

Nether Burrow: Conservation Area Assessment

Why is Nether Burrow Conservation Area special?

Nether Burrow is a very small hamlet along the Lune Valley, to the North East of Lancashire. The settlement is situated on the east side of the River Lune along a main road running from Lancaster to Kirkby Lonsdale. The hamlet is a cluster of houses, a pub and mature trees around a small road-junction.

Immediately to the north of the hamlet, and outside the Conservation Area boundary, are the remains of a Roman fort, the earliest part of which dates from the Flavian period. During the medieval period, the manor of Burrow was held in two parts – Over Burrow and Nether Burrow respectively. To the east of Nether Burrow hamlet is the rising topography of the former Burrow Deer Park, probably associated with Burrow Hall (Grade I) to the north. To the west of the Conservation Area boundary is a former early-19th century corn mill, later a sawmill, which has since been converted to a house. The Burrow mill race remains and runs parallel/behind the cottages along Burrow Road.

The buildings are predominantly constructed in sandstone with pitched slate roofs and follow an ‘L-shape’ arrangement along the main road and Woodman Lane. Though structurally many of the buildings have earlier remains, all the buildings retain visible sign of early-19th and mid-Victorian alterations. What sets Nether Burrow apart from other hamlets along the Lune Valley is the varied collection of ‘Gothick’ windows in most houses.

General

- Rural setting of the hamlet along the Lune Valley
- Roman origins of a fort immediately north of the settlement
- Medieval origins of the hamlet and manor of Burrow, which was split into Over Burrow and Nether Burrow in the 13th century
- 17th and 18th century origins of buildings, overlaid and redeveloped in the 19th century
- Historic association with the development of Burrow Hall estate to the north of Leck Beck
- Small and discreet traditional quality of cottages and houses along the main road, many with ‘Gothick’ detailing
- The scale and Gothic-revival architectural style of The Highwayman pub on a corner plot makes this a prominent visual feature in the Conservation Area
- Rising topography of former Burrow deer park which provides the immediate setting to the east
- Predominant use of sandstone walling and slate roofing
- Remains a mill race behind properties; an indication of a former small-scale industrial heritage

Important buildings and features

- Burrow Cottage (Grade II) - an early-19th century house, possibly used a Dower house for Burrow Hall. The house is situated behind stone boundary wall and retains early-19th century ‘Gothick’ detailing in the sash windows to the ground floor

- The Highwayman – a mid-19th century public house, with deep set eaves and designed with a mix of Tudor and Gothic styles. The pub was formerly known as Fenwick Arms, the name of which was likely associated with the Fenwick family of Burrow Hall (Grade I) to the north
- Row of cottages opposite the pub – early-19th century ‘Gothick’ detailing in windows, but the cottages probably had earlier origins
- Remains of mill race running behind cottages
- Remains of stones from an earlier Burrow Bridge, which was rebuilt 1968. The earlier bridge dated from the early-18th century - (Grade II)
- Mid-19th century triangular milestone (Grade II)

Conservation Area Name

Area (ha)

Designation Date

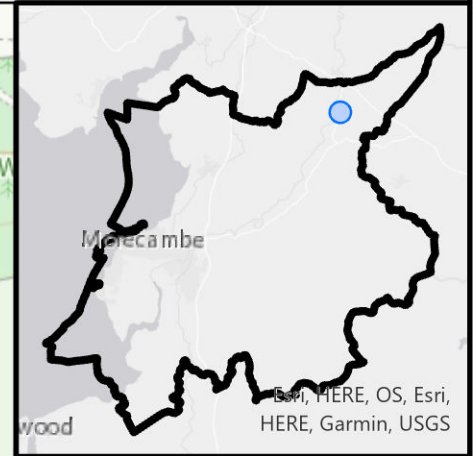
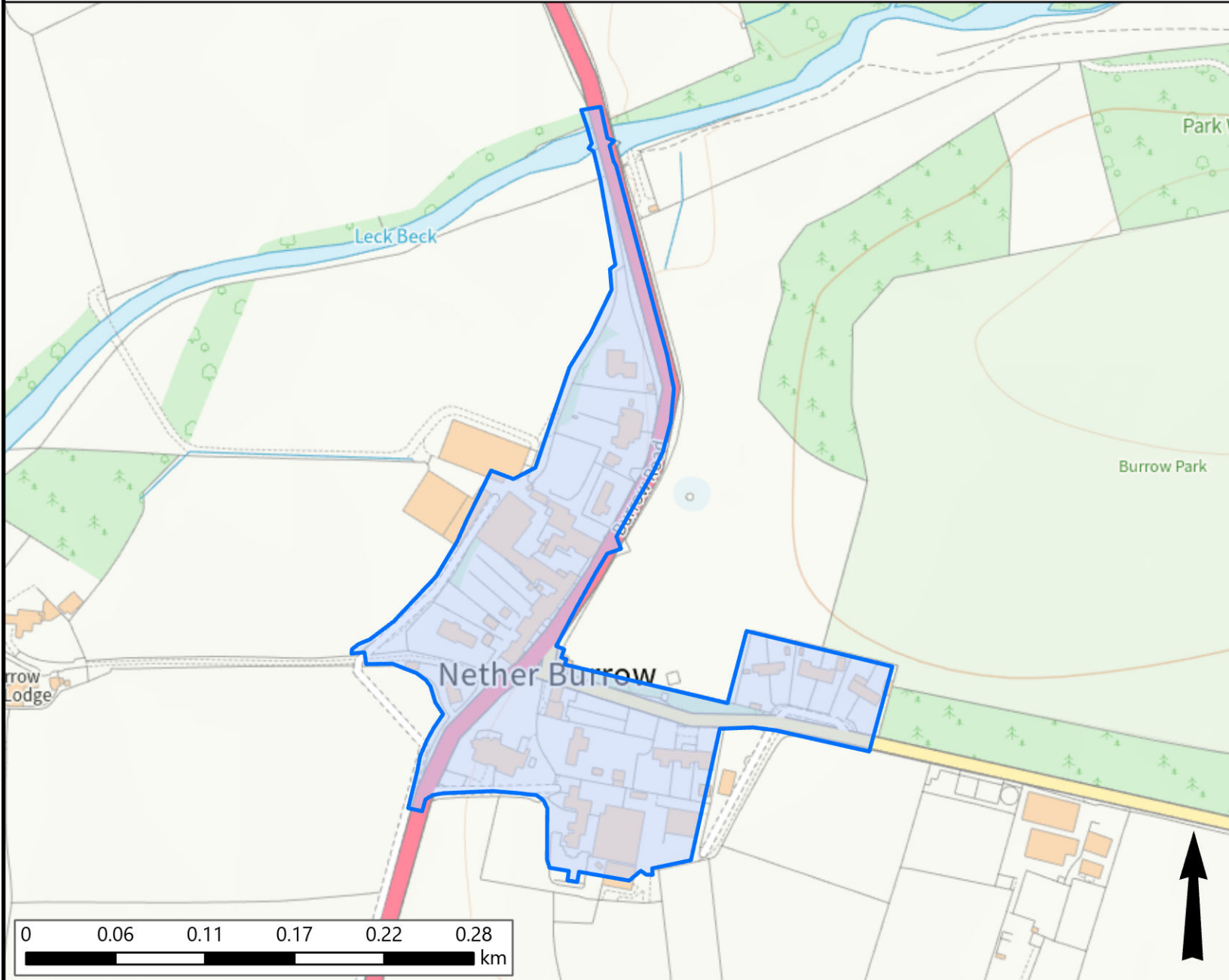


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-  Conservation Areas
-  Lancaster District Boundary

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