

Wargrave Local History Society

From the archives

The Wargrave Conservation Area features in this item from the archive. This had been so designated over 50 years ago, in June 1971, and this leaflet was produced at the time of a revision to the boundary in 1993.

The leaflet explained that the District Council wished “to preserve and enhance those parts of the District that are of special architectural or historic interest; certain areas such as Wargrave, are worthy of special protection and are therefore designated as conservation areas”. It continued - “The village of Wargrave has a rich and varied history” - adding that “The Book of Wargrave is an excellent reference”.

The new boundary had been drawn “tightly around the significant historic area of Wargrave. However it has been extended to the north to include an attractive area by the river and in the south west to include the meadow near the boat club. It was considered this warranted the special protection of the conservation area.” “Wargrave Conservation area was designated to protect the special character that is unique to the village; it has not only architectural merit but significant historical value too”. “The unique character of Wargrave is made up of various distinct elements, these include the High Street which is dominated by the narrow road and its wide variety of building styles tightly packed to create an intimate space. This is particularly evident at the junction of Church Street and High Street, the focus of the village.” The leaflet noted that “Wargrave contains a concentration of 35 listed buildings and structures”. The leaflet included a fold out map showing the village centre and the conservation area boundary.

