

Reference: ACVN-546866783

Assets of Community Value Nomination

Name of your organisation: Herongate and Ingrave Preservation Society

organisationAddress:

Address	

Name of contact

Phone number:

Email address

Are you an incorporated organisation?: No

What type of organisation are you?: Charity

Registration number(s): 289012

If your organisation carries out activities for profit, please describe below how you use the surplus that is generated: No

If you are an unincorporated organisation please, describe below what provisions are made for community benefit in your constitution: To promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of benefit; to educate the public in geography, history, natural history and architecture of the area in benefit; to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic and public interest in the area of benefit.

Please describe how your organisation has a local connection to the area where the asset has been identified: The charity is based in Herongate and Ingrave.

Please provide information below which supports your nomination having regard to the test set out above: Up until July 2023 the Methodist church held regular services for the residents, the gardens have allotments that are well-used by the residents and the community garden has the added attraction of being used for mental health and wellbeing.

Do you have any further information on the numbers of people that currently use the facilities, and the various clubs etc. that are based there so we can determine how well

the asset is currently used?: The Methodist church has now ceased its operations which then allows for the residents to now fully utilise the premises for the villagers. To date, there are 15 users of the allotments, it's a drop-in centre for the community gardens which number upwards of 30 people, up to 30 visitors on open days, as well as the yoga group of 15 people, various other groups including the local rambling groups, meeting centre for the Parish Council and the Herongate & Ingrave Preservation Society. Now regular services are not being held, it is our intention to invite all faiths to utilise our space.

How do you think the Asset further the social wellbeing of the local community?: It is located in the centre of our village within easy walking distance of residents; we have the defibrillator sited there, there is the war memorial and it will be a designated warm space. It is also the village disaster assembly point. The garden provides a safe, quiet place for reflection and contemplation.

What would be the impact if the function of the asset were to cease?: A very well-loved, well-used building that has enhanced village life for 140 years would cease.

How well is it regarded by the local community? Has there been any consultation, or do you have any evidence of support from the community for this nomination?: It is well-regarded. We have held two public meetings locally, having to hire a larger venue for the amount of people, c60, who wished to attend, two follow-up meetings have been held within the month and we have had no lack of support and offers of help from various professions within the village.

Description of the nominated land including its proposed boundaries: The land has a natural boundary being encircled on all sides by the Brentwood Road, the Billericay Road and Rectory Lane. It includes the allotments, the community garden and the building itself which is a 19th Century weather-boarded chapel that was owned by the Anglican Diocese, then 40 years ago was purchased by the Methodist Church for £1300.

Name and address of current occupants of land: The Methodist Church of Great Britain, Billericay.

Names and addresses (or last known address) of all those holding a freehold or leasehold interest in the land: As above.

Site map plan: The triangle marked in red.jpg

Other documents: St Andrews Church Hall 2 - 130723.jpg