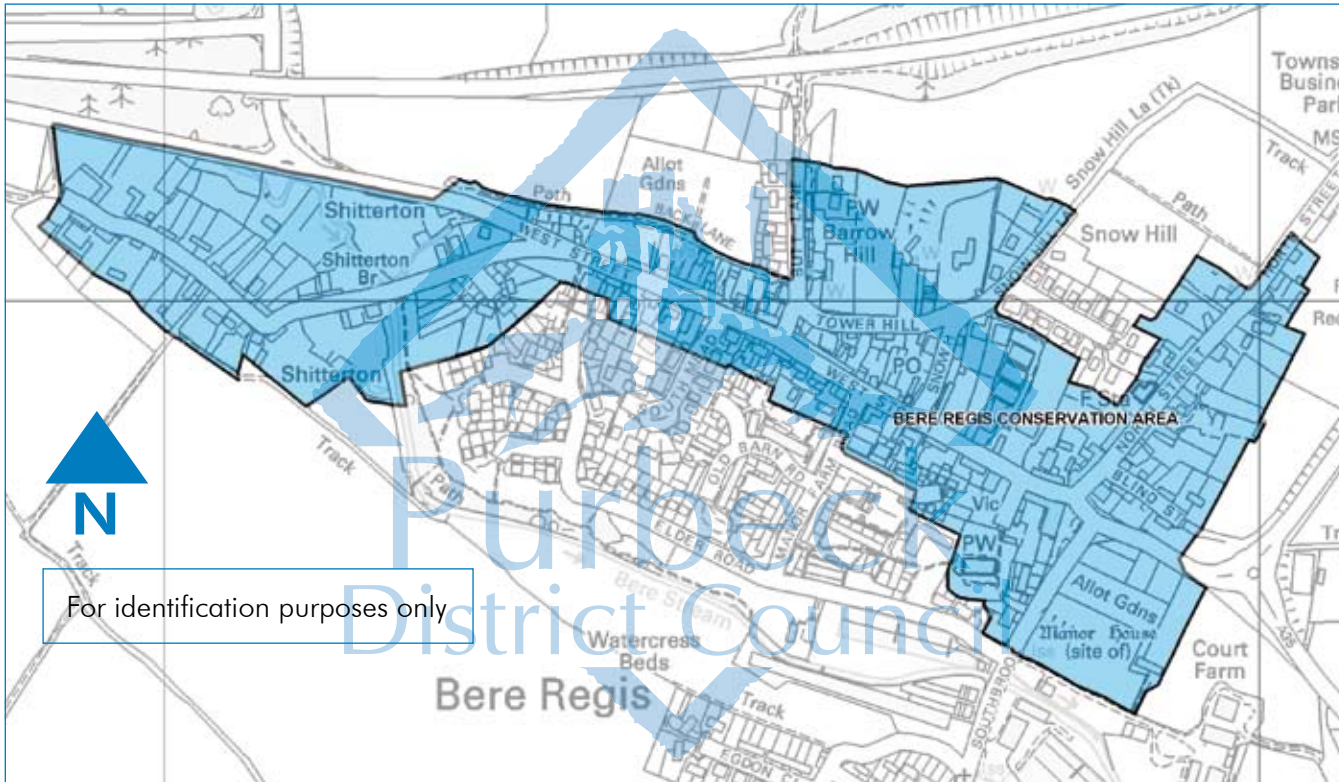




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Bere Regis Conservation Area



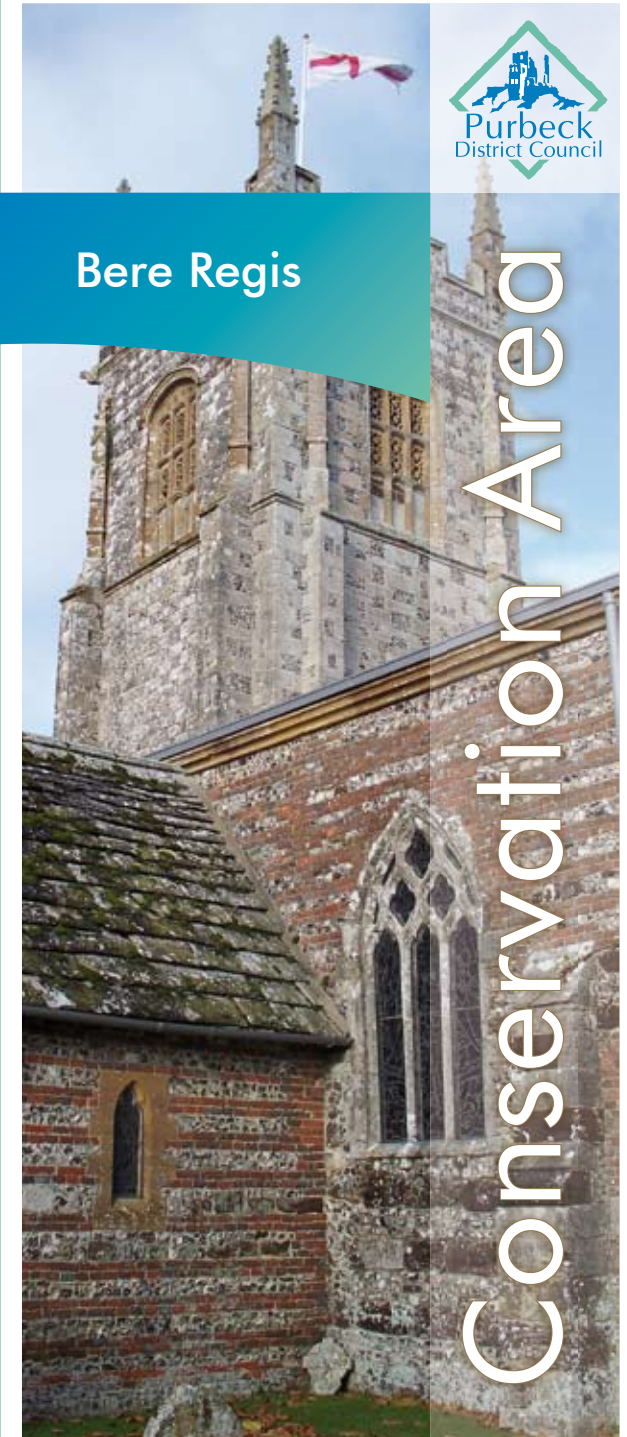
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Bere Regis Conservation Area was first designated during 1981.

Special historic and architectural interest of Bere Regis Conservation Area



Saxon in origin, modern day Bere Regis represents an amalgam of three formerly separate settlements – Shitterton, Doddington and Bere Regis itself. A market centre since 1215, strong links can be traced into the surrounding landscape while the layout of the settlement itself shows medieval characteristics. A vernacular of rendered cob and thatch is well represented in Shitterton while more formal use of local brick along West Street reflects post-fire rebuilding, this providing interesting variation and texture within the townscape. The Conservation Area contains a relatively high number of listed buildings of which the grade I listed Parish church is particularly notable given both its appearance and the extent of surviving medieval and early modern fabric.

Cover: Church of St. John the Baptist

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 Bere Regis Conservation Area (2002) 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 the District Council offices and may be downloaded from our website: www.purbeck.gov.uk



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