



Buckinghamshire Historic Towns Project 'From Markets to Metroland'

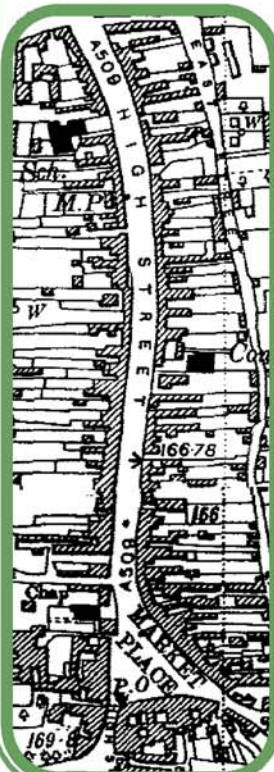


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The towns of Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes are a defining characteristic of our landscape. They represent centres of population, commerce and also the embodiment of our county's history, forming an essential part of identity and sense of place. The earliest Buckinghamshire towns have origins dating back to the 10th and 11th centuries while many more were established during the Middle Ages. These small towns experienced only modest change until the 19th and 20th centuries when improved transport links via road and rail stimulated growth and development. The urban landscape is a dynamic environment constantly changing and adapting to modern needs. Today, the pressure to accommodate new housing and other development is affecting the character and appearance of our towns.



In order to better understand the character of our urban centres, a project has begun to survey the county's historic towns, these range from the larger towns of Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Newport Pagnell to villages which once aspired to urban status such as Long Crendon and Hanslope. The project will bring together information from documentary sources, historic maps, photographic and archaeological evidence to produce a series of reports. Once complete the project will be used in a number of ways including:



- To inform the management of the historic environment by defining character.
- To inform the management of urban archaeological deposits.
- To improve quality of information for the planning application process.
- To inform the preparation and review of conservation area appraisals and designations.
- To assist with the development of urban enhancement schemes.
- To inform strategic proposals for intensification of land use.
- To engage local communities in their historic environment.

The project, largely funded by English Heritage, will be undertaken over a period of three years by Buckinghamshire County Archaeological Service in conjunction with Milton Keynes Design and Conservation team. An integral component will be the consultation process throughout the project involving members from Buckinghamshire County Archaeology Service, Milton Keynes SMR, conservation officers from the district councils, English Heritage, local community groups and other interested parties.

Communication will be through posting a quarterly newsletter and draft reports on our website plus a series of local consultative meetings. We would be keen to hear from local groups with an active interest in urban historical research & conservation.

For further details and to register for updates please contact David Green on 01296 382656 or email: dagreen@buckscc.gov.uk or visit the BCC archaeology website at: www.buckscc.gov.uk



South Bucks
District Council



Towns Selected

Aylesbury Vale District

1. Aylesbury
2. Brill
3. Buckingham
4. Great Horwood
5. Haddenham
6. Ivinghoe
7. Long Crendon
8. Wendover
9. Whitchurch
10. Winslow

Chiltern District

12. Amersham
13. Chalfont St Peter
14. Chesham
15. Great Missenden

Milton Keynes

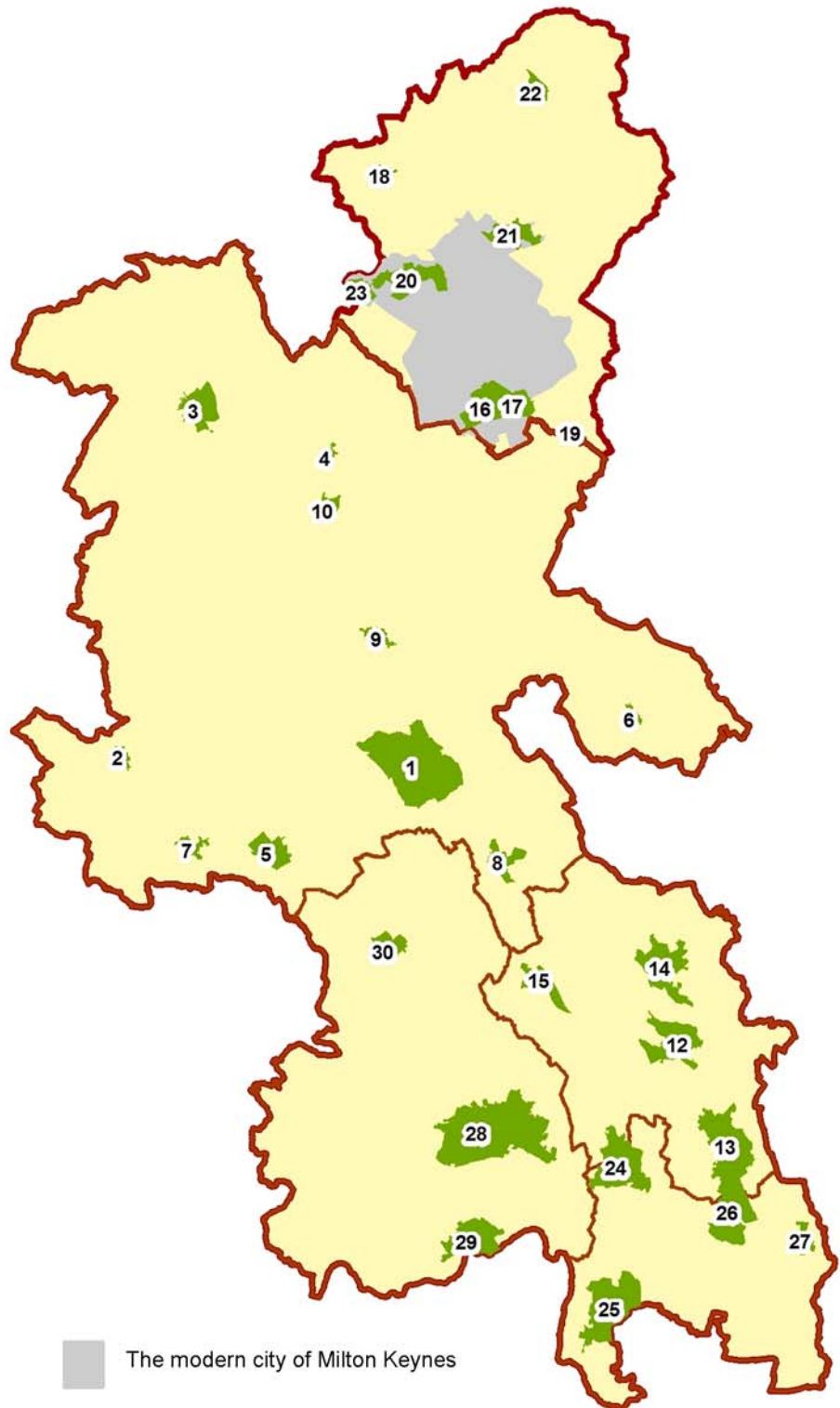
16. Bletchley
17. Fenny Stratford
18. Hanslope
19. Little Brickhill
20. New Bradwell & Wolverton
21. Newport Pagnell
22. Olney
23. Stony Stratford

South Bucks District

24. Beaconsfield
25. Burnham
26. Gerrards Cross
27. Denham

Wycombe District

28. High Wycombe
29. Marlow (Great)
30. Princes Risborough



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