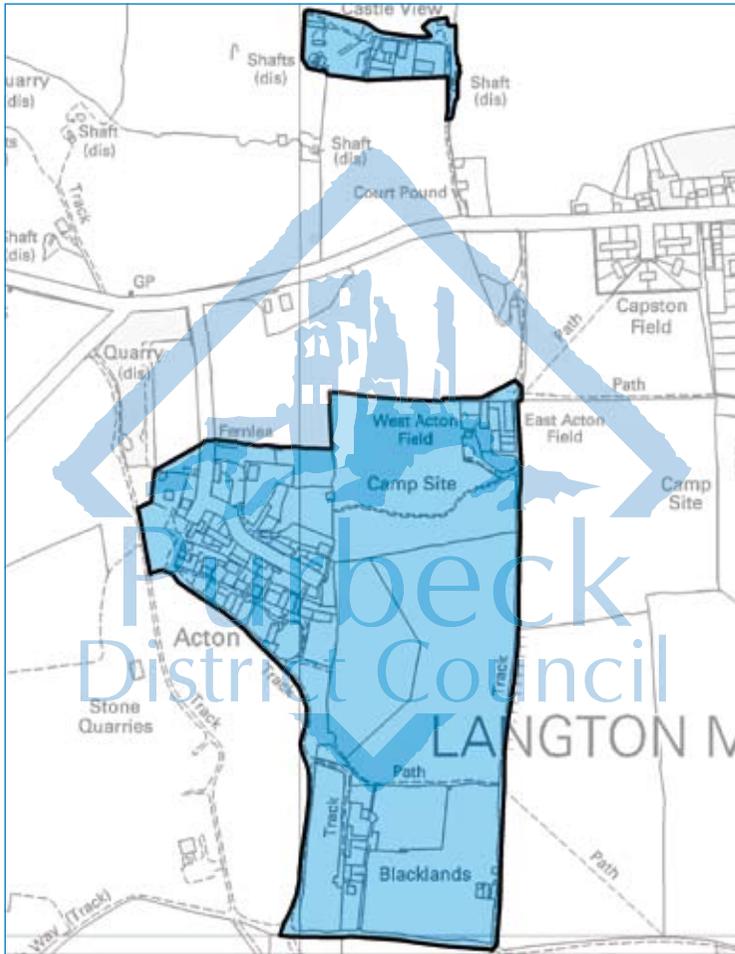




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Acton Conservation Area



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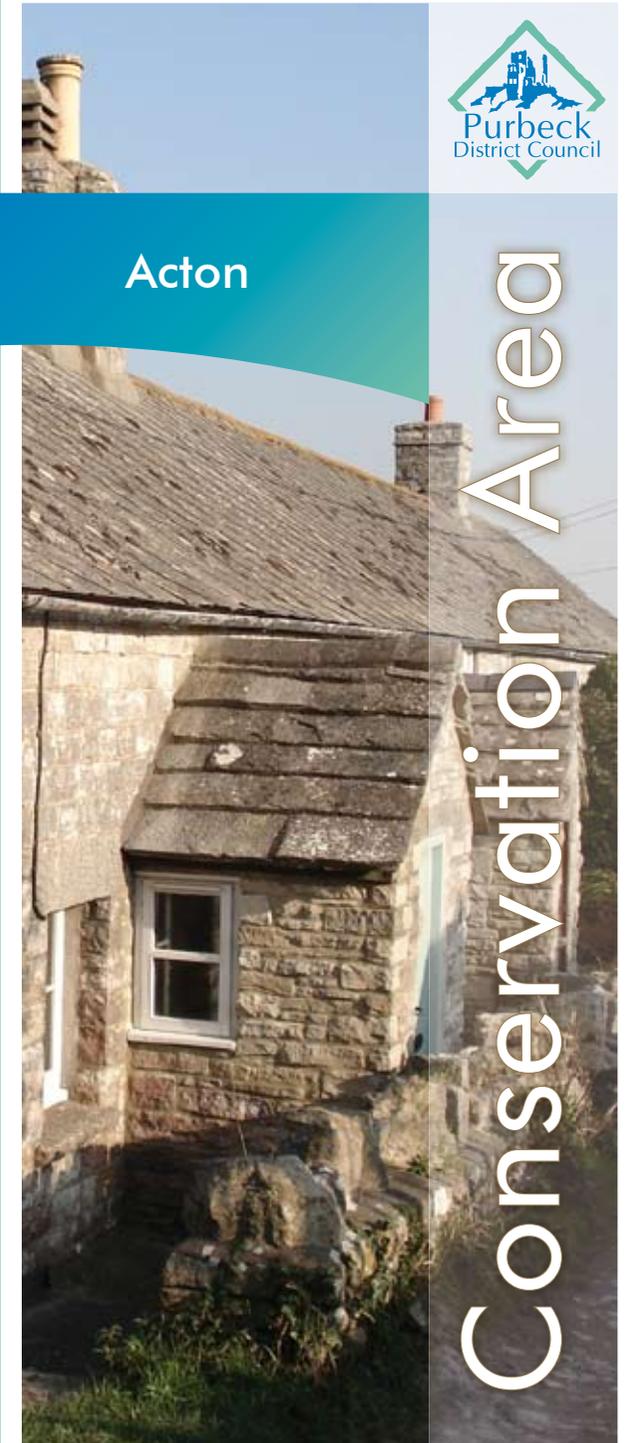


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Acton Conservation Area was first designated during 1975 with amendments made to the boundaries during 2008.

Special historic and architectural interest of Acton Conservation Area



Highland Cottages

The Conservation Area forms a thematically based designation which focuses upon some of the dispersed and informally arranged settlement which developed within the area in association with quarrying – the cultural importance of which is championed at near by Burngate Quarry, and which remains an important component of the local economy. The context, setting and extent of settlement (infill aside) appears to have remained remarkably consistent since the nineteenth century. The Conservation Area contains a number of interesting vernacular buildings and other structures in large part constructed using locally sourced stone. Building types are mixed with a selection of rural, urban and some suburban forms present which can sometimes appear unusual in association, while quality is somewhat mixed.

Front cover: Lane End Cottage

About Conservation Areas

While bringing some controls over permitted development rights the object of designation is not to prohibit change or development but rather to manage its quality and contextual appropriateness. This means that a high priority is given to securing design quality. For details of the current regulations applicable within Conservation Areas see the District Council's website or general Conservation Areas leaflet. The Local Authority is happy to provide pre-application advice in regard to specific development proposals.

Conservation Area Character Appraisal

The adopted Character Appraisal document for Acton Conservation Area represents an essential point of reference for those considering making an alteration to properties or land located within and around its boundaries. The purpose of the appraisal is:

1. to provide an in depth analysis of character which will inform both planning and development management at the Local Authority,
2. to assist property owners and their agents in the formulation of sensitive development proposals,
3. to assist property owners and their agents in execution of sensitive alterations allowed under permitted development rights, and
4. to identify potential for enhancement works within the Conservation Area.

The Character Appraisal document is available for reference at Swanage Library, the District Council offices and may be downloaded from our website: www.purbeck.gov.uk



Buttercup Hall



Normans Quarry



Acton Cottages



Blacklands

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