

Assets of Community Value Nominations Form

Appendix B

This questionnaire is designed to provide the Council with the information required to assess whether the nomination of an asset meets the criteria of an asset of community value.

The Localism Act 2011 defines an asset/land of community value if:

1. Its actual or current use (or there is a time in the recent past when its use) furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, and
2. It is realistic to think that there can continue to be (or it is realistic to think that there is a time in the next 5 years when) non-ancillary use of the building or land that would further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

The questionnaire is divided into three parts:

1. Voluntary or Community Body Details;
2. Asset Detail
3. Social Wellbeing and Social Interests criteria,

As a result of your application, in order to evaluate the nomination, the Council may:

- request additional information or evidence;
- seek clarification;
- conduct interviews; or,
- require presentations.

1.	Voluntary or Community Body Details
1.1	Name and address of the organisation in whose name this nomination is being submitted, include contact name, phone number, email etc: HILL HEAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION 41 KNIGHTS BANK ROAD, PO14 3HZ CONTACT: PAMELA CHARLWOOD TEL: 07836218604 EMAIL: HILLHEADRA@GMAIL.COM
1.2	Registered or trading name and address if different from question 1.1 N/A
1.3	Correspondence address if different from question 1.1 N/A

1.4	Does your organisation have a website, if so please provide the address? HHRA.ORG.UK
1.5	Is your organisation a(n):
	• Neighbourhood Forum <input type="checkbox"/>
	• Parish Council <input type="checkbox"/>
	• Unincorporated Body <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	• Charity <input type="checkbox"/>
	• Social Enterprise (company limited by guarantee that doesn't distribute any surplus it makes to its members) <input type="checkbox"/>
	• Industrial or Provident Society which does not distribute any surplus it makes to its members <input type="checkbox"/>
	• Community Interest Company <input type="checkbox"/>
1.6	Company registration number, registered charities number, or Financial Services Authority registration number (list all that apply). N/A
1.7	Please provide detailed evidence that you are indeed eligible to make a community nomination in accordance with sections 4 and 5 of the Regulations. THE HHRA HAS 271 HOUSEHOLDS IN MEMBERSHIP, ALL RESIDENT IN OR AROUND THE HILL HEAD AREA. AT LEAST 21 OF ITS MEMBERS ARE REGISTERED ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL – SEE ACCOMPANYING LIST
Community Nomination - Asset Detail	
2.1	Asset Address HAVEN HOUSE, TITCHFIELD HAVEN NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE, CLIFF ROAD, HILL HEAD, FAREHAM PO14 3JT (AKA VISITOR CENTRE)
2.2	Asset Owners – include the names of the current occupants of the land, and the names and current or last-known addresses of all those holding a freehold or leasehold state in the land HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, THE CASTLE, UPPER HIGH STREET, WINCHESTER SO23 8UJ (FREEHOLD OWNER)
2.3	Asset / Land Use – Please can you provide details of the use of land over the past 5 years AS A VISITOR CENTRE TO THE TITCHFIELD HAVEN NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE, THE PREDOMINANT USES OF WHICH INCLUDE A SHOP, CAFÉ, EXHIBITION SPACE, PUBLIC TOILETS AND OUTSIDE SEATING AND GARDENS. THE CENTRE ALSO INCLUDES ADMINSTRATIVE OFFICE SPACE, A TICKET AND MEMBERSHIP SALES POINT AND INFORMATION SERVICE FOR THE RESERVE, AND A RESIDENTIAL FLAT
3.	Evidence: Asset of Community Value

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How do you feel that the aforementioned asset is indeed an asset of community value?

Can you provide evidence of this?

Haven House is the visitor centre for Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve, a site of special scientific interest, described by its owners, Hampshire County Council as '*an internationally important site for rare wildlife and special habitats*'.

The centre comprises a café, shop, ticket and membership sales point, exhibition space, administrative office space, volunteer hub, toilets, information service for the Reserve and outside seating and gardens.

As well as serving the many local, regional, national and international visitors to the Reserve the centre is a popular venue for local people in Hill Head and other nearby areas, with many loyal customers. Its location at the harbour at Hill Head, near to the sea front on one side and the Meon Shore on the other, with panoramic views over the Solent makes it an attractive place for families, couples, individuals, social groups, walkers, cyclists and water sports enthusiasts from right across the local community to come together.

By Hampshire County Council's own estimation, over 100,000 people visit the site every year, of which some 85,000 or 85% use the café, shop and toilets in the centre compared with the 15,000 or 15% who visit the Reserve. The centre is thus much more than an information and ticket sales point for the Reserve which represents only a small part of its function: it has evolved into an important social, recreational and cultural hub for the local community, whose social interests and social well-being it significantly furthers, particularly in the aftermath of the pandemic. Indeed, the centre is the only such hub for Hill Head.

The following factors are evidence of the centre being an asset of community value:

1. The local residents association, Hill Head Residents Association is spearheading a campaign to protect the centre from plans put forward by Hampshire County Council for its closure and sale and a petition started on 5 October 2022 gathered over 1,000 signatures in its first two days, and is still counting. Local councillors also opposed to the plans to close and sell the centre have started their own petition, focussed on Stubbington, many of whose residents also enjoy the centre as a unique local venue;
2. As well as welcoming visitors to the Reserve, the café in the centre is an important meeting place for local people from Hill Head and from nearby local communities in Stubbington, Titchfield and Warsash;
3. Being so accessible to residents of Hill Head, most local people are able to walk to the café, rather than drive, which helps promote their health and wellbeing;
4. The café enables local people to meet and socialise in a welcoming environment which, individually, they find rewarding and enjoyable. Such social interaction is

also in the interests of the locality as a whole as it encourages community cohesion and a collective sense of wellbeing. This is more important than ever following the pandemic;

5. The café is used by a number of frail, elderly people who live locally, including some with dementia who find the café a welcoming, safe place to visit with the staff primed to call on family members for help, if needs be. It is well documented that the provision of facilities where elderly people can meet up and socialise in a safe and welcoming environment such as the café greatly enhances their mental and physical health, and overall wellbeing. One of the many examples of this is that the highlight of the week for a local 75 year old resident is meeting up with her 85 year old friend in the café for refreshments, which not only enables them to socialise together but to do so in the company of other people, reducing any feelings of isolation;
6. The centre is fully accessible to disabled and elderly people, which contributes greatly to its attraction as a safe and welcoming meeting place;
7. There is an attractive garden and outdoor seating area in front of and behind the centre, which provides a social hub for regulars. This feature significantly furthers the social interests of the community, particularly during the summer months, and is especially useful for families with children and for visitors with dogs;
8. The outdoor seating areas also help overcome the social isolation endured by those who for Covid-related or other health reasons wish to avoid crowded indoor eating spaces but nonetheless want to enjoy the social benefits which come with being able to eat and drink in the company of others;
9. The café plays a big part in local recreational activities as it offers a welcome stopping off place for local people either individually or in groups, who may be walking to and from Titchfield along the canal, or to and from Warsash via the England Coast Path or just out for a stroll along the sea front; for cyclists wanting to break their journey; for swimmers braving the local waters who visit the café for a warming cup of tea; and for surfers of every kind who launch from the nearby Meon Shore. In these many ways, the café encourages people to take part in active recreational activities which they may not otherwise pursue;
10. The café offers food freshly cooked on the premises using locally sourced produce where possible such as cheeses and ham, with cakes from a local supplier on offer as well. This provides healthy eating options to visitors and helps support the local economy. In turn this helps strengthen the resilience of the local community more generally;
11. The centre is one of the very few suitable venues in the local area where local groups can meet, such as the local U3A (University of the Third Age);
12. The centre is the base for various activities throughout the year for adults and children including the regular 'hide with a guide', bird ringing exercises, activities for local children during school holidays, and is a venue for the local group of RSPB young explorers. All the guided walks on the reserve start from the centre to which visitors return for refreshments and to use the conveniences;
13. The centre provides a showcase for the local cultural heritage – a standing exhibition features the nearby Rainbow Bar, which is of archaeological importance as a stone age tool making site, where evidence has been found of our Neolithic ancestors transitioning from hunter gatherers to early farmers, around 4,000 BC. Based on the exhibition, links have been formed with the Stubbington Study Centre which brings small groups of local children to the centre to further their understanding of the local history and environment, and two

	<p>local schools have undertaken archaeological digs on their school sites under the supervision of the exhibition organisers;</p> <p>14. The local cultural heritage of the area has been further explored in a series of talks given at the centre, including '<i>Introduction to Archaeology for all</i>' and '<i>Introduction to intertidal and foreshore archaeology</i>'. The centre has also run a couple of Mesolithic weaving workshops;</p> <p>15. The centre hosts the RSPB and local Solent Bird Aware group, enhancing the awareness and knowledge of visitors about the local area's flora and fauna and its ecosystems more generally;</p> <p>16. The centre showcases the work of various local artists and jewellers, providing a platform for local talent that would otherwise not exist, benefitting the cultural interests of the community. Many of the works feature the local environment or use local materials. The standing showcases are augmented from time to time by special seasonal events such as '<i>Christmas at the Haven</i>' with local stall holders, which attracts visitors looking to shop early for their Christmas presents;</p> <p>17. The centre holds special value for the local heritage and culture which should be protected. Having been built in the 1820s, it predates both its current owner, HCC and Colonel Alston from whom it was purchased in 1972;</p> <p>18. The shop at the centre provides help and advice to visitors about the locality as well as being a useful local gift shop, and a ready source of bird feed and all other things to do with birds. It is easily accessible on foot by local people who might otherwise have to drive to Stubbington Green for the same amenity;</p> <p>19. The café regularly hosts wakes for local families wishing to remember their loved ones who have recently died. As well as the social benefit of such gatherings, families often donate monies to the centre to help with the upkeep of the gardens and pond.</p>
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Name of person authorised to sign on behalf of the organisation:

PAMELA CHARLWOOD

Position/status in the organisation: CO-CHAIR

Date: 09 - 10 - 2022



On completion the form should be submitted by email to the Head of Leisure and Corporate Services. lansell@fareham.gov.uk

Haven House: Hill Head Residents Association members also on the electoral roll

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