded access to the first floor from the mill yard. The former Smithy/Offices is presently afforded designation as a Grade II listed building. ->

-> The former Stables had similarly been erected prior to 1811, and comprises a two storey structure with a double-span roof, placed on a broadly perpendicular alignment to the adjacent Smithy/Office. Notably, both floors of the building have fireproof brick-arched ceilings, suggesting that it was designed to house a manufacturing process rather than being intended as a stable. It is currently a Grade II listed building. <1>

**Sources**

(01) Field survey report: Stables and Office Blocks, Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological building investigation (OA Rep) by Wild C (2015). Location: Digital ESA white

**Associated Monuments**

17306	Stables of former Ditherington Flax Mill, Spring Gardens, Shrewsbury (Building 17306)
17307	Workshop and Offices of former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Shrewsbury (Building 17307)

**Event ID:** ESA7406

**Name:** 2015 Building survey of stables and office blocks, Ditherington Flax Mill by

**Event ID:** ESA6798      **Name:** 2011-12 building recording at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Oxford

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA6798	2011-12 building recording at Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury by Oxford Archaeology North	Event - Interpretation

**External Reference:** L10441

**Dates:** 14/11/2011 - 31/03/2012, between (November 2011 - March 2012)

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

BUILDING SURVEY

PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Oxford Archaeology North

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 49860 13839 (83m by 50m)      SJ41SE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

As part of a scheme of regeneration works at the former Ditherington Flax Mill in Shrewsbury (centred on NGR SJ 49888 13849), Oxford Archaeology North carried out a programme of archaeological building recording. The work was required prior to urgent repair works to buildings within the mill complex, and was intended to provide an archaeological record of elements of the mid 19th century Dye House, Stove House, and Malt Kiln, which are to be removed imminently during the proposed urgent repair works. In addition, a photographic record of the upper floor and roof of the Malt Silo was also compiled. <1><2>

**Sources**

- (01) Watching brief report: The Dye House and Malt Kiln, Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological watching brief (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Wild C (2012). Location: ESA white
- (02) Watching brief report: The Dye House and Malt Kiln, Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: archaeological watching brief (interim statement) (Oxford Archaeol North Rep) by Wild C (2012). Location: ESA white

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**Associated Monuments**

- 06731 Ditherington Flax Mill complex, Shrewsbury (Monument 06731)
- 17305 Stove House and Dye house at former Ditherington Flax Mill, SPRING GARDENS, Ditherington, Shrewsbury (Building 17305)
- 21755 Malt Kiln at Ditherington Flax Mill (Building 21755)
- 30948 Site of northern malt silo, Ditherington Flax Mill (Monument 30948)



**Event ID:** ESA5872      **Name:** 2004 Assessment of Furrows Garage site, Shrewsbury by Marches

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
ESA5872	2004 Assessment of Furrows Garage site, Shrewsbury by Marches Archaeology	Event - Survey

**External Reference:** Marches CSS04A

**Dates:** 01/01/2004 - 29/02/2004, at some time (Before end Feb 2004)

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archive interpretation/documentary research

Field survey/building recording

**Thesaurus Event Types**

BUILDING SURVEY

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Marches Archaeology

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SJ 4928 1323 (67m by 63m)

SJ41SE

Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish

Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Shropshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

In 2004 an assessment was carried out at Furrows Garage, Coton Hill, prior to proposed redevelopment. The work consisted of a desk based assessment of the site and a surrounding 200m buffer, together with a visual assessment of the buildings. Structural remains of historical significance were identified within the buildings on the site. <1>

**Sources**

(01) Field survey report: Furrows Garage, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: report on an archaeological desk-based assessment and building assessment (Marches Archaeology Series) by Fielding S (2004). Location: ESA white

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**Associated Monuments**

01530 Benbow House (St Mary's Vicarage), Coton Hill (Monument 01530)

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+ Link to online report <https://doi.org/10.5284/1018122#>