

A GAZETTEER OF CRUCK BUILDINGS IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

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A national distribution map of cruck buildings shows that Buckinghamshire is part of the south eastern limit of 'cruck country', very few examples having been identified further east into Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, and none to the south in Greater London and Surrey, despite the large numbers of examples first identified in recent years. In Buckinghamshire this has been largely due to discoveries made by members of the County Council's Historic Buildings Section, especially between 1982-5 when it carried out fieldwork on behalf of the Department of the Environment for the national resurvey of listed buildings.

The first edition of the national catalogue of cruck buildings published in 1973 contained 44 entries for Buckinghamshire, 18 of which were contributed by A. G. Taylor of the Historic Buildings Section. The second largest number of contributions, 11, resulted from G. M. Beresford's work on Long Crendon, already identified as having an exceptional number of crucks.

In the second edition of the catalogue (CBA Research Report No. 42, 1981) the number of Bucks entries had risen to 95, an increase of 51, of which 35 had been contributed by the County Council's Historic Buildings Section. Existing entries had also been considerably amplified and corrected.

Since 1981 the listing resurvey, continuing work on historic buildings, together with contributions from other sources, have further increased the total, and since a third edition of the national catalogue is not expected in the near future, a more up to date list of Buckinghamshire cruck buildings was felt to be useful.

The following list is based on the national cruck

catalogue format but omits some of the headings. It is intended primarily for identification and gives for each building a six figure map reference, the full address, the use of the building, the number of cruck trusses, the apex type, whether arch braced, name of any publication and initials of the individual who originally identified the building and notified the editor.

Thanks are due to my colleagues, Catherine Murray (née Lewis), the fieldworker during the listing resurvey, Martin Andrew of the Historic Buildings Section, and all the individuals named in the list below.

Key

Use	D=Domestic, A= Agriculture
No.	Number of cruck trusses in the building
Apex	Type of apex to the trusses, where known (Fig. 1)
AB	Arch bracing
Pub	Published information on the building
Name	Initials of individual reporting the building and further details (see below)

AGT	A. G. Taylor, Bucks C. C.
ANB	<i>Antiq. J.</i> 52 (1972) 132, N. Alcock and M. Barley
CFS	C. F. Stell
CSL	Miss C. S. Lewis, Bucks C.C.
EME	E. Mercer
GBE	G. M. Beresford
JBB	J. Bailey
JBL	J. Blair
JCT	J. Chenevix Trench
MGA	M. R. G. Andrew, Bucks C.C.
NMR	National Monuments Record
PWO	P. Woodfield
RBA	<i>Recs. Bucks</i> 17 (1967) 134
RBB	<i>Recs. Bucks</i> 19 (1947) 449
RBC	<i>Recs. Bucks</i> 25 (1983) 61
RBD	<i>Recs. Bucks</i> 18 (1966) 73
RBE	<i>Recs. Bucks</i> 23 (1981) 73
RCM	Royal Commission on Historical Monuments, Inventory
RMD	R. W. McDowall
RWE	R. W. Evans, Bucks C.C.
STO	Miss G. Stoner
TPS	T. P. Smith

			Use	No.	Apex	AB	Pub	Name
True Crucks (Standing)								
SP817138	AYLESBURY	11/13 Castle St	D	1	—	—	—	RWE
SP817138	AYLESBURY	12 Church St	D	1	W	—	—	RWE
SP826135	AYLESBURY	89 Walton Rd	A	3	—	—	—	AGT
SP774025	BLEDLOW	The Cottage, West Lane	D	2	—	—	—	AGT/CSL
SP788200	BLEDLOW	Old Callowdown Farmhouse	D	4	W	—	—	RWE
SU809990	BLEDLOW	Saunderton Grange Farm Stables	A	2	C	*	—	CSL
SU819968	BLEDLOW	Nobles Farm, Slough Lane, Saunderton	D	2	W	—	—	RWE
SP827396	BRADWELL ABBEY	Field Centre barn	A	1	—	—	—	AGT
SP654139	BRILL	5 High St	D	1	—	—	—	CSL
SP655140	BRILL	20 Temple St	D	1	—	—	—	CSL
SP885127	BUCKLAND	Moat Farm barn	A	4	W	—	—	AGT/RWE
SP799444	CASTLETHORPE	11 School Lane	D	2	—	—	—	MRA
SP990934	CHALFONT ST GILES	Old Rectory garage, Deanway	A	1	W	—	—	RWE
SP719105	CHEARSLEY	The Rosary, Dark Lane	D	1	—	—	—	AGT/MRA
SP958015	CHESHAM	44 Church St	D	2	—	—	—	JBB/RWE
SP957014	CHESHAM	78/80 Church St	D	1	—	—	—	RWE
SO686115	CHILTON	Wheelwrights, Dorton Rd	D	1	—	—	—	AGT/MRA
SP930070	CHOLESBURY	Home Farmhouse	D	1	C	—	—	RWE
SU948950	COLESHILL	Forge House	D	1	—	—	RBC	AGT
SP738110	CUDDINGTON	1 Aylesbury Rd	D	1	W	—	—	RWE
SP738112	CUDDINGTON	Greenview & Skittle Green Ctgs, Lr Church St	D	2	D	—	—	MRA
SP728111	CUDDINGTON	The Pitchings, Spurt St	D	4	W	—	—	AGT/MRA
SP781094	DINTON	The Spinney, Burgess Lane, Ford	D	1	—	—	—	MRA
SU847956	DOWNLEY	Blacksmiths Cottage	D	2	W	—	—	CSL
SP732246	E CLAYDON	5 Orchard Way, Botolph Claydon	D	4	—	—	—	AGT/RWE
SP732246	E CLAYDON	Pond Cottage, Orchard Way, Botolph Claydon	D	2	W	—	—	MRA
SP955204	EDLESBOROUGH	Ivy Cottage, Leighton Rd, Northall	D	1	B	—	—	RWE
SP977195	EDLESBOROUGH	51 The Green	D	1	F3	—	—	CSL/MRA
SP679319	GAWCOTT	Thurlby, Main St	D	1	C	—	—	RWE
SP905301	GT BRICKHILL	Clipperdown, 15 Heath Rd	D	1	W	—	—	JBB
SP902301	GT BRICKHILL	Green Farmhouse, 12 Stoke Lane	D	2	—	—	—	AGT/
SP847016	GT HAMPDEN	No. 18, Hampden Row	D	2	—	—	—	AGT/CSL
SP849013	GT HAMPDEN	The Thatch, No. 34	D	2	—	—	—	CSL
SP774312	GT HORWOOD	19 Lt Horwood Rd	D	3	W	—	—	MRA
SP766321	GT HORWOOD	Old Vine Cottage, Singleborough	D	2	—	—	—	CSL
SP767320	GT HORWOOD	Ivy Farmho, Singleborough	D	2	—	—	—	CSL
SP894014	GT MISSENDEN	Beam House, 38 High St	D	2	W	—	—	RWE
SP895012	GT MISSENDEN	Crown House, 70 High St	D	1	W	—	—	RWE
SP684206	GRENDON UNDERWOOD	Cruicks Cottage	D	3	F2	—	—	AGT
SP687201	GRENDON UNDERWOOD	Minslrel Cottage	D	2	W	—	—	RWE
SP740088	HADDENHAM	5 Fort End	D	1	—	—	—	RWE
SP741090	HADDENHAM	Gog Farm, Townsend	D	1	—	—	—	MRA
SP739086	HADDENHAM	26 High St	D	1	—	—	—	MRA
SP739086	HADDENHAM	Oak Beam Cottage, 22 High St	D	3	C	—	—	MRA
SP756104	HADDENHAM	Bigstrup Farmhouse, Oxford Road	D	1	—	—	—	MRA
SU777898	HAMBLEDEN	Crooked Chimneys, Skirmett	D	3	—	—	—	AGT
SU775903	HAMBLEDEN	Old Crown House, Skirmett	D	2	W	—	—	RWE
SU798866	HAMBLEDEN	The Farmhouse, Rotten Row	D	1	—	—	—	CSL
SP804469	HANSLOPE	Horseshoe Cottage, Market Square	D	2	—	—	—	MRA
SU883959	HAZLEMERE	Grange Farm, Widmer End	D	3	W	—	RBB	AGT
SP646073	ICKFORD	Church Farmhouse	D	1	W	—	—	MRA
SP654072	ICKFORD	5 Bulls Lane, Lt Ickford	D	3	W	—	—	JBL/RWE

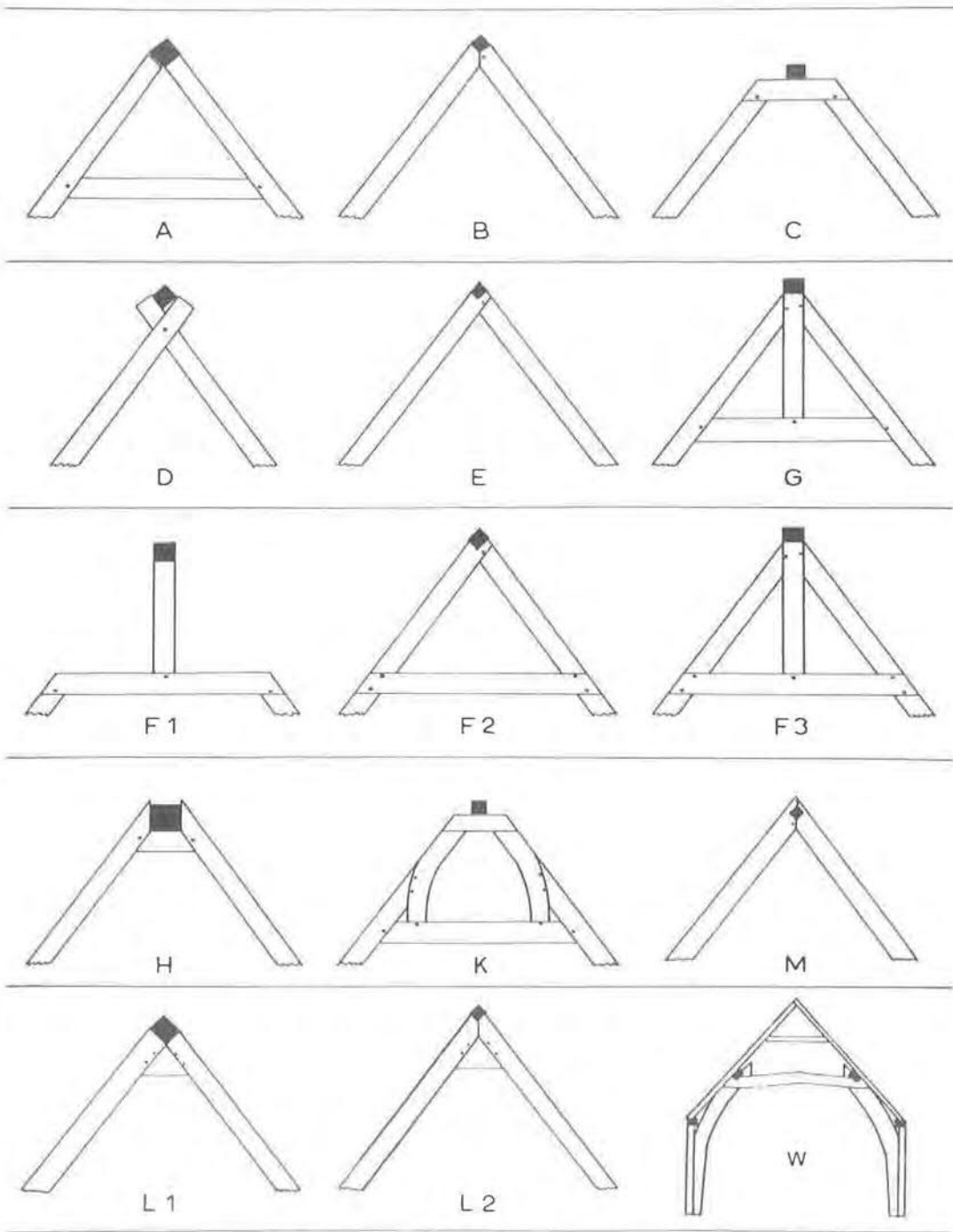


Fig. 1. Pedigree of cruck apices (reproduced from CBA Research Report No. 42).



Fig. 2. Crucks in Buckinghamshire: location by civil parish.

True Crucks (Standing)			Use	No.	Apex	AB	Pub	Name
SP654072	ICKFORD	White House, Bulls Lane, Lt Ickford	D	2	W	—	—	RWE
SP648075	ICKFORD	23 Worminghall Rd	D	2	W	—	—	RWE
SP945163	IVINGHOE	Kings Head Restaurant barn	A	3	W	—	—	TPS
SP794310	LT HORWOOD	Appletree Cottage, Wood End	D	1	—	—	—	MRA
SP790308	LT HORWOOD	Shoulder of Mutton PH	D	1	W	—	—	MRA
SU858889	LT MARLOW	Monkton Farmhouse	D	2	—	—	—	CSL
SP694086	LONG CRENDON	Cordwainers, 2 Bicester Rd	D	1	C	—	—	GBE/RWE
SP693087	LONG CRENDON	7 Bicester Rd	D	1	—	—	RBA	GBE/RWE
SP693087	LONG CRENDON	Sycamore Farm, 9 Bicester Rd	D	2	—	—	—	RWE
SP692088	LONG CRENDON	Warwick Farm, 31 Bicester Rd	D	1	F1	—	—	RWE
SP689090	LONG CRENDON	Old Bakehouse, 61-3 Bicester Rd	D	—	—	—	—	RBA GBE
SP687092	LONG CRENDON	72 Bicester Rd	D	1	C	*	—	RBA GBE/RWE
SP686091	LONG CRENDON	Dragon Farm, 121 Bicester Rd	D	2	W	—	—	RBA GBE/RWE
SP699090	LONG CRENDON	Church Green, 104 High St (front block)	D	1	—	—	—	RBA GBE/RWE
SP699090	LONG CRENDON	Church Green, 109 High St (rear wing)	D	1	—	—	—	RBA GBE/RWE
SP696088	LONG CRENDON	25 High St (rear wing)	D	3	—	—	—	AGT/RWE
SP696087	LONG CRENDON	29 High St	D	1	W	—	—	RBA GBE/RWE
SP697091	LONG CRENDON	43 High St	D	2	W	—	—	AGT/RWE
SP696089	LONG CRENDON	Eight Bells, 51 High St	D	1	—	—	—	RWE
SP697088	LONG CRENDON	Wapping, 66 High St	D	2	—	—	—	MRA
SP698090	LONG CRENDON	96 & 98 High St	D	3	—	—	—	MRA
SP693086	LONG CRENDON	The Manor Garage, Frog Lane	A	1	—	—	—	RBA GBE/RWE
SP694084	LONG CRENDON	2 The Square	D	3	C	—	—	RWE
SP713092	LONG CRENDON	Barn at Notley Farm, Chearsley Rd	A	5	W	*	—	RWE
SP809059	LONGWICK	Dock Farm, Meadle	A	5	W	—	—	AGT
SP787060	LONGWICK	Old Acres, Owlswick	D	1	—	—	—	CSL
SP784055	LONGWICK	Strattons Farm, Thame Rd	D	1	W	—	—	CSL
SP660174	LUDGERSHALL	Appletree Cottage, High St	D	3	—	—	—	RWE
SP920147	MARSWORTH	Red Lion PH, Vicarage Rd	D	1	—	—	—	RWE
SP891390	MILTON KEYNES	Old Post Office, 4 & 5 Broughton Rd	D	1	F1	—	—	RWE
SP782340	NASH	1 Stratford Rd	D	2	—	—	—	MRA
SP781343	NASH	Tithe Cottage, High St	D	3	C	—	—	RWE
SP783338	NASH	Woodend Farm, 3 Wood End	D	2	C	—	—	CSL
SP843313	NEWTON LONGVILLE	Beverley Cottage, 34 Westbrook End	D	3	—	—	—	MRA
SP844313	NEWTON LONGVILLE	Ivy Lodge Farm, 46 Westbrook End	D	2	C	—	—	PWO/RWE
SP844311	NEWTON LONGVILLE	Jasmine Cottage, 52 Westbrook End	D	3	W	—	—	PWO/RWE
SP847316	NEWTON LONGVILLE	Paradise Cottage, 11 Church End	D	3	W	—	—	RWE
SP767224	NORTH MARSTON	St Johns Manor, Carters Lane	D	1	K	—	—	JBB
SU908936	PENN	Stratfords, Elm Rd	D	1	—	—	—	RWE
SP936158	PITSTONE	White Friars, Cheddington Rd	D	2	F1	—	—	AGT/RWE
SP818052	PRINCES RISBOROUGH	Horseshoe Cottage, Askett	D	2	F1	—	—	GBE
SP747200	QUAINTON	2-2A The Strand	D	3	—	—	—	RWE
SP882364	SIMPSON	456-458 Simpson Rd	D	1	—	—	—	MRA
SP883275	SOULBURY	Charity Farm, The Green	D	1	D	—	—	RWE
SP874272	SOULBURY	Hill Farm, Hollingdon	D	1	—	—	—	CSL
SP701261	STEEPLE CLAYDON	42 & 44 Queen Catherine Rd	D	2	D	—	—	RWE
SP699275	STEEPLE CLAYDON	Rhenolds Close, 28 North End	D	2	CV	—	—	AGT/RWE
SP695268	STEEPLE CLAYDON	Willowvale Farm, West End	D	2	WC	—	—	RWE
SP852262	STEWKLEY	28 High St North	D	2	D	—	RBB	RWE
SP852258	STEWKLEY	22 High St South	D	2	—	—	—	RWE
SP836103	STOKE MANDEVILLE	8 Risborough Rd	D	1	—	—	—	AGT/RWE
SP805270	SWANBOURNE	21 Nearton End	D	3	—	—	—	AGT
SP798275	SWANBOURNE	3 Smithfield End	D	1	—	—	—	RWE
SP738338	THORNBOROUGH	Lower End Farm	D	1	—	—	—	AGT/MRA

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True Crucks (Standing)								
SU738898	TURVILLE	Balhams, Stonor	—	—	—	—	—	STO
SP818180	WEEDON	Eastgate House, East End	D	4	—	*	—	AGT/CSL
SP818179	WEEDON	Lamsquay House, 28 East End	D	1	W	—	—	RWE
SP868081	WENDOVER	32 & 34A Aylesbury Rd	D	4	W	—	—	AGT/RWE
SP866077	WENDOVER	6-8 Pound St	D	5	W	—	—	RWE
SP871080	WENDOVER	Coldharbour, 25 Tring Rd	D	2	—	—	—	RWE
SP870190	WINGRAVE	Church Farm, Church St	D	3	—	*	—	AGT/CSL
SP871190	WINGRAVE	Old Forge, Dark Lane	D	1	W	—	—	MRA
SP767275	WINSLOW	29 Sheep St	D	1	W	—	—	AGT/RWE
SU639082	WORMINGHALL	Clifden Arms	D	2	—	—	—	MRA
SP643083	WORMINGHALL	55 The Avenue	D	3	—	—	—	MRA
SP686172	WOTTON UNDERWOOD	Nugent Cottage	D	1	—	—	—	CSL
True Crucks (Demolished)								
SP954474	AST WOOD	Manor Farm Cottages	D	1	—	—	—	NMR RMD
TQ005911	CHALFONT ST PETER	Hill Farm	D	1	C	*	—	RBD CFS
SP923171	CHEDDINGTON		—	—	—	—	—	RCM
SP683087	LONG CRENDON	Sycamore Farm, Bicester Rd	A	—	—	—	—	RBA GBE
SP687093	LONG CRENDON	Northend Farm, Bicester Rd	D	1	W	—	—	RBA GBE
SP848314	NEWTON LONGVILLE	18 Moor End	D	1	W	—	—	EME
SP655329	TINGEWICK	Lavender Cottage, Main St	D	2	FI	—	—	AGT
Raised Cruck (Standing)								
SP831433	HAVERSHAM	The Grange	D	1	C	—	—	EME
Possible Upper Cruck (Standing)								
SP772115	DINTON	Field Cottage, Upton	D	1	W	—	—	JBB
Base Crucks (Standing)								
Base Crucks are found only in larger manorial houses, and are of quite early date, probably 14th century. The form derives from aisled houses, two of which have been identified in south Bucks: (The Savoy, Denham; and Denham Court), and one in Long Crendon (Sycamore Farmhouse, 9 Bicester Rd, which also contains true crucks).								
SU932808	BURNHAM	Huntercombe Manor	D	1	—	—	—	ANB —
SP811218	CRESLOW	Manor House	D	1	—	—	—	ANB RCM
TQ042872	DENHAM	The Old Bakery, Village Rd	D	1	—	—	—	RBE JCT
SP693085	LONG CRENDON	The Manor, Frogmore Lane	D	1	—	—	—	ANB
SP889391	MILTON KEYNES	No. 22	D	1	—	—	—	BLG
SU790928	STOKENCHURCH	Kensham Farmho, Cadmore End	D	1	—	—	—	CSL
SP693085	THORNBOROUGH	Old Manor House	D	1	—	—	—	RWE
SP861111	WESTON TURVILLE	The Brills	D	1	—	—	—	ANB
Base Cruck (Demolished)								
SU908877	WOOBURN	D'Eyncourt Manor House	D	1	—	—	—	RBF JCT