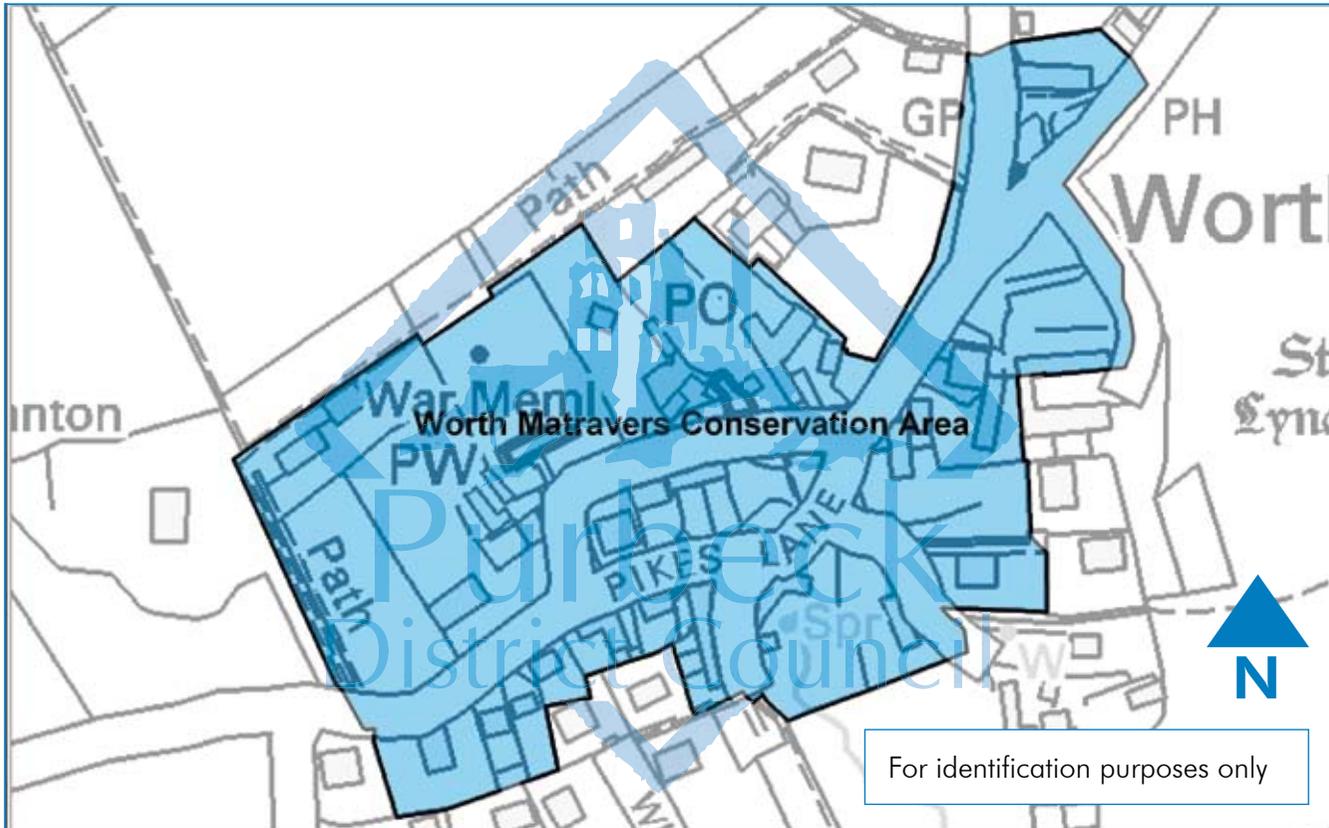




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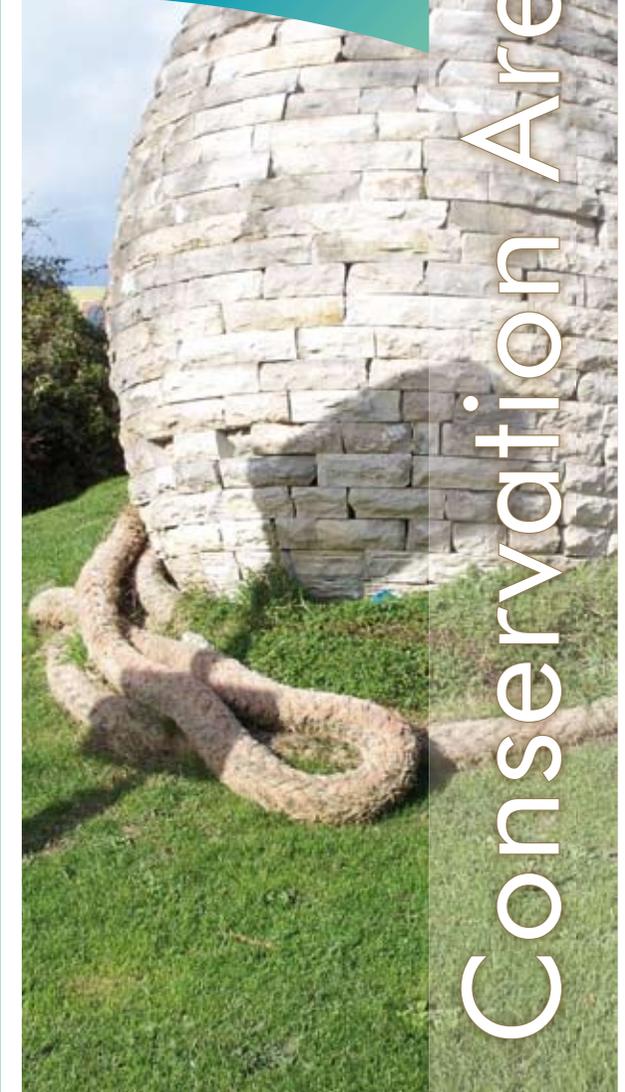


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Worth Matravers Conservation Area was first designated during 1975 and reviewed during 2009.

## Special historic and architectural interest of Worth Matravers Conservation Area



Village pond

With a picturesque setting dominated by seaward views and striking relief of hillside strip lynchets, the Conservation Area is of interest as a small settlement characterised by its vernacular Purbeck limestone architecture. Informal building layout combined with varied ground level provide particular visual quality especially around the village pond. The grade I listed Parish church is of particular interest given the substantial survival of medieval fabric.

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## 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 both within and also around Conservation Areas. 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 Worth Matravers Conservation Area (2009) 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-dc.gov.uk](http://www.purbeck-dc.gov.uk)



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