

HERITAGE and DESIGN - The Square



The Square is the heart of Liphook, with a fine set of buildings and street-scene. Over the years, although it has remained most attractive, it has become less and less possible to 'use' it with enjoyment—A3 bypass and Conservation Area Enhancement notwithstanding.

Pedestrian crossings are poorly located and encourage pedestrians to compete with approaching traffic on the incoming roads.

The maps and birdseye view *BELOW* offer suggestions for improving this experience—including reinstating the non-tarmac surfaces that were laid there for a short while (before they failed) after the bypass came, and designating the central part as a Shared Surface zone (traffic and pedestrians), a technique which has been used with success in some other places.

Other suggestions include the resumption of some on-street (strictly time-limited) parking.

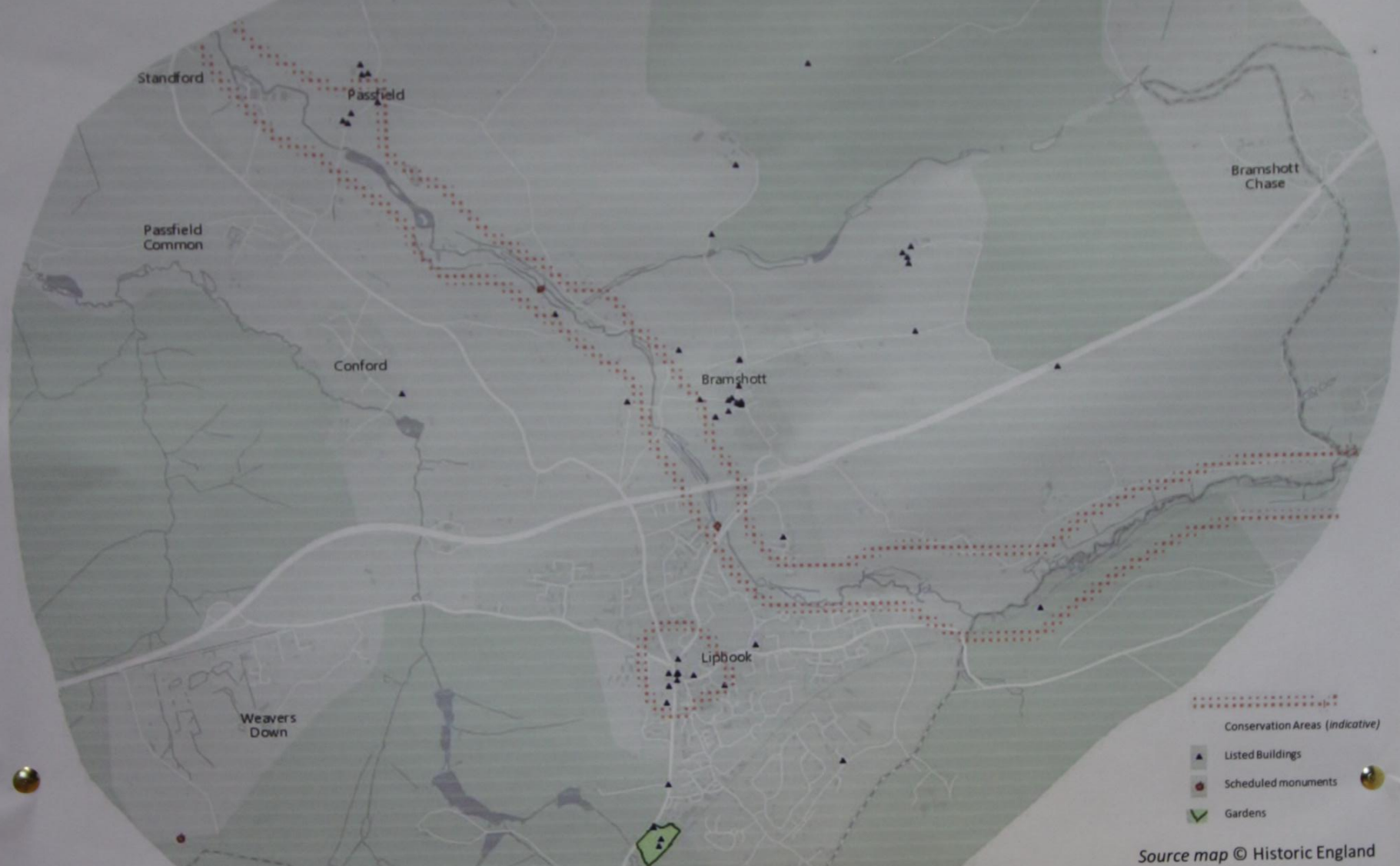


Remember this?
The 'improved' A3 through the middle of Liphook from 1977 until the bypass opened (picture snapped at a quiet moment!)



HERITAGE and DESIGN - Heritage Assets

Monuments, Listings and Conservation Areas in the Parish



... but whilst we are well-endowed with
'national' assets, how about a "Local List" of
the buildings and location that we value, as
a 'prompt' for the local planning authority?

SUGGESTIONS WELCOMED



HERITAGE and DESIGN - the countryside

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Away from the middle of Liphook, there are two particular elements of countryside that distinguish our Parish (and which in the past would have been worked together by local farms—the heathland, generally on the higher ground: extensive (see map *LEFT*) but of limited agricultural value other than for grazing; and the river valleys, lush but much more limited in area. The Heathlands are largely protected (Wealden Heaths designation) but widely accessible.

The River Wey (map *BELOW*) and its tributaries knit the Parish's settlements together but access is limited. Although the Wey itself is in its own Conservation Area, protection of many of the elements that make it special is also limited. The Parish council's Radford Park is the exception to this and River Wey Trust has worked to conserve and raise both its profile and its accessibility in other areas.

The Wey, its valley and tributaries –

the village of Liphook sits on the ridge that separates the Wey Valley from the Holly Water Stream. With the exception of Bramshott Chase, all of our settlements relate closely with these watercourses, which provide natural and landscape corridors linking the building-blocks of our Parish



**Locations
where the River
Wey Trust has
carried out
work**



ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE

Along with the open spaces of the commonland, the Parish has an extensive rights-of-way network. There are, however, gaps in the system and if these are identified it may, in time, be possible (partly through the planning system) to put this to rights, as well crossing points on the A3. The map (LEFT) suggests some of these (in GREEN).

Cycle routes are fragmented (RED) and parts of that along the A3—particularly at the northeast end of Bramshott common—are dangerous.

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HERITAGE and DESIGN - our local Landscape



Our local landscape is largely determined by trees and woodland, especially around Liphook itself, with more distant views to Weavers Down, the Hangers and the South Downs

The Parish has a wealth of protected (Tree Preservation Orders—TPOs) trees—both individual trees and on blocks of woodland and hedgerows: these are shown on the East Hampshire District Council's map *LEFT*.

TPO-ed trees don't form the whole picture—other trees and woodland areas complete the picture, with a considerable number of trees of interest and value that are not protected (as shown on the map from the VDS *BELOW*).

SUGGESTIONS for more trees to be added to this list would be welcomed.

Much of the character of the approaches into the centre of Liphook is established by frontages of the houses that line the roads: this character is progressively being eroded and we are looking for ways of re-establishing at least some of this (map at *BOTTOM*)

TPOs

Tree-belts and woodland as 'natural' boundaries

THESE FORM A BACKDROP TO DEVELOPMENT AND – WHERE PRESENT – FRAME AND CONSTRAIN VIEWS IN AND OUT OF THE VILLAGE, AND LEND MATURITY TO NEIGHBOURHOODS:

THESE SHOULD FORM THE STARTING POINT FOR ANY DEVELOPMENT – REPLANTING IS VERY MUCH A SECOND BEST.

The map also shows important un-protected (non-TPO-ed) trees
[NOTE this information is not fully up to date: sourced from VDS document]



KEY FRONTAGES

Established frontages (not necessarily in good condition) in 'lead-in' locations: trees/banks which need to be respected and enhanced. Accesses to new developments through these need to be appropriately sized and carefully positioned, and designed to minimise intrusion (mini-roundabouts are not always the most effective answer!)

