

Norton in Hales Conservation Area

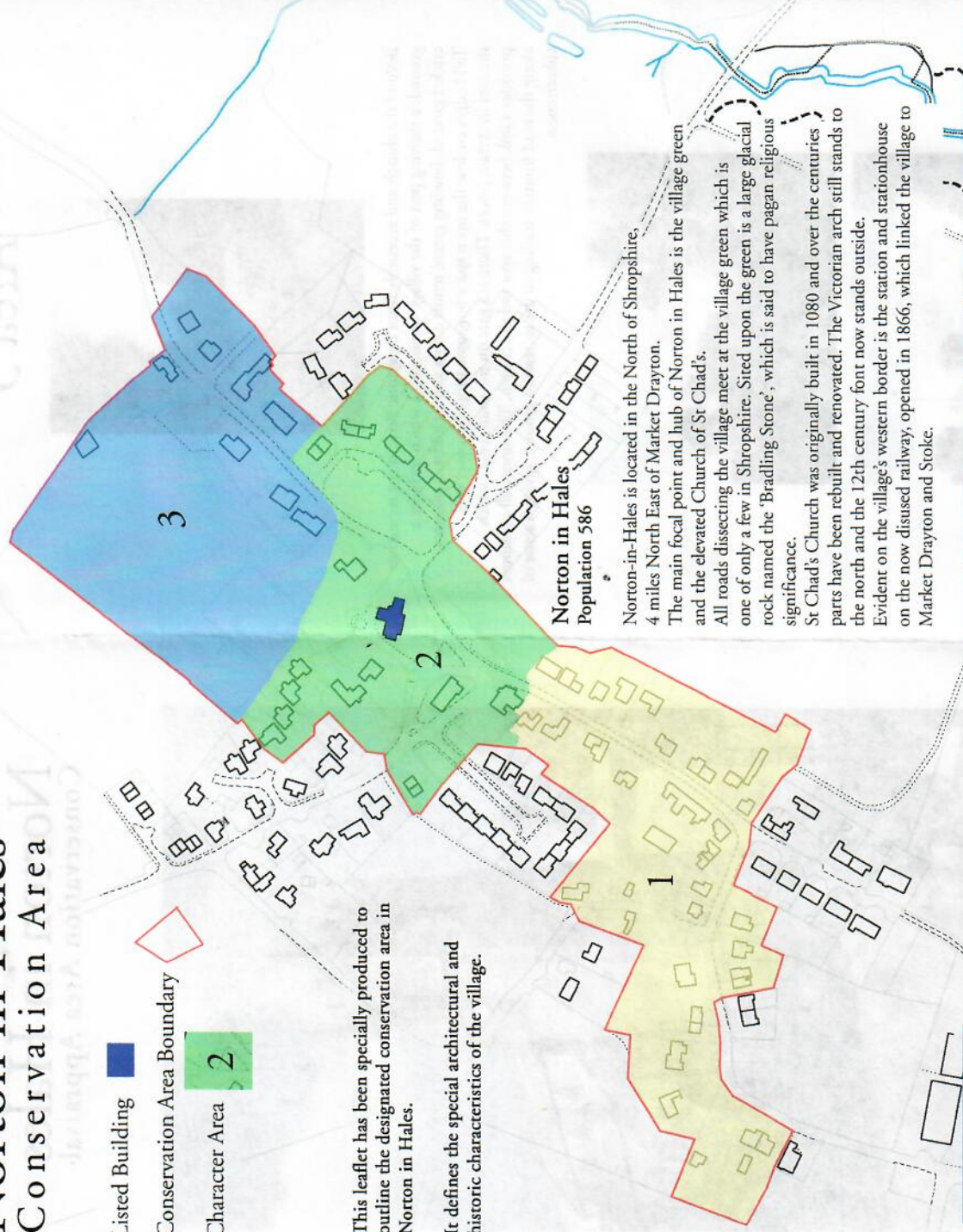
Listed Building

Conservation Area Boundary

Character Area 2

This leaflet has been specially produced to outline the designated conservation area in Norton in Hales.

It defines the special architectural and historic characteristics of the village.



Norton in Hales
Population 586

Norton-in-Hales is located in the North of Shropshire, 4 miles North East of Market Drayton. The main focal point and hub of Norton in Hales is the village green and the elevated Church of St Chad's. All roads dissecting the village meet at the village green which is one of only a few in Shropshire. Sited upon the green is a large glacial rock named the 'Bradling Stone', which is said to have pagan religious significance. St Chad's Church was originally built in 1080 and over the centuries parts have been rebuilt and renovated. The Victorian arch still stands to the north and the 12th century font now stands outside. Evident on the village's western border is the station and stationhouse on the now disused railway, opened in 1866, which linked the village to Market Drayton and Stoke.

Defining the special architectural and historic characteristics in areas.

Area 1

There is a definite sense of enclosure here with the properties building line close to the road. Good survival of original sash windows and there is repetition of decorative, painted porch designs.

Dwellings are mainly of brick construction having decorative corbel detailing and tiled roofs.

Traffic is significantly slower here in contrast to the entrance of the village.

A prominent feature in this area is a roughly coursed sandstone wall which follows the road and encloses properties.

Along Chapel Lane are the only two stone constructed properties in the village, one of which is historically known as the Methodist Chapel built in 1835. The stone wall continues here, but is of a different design.

Heading east past Chapel Lane the sense of enclosure is more apparent.

The stone walling continues with tall hedging present to some properties.

There are some rendered properties identifiable, which are few in Norton in Hales.

Around the corner heading north there is more activity, generated by the school and associated vehicles.

The Victorian school building (opened in 1879) is prominent within the street scene. It has blue brick detailing to windows, dogtooth corbelling and has Flemish bond brickwork, which differs to other properties in the village. One of the original timber framed buildings sits on Main Road and has brick infill panels and is enclosed by a stone wall.

