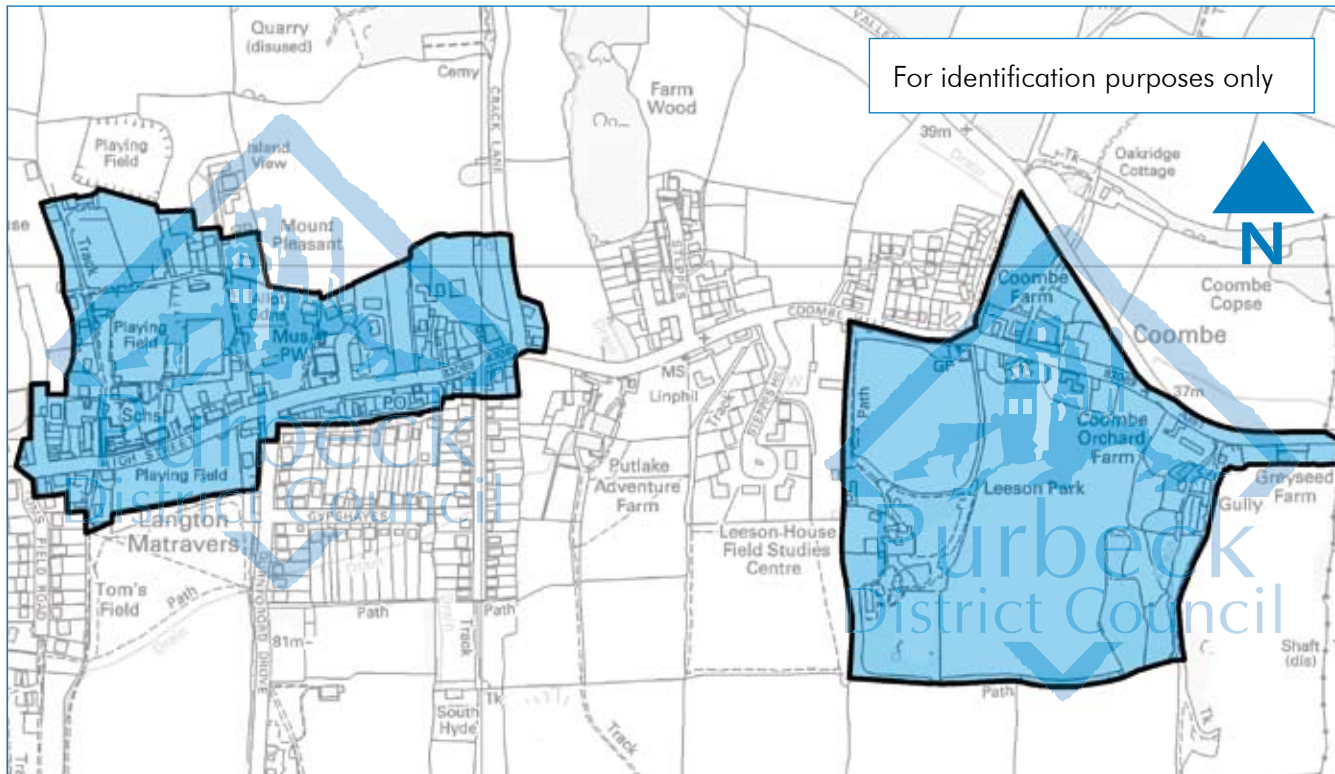




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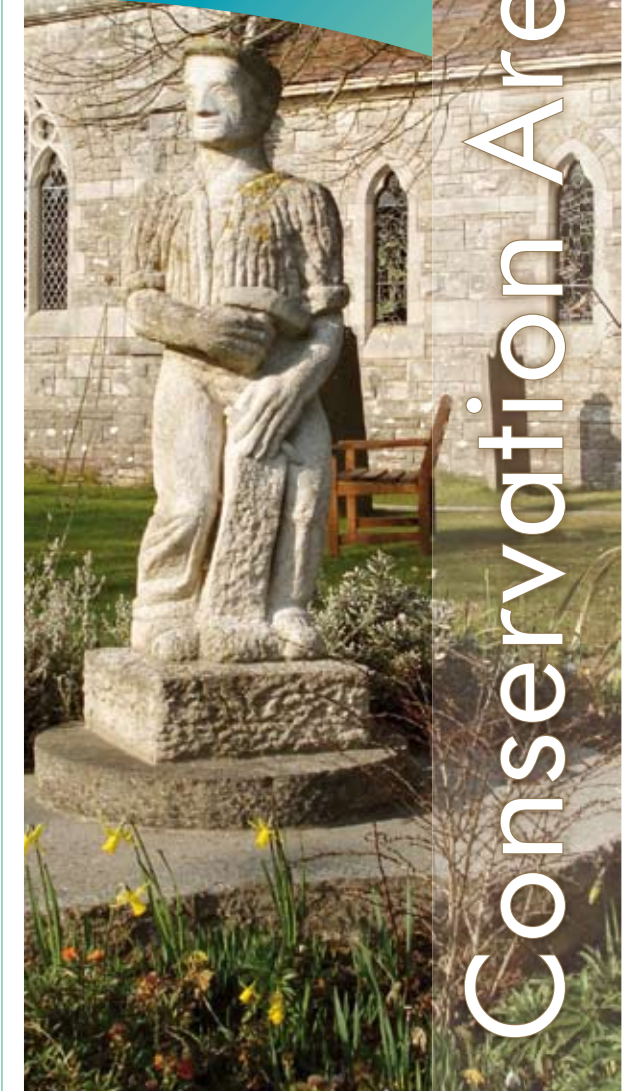
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Langton Matravers Conservation Area was first designated during 1976 with amendments made to the boundaries during 2008.

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



North Street

Developmentally, Langton Matravers represents an unusual amalgam of historic village, with scattered farmsteads and hamlets stitched together by a road and latterly infilled. The Conservation Area focuses upon two key components of

the historic settlement: the hamlet of Coombe and the relatively dense 'core' along the High Street. Having important connections to the quarrying industry settlement itself developed within the context of a robust linearly defined pattern of land ownership which has strongly influenced its form and layout. This remains discernable in the distribution of development, of boundaries, routes and open spaces. Coombe in particular retains its character as a detached if somewhat encroached upon hamlet. Drawing materials from quarries on the Purbeck limestone plateau the Conservation Area contains a range of distinctive stone built vernacular house forms and building types. The latter include working farm buildings and a small number of minor gentry houses. Numerous buildings within the Conservation Area are listed.

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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 Langton Matravers Conservation Area (2008) 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](http://www.purbeck.gov.uk)



High Street



Coombe Cottages



Graveyard walkway



Kings Arms

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