

Datchet Local List – Non-Designated Heritage Asset Information Sheet

Name, address, location of asset	Number	
Cattle Trough North Green The Green Datchet SL3 9BJ	Is the asset	✓ In the Conservation Area ✓ In Datchet Parish
OS Map and coordinates (Outline asset in red on map and provide OS coordinates)		
	Grid reference SU 98656 77095 (SU986770)	
Significance of asset (NPPF)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological <input type="checkbox"/> Architectural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Artistic <input type="checkbox"/> In the setting of a heritage asset		
Type of Asset Please tick relevant category		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monument		
Description/History of asset		
	<p>Cattle trough This stone trough was originally sited on Windsor Road towards Windsor. The exact site is not known. The trough is 9' long, 25½" wide, 2'10" high (including the base which is 18½" high). It is made of granite and stands on a base of granite setts. It is used as a planter, kept full of flowers by Datchet Parish Council.</p> <p>The inscription states "Presented by the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain & Cattle Trough Association". The date it was presented is not known.</p>	
<p>The MDFCTA was inaugurated in 1859 to provide free drinking water. It was originally called the Metropolitan Free Drinking Fountain Association. It changed its name to include cattle troughs in 1867 to also support animal welfare. This suggests that the trough dates from after 1867. By 1936, the association stopped building troughs, as cars and lorries were gradually replacing the horse. The association still exists as the Drinking Fountain Association, now mapping and recording drinking water fountains.</p>		
<p>At some point, date as yet unknown, the trough was moved from Windsor Road and, along with the drinking fountain, was taken to Churchmead School on Slough Road for safe-keeping. They were returned to North Green around 1990 when the Greens were refurbished, prior to Datchet winning the Best-Kept Village competition in 1992.</p>		

Present condition and originality (See also RBWM planning history and give details where relevant)	
The trough appears to be in good original condition although no longer connected to a water supply.	
Is site in use?	Give details of use
✓ YES	The trough is in use as a raised flowerbed by Datchet Parish Council.
Criteria Fill in the relevant boxes stating the reasons why the asset meets these criteria. <i>(Please score to indicate how well the asset meets the criteria where 0 is not applicable, and 3 indicates very well.)</i>	
1. Has architectural interest or quality	0 The monument is solid, well-crafted and functional but it is mainly of historic and social importance rather than architectural or artistic interest.
2. Is a landmark feature	0
3. Has a relationship with adjacent designated heritage assets in age, materials, or in any other historically significant way	2 Alongside the drinking fountain, it forms part of a group of monuments, trees and benches on the Village Greens, including the listed war memorial, which record historic events, in this case the provision of clean drinking water.
4. Individually, or as part of a group, illustrates the development of the local area	0
5. Has significant historic associations with features such as a historic road layout, a park or a landscape feature (designed or natural)	0
6. Has historic associations with important people or past events	3 The trough has historic associations with the national movement to provide clean, fresh, drinking water and cattle troughs.
7. Reflects the traditional functional character or former uses of the area	0
8. Contributes positively to the character or appearance of the area	3 The protected Village Greens are at the heart of Datchet's Conservation Area. The monuments on these Greens contribute positively to the historic character and heritage of the village.
9. Other. Is there another reason it has special local value?	
Have owners been notified? (Give details of date, method, eg letter/email, response and comments)	
Datchet Parish Council notified by email in June 2021	
General feedback from members of the public	
In a 2021 survey when residents were asked to nominate buildings for NDHA status, the historic non-listed building/structures around the Green were among those which received the most nominations.	
Appendices Give details of any supporting documents or sources, eg background history and websites	
For more information about drinking fountains, see: http://drinkingfountains.org/	

Images



Google Maps Street View July 2019



Following images 27 January 2021,
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Northern side



Western side



Eastern side
(with evidence of
former pipe connection)



Southern side with inscription: PRESENTED BY THE METROPOLITAN DRINKING FOUNTAIN & CATTLE TROUGH ASSOCIATION. (The inscription is slightly unusual in that it says 'Presented by'. An online search of images of other MDFCTA troughs shows that generally there is just the name of the association in the inscription.)

Date form completed

By whom

28 January 2021

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