

RE TRAIL – BRACKNELL FOREST

Alvin, Maureen and Paula have met to work on this project.

1. We have been able to suggest sites in Bracknell and Sandhurst [the latter will need fleshing out by a SACRE member more familiar with the town] but need input from folk familiar with the Northern Parishes and Crowthorne in order to compile a similar list.
2. Like the group discussing a possible list for Bracknell at the conference, we found it difficult to plan a route that would be helpful for schools in South Bracknell. [Alvin has suggestions for the north of the town including Priestwood.] So schools might plot their own routes depending on their location and proximity to the places we have identified.
3. It was very hard to identify sites other than pre-historic and Christian - other SACRE members might have suggestions.

BRACKNELL TOWN

- Prehistoric Sites include round and long barrows e.g. on Wooden Hill and at Bill Hill (Easthampstead) between Rectory Lane and Downshire Way. Latter is a Bronze Age Tumulus or round barrow c.1000BC.
- Place Names e.g Priestwood, Rectory Lane. Church Road, Priory Road, Saltire Gardens, All Saints' Rise and surrounding roads in Warfield e.g. Bartholomew Place, roads named after former rectors of Easthampstead in Birch Hill e.g. Budham Way (Richard de Budham). The Rectory, the Vicarage, the Manse, the Presbytery.
- Pub names e.g. the Green Man
- Graveyards and burial grounds e.g. Larges Lane cemetery, St Michael's Easthampstead, Holy Trinity Bracknell, the old non-conformist burial ground off Downshire Way, the Crematorium.
- War memorials – in the town centre and in the churchyard at St Michael's Easthampstead
- Traditional Anglican Churches e.g. St Michael and All Angels at Warfield; St Michael's Easthampstead; Holy Trinity Bracknell. Warfield - present church dates from 1087 (north aisle) and was part of Hurley Priory until the Dissolution. Contains an Elizabethan Parish Chest. Restored in the 19th century by GE Street. Easthampstead – an early church existed on the site in 1159 and was replaced in 1867. Contains windows by William Morris and Burne-Jones. Ancient yew tree in the graveyard has a girth of over 13 feet. Bracknell was built in 1851 as a place of worship for the expanding village.
- Modern Church Buildings whose architecture and furnishings reflect modern and denominational worship e.g. St Andrew's Priestwood (the third of that name in Bracknell). The first church was built in 1888 on Priestwood Common behind the sub-post office. The second church (1965) stood on what is now Saltire Gardens. The present St Andrew's (1990) is next to the Community Centre and contains the Stations of the Cross painted in 1976 by the artist John Budgett. Also the Kerith Centre, Easthampstead Baptist Church, St Joseph's and St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Churches. Other denominations present in

the town include the Methodists, the URC and the Pentecostals together with numerous church plants in schools and community centres. Ecumenical churches e.g. The Pines.

- The Mormons; Jehovah's Witnesses

SANDHURST

- St Michael and All Angels Church
- Methodist, Baptist and Catholic churches
- Church Road
- Sandhurst Well
- Site of the former St Mary's Church
- Royal Military Academy with its chapel

BINFIELD

There was a dissenting chapel east of Rose Farm, along what is now North View. The site is now occupied by semi-detached dwellings.