

## Heritage Assets – Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan Review

In the Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan Appendix we list the 37 existing building/structures which have been granted national 'Listed Building' status. There are a number of other buildings and locations which, although they haven't been granted listed status, are important heritage assets in the two communities.

A series of terraced houses were constructed in the late Victorian/early Edwardian periods along Weir Road, Station Street, High Street and Fleckney Road. The High Street and Fleckney Road properties are well described with photographs in several essays by Joan Spain on the Kibworth History website ([www.kibworth.org](http://www.kibworth.org)). The large Victorian houses known as The Villas on Church Road and built in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century by a local builder, John Mason, to house Midland Mainline railway managers, are excellent examples of their time.

However, four important buildings or groups of buildings are worthy of being specifically described here as important heritage assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area. In determining which buildings have been put forward for inclusion on a Local List, Historic England's advice note has been followed.

### 26 New Road, Kibworth Beauchamp LE8 0LE

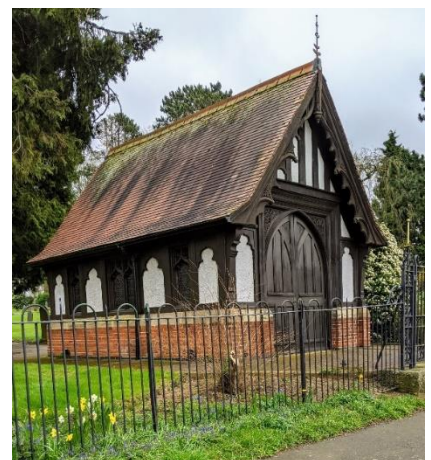


The double fronted brick house is a Victorian building on New Road built to house the manager of the neighbouring gas works – now the Kingsley Business Park. Behind and alongside the building runs the Midland Mainline railway between Sheffield and London St Pancras. Over the front door is a sign reading "Kibworth Gas Light & Coke Company 1868". This sign is a reminder of this important new source of heat and light for the community back then.

### Lychgate, Kibworth Cemetery, Harborough Road, Kibworth Harcourt

The cemetery land of just over 4 acres was purchased from Merton College in 1893 for £750. At an earlier meeting of the Joint Burial Board in October 1892 it was agreed "That there should be only one building erected on the Burial Ground and that such building be a Lychgate on the unconsecrated part"

The Lychgate at the entrance to the cemetery on the A6 was completed by Edward Mason between July and October 1894 at a cost of £413. In February 1895 a wooden bier was presented to the Joint Burial Board by Mr Haymes. This beautifully crafted 'trolley', pulled by the village Sexton, carried the coffin from the deceased's house or church to the cemetery passing through the lychgate. The bier is currently housed in the lychgate.



### The City, off Albert Street, Kibworth Harcourt LE8 0NY

At the eastern end of Albert Street (formerly known as Hog Lane), Kibworth Harcourt is a huddled group of cottages, approached by a footway off Albert Street, and known as The City. Among them used to be a small singlebay cottage with mud walls and a thatched roof. Several other mud cottages were in existence in this area c. 1865, but they have all since been replaced. The majority of the cottages back onto Carlton Road.



The origin of this unadopted street name is unknown, but the area was built originally outside the village limits and housed the poorest members of the village. It was described by local historian, F.P. Woodford, in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, as 'three mud thatched cottages and three small brick and thatched cottages as well as other houses'.



Entrance to The City off Albert Street.



Narrow footpath showing the line of cottages.



An aerial view of the cottages of The City using *Google Earth*. It runs parallel to and west of Carlton Road. The entrance off Albert Street can be seen just by the white car.





### 39 Church Road, Kibworth Beauchamp

At the junction of the A6 Harborough Road and Church Road is a red brick Victorian house and brick boundary wall. The house and wall form an imposing and significant part of the street scene opposite the listed Coach & Horses pub and adjacent Grey House. The prominent horse chestnut trees have tree protection orders and the property lies within the Kibworth Harcourt Conservation Area. The house and boundary wall are of considerable public benefit being at the main entrance to the village centre from the A6.





