

City of Coventry Local List of Heritage Assets – nomination form

Name and location of your candidate heritage asset (if necessary, please provide a photograph and a map showing its location):

The Bell Inn public house, Station Avenue, Tile Hill, Coventry.

1. **WHAT IS IT?** Is it one of the following? (select one):

- a **building or group of buildings**
- a **monument or site (an area of archaeological remains or a structure other than a building)**
- a **place (e.g. a street, park, garden or natural space)**
- a **landscape (an area defined by visual features or character, e.g. a city centre, village, suburb or field system)**

2. **WHY IS IT LOCALLY VALUED?** Indicate what is it about the asset that provides its interest, and why it is valued locally. Please complete one or more of these categories.

Historic: It is important to understanding an association with a person, event, episode of history, or local industry. This might be an *illustrative interest* (it illustrates an aspect of the area's past that makes an important contribution to its identity or character), or an *associative interest* (it connects us to people and events that shaped the identity or character of the area).

The original areas of the pub were built in the 19th century. The building has been a public house at the centre of the community since the mid the 1800's and continues to be a meeting place for the community. Regular community based meetings are held here and it is hoped with more investment that this community space can become an even better used and supported community asset.

Artistic: It makes an important contribution to the positive look of the area either by design or fortuitously. This might include *artistic interest* (it includes artistic endeavour to communicate meaning or use of design (including landscape design) to enhance appearance) or *architectural interest* (an example of an architectural style, a building of particular use, a technique of building, or use of materials).

This is a public space and a community asset that is needed to bring the community together at various events, more of which are planned for the future.

Community: It is important to the identity, cohesion, spiritual life or memory of all or part of the community. This might include *commemorative or symbolic interest*, that reflect meanings of a place for the people who relate to it.

As mentioned above this building has been a place of meeting and socialising since the mid 1800s. It is at the centre of what used to be Tile Hill Village before urban sprawl. It is still a place of meeting and a valued community asset.

Evidence: It is an important resource for understanding and learning about the area's history. This might include *archaeological interest* firm evidence of potential to reveal more about the human past through further study.

See historical reference on the internet for more information on the pub's history.

3. WHAT ELSE COULD MAKE ITS LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE SPECIAL? Indicate why any of the following features make the heritage significance of the asset stand out above the surrounding environment:

Age ... Is it particularly old, or of a date that is significant to the local area?	Original parts date back to mid 1800s.
Rarity ... Is it unusual in the area or a rare survival of something that was once common?	It's a rare survival in terms of a traditional local pub. Many community pubs are being sold off.
Integrity ... Is it largely complete or in a near to original condition?	It is complete and is still in business.
Group value ... Is it part of a group that have a close historic, aesthetic or communal association?	It is at the centre of the community is valued and needed as a community meeting place
Coventry's identity ... Is it important to the identity or character of the city or a particular part of it? (see the Local List Criteria)	It has been on this site since the mid 1800s!
Other ... Is there another way you think it has special local value?	Since the old church and church hall were demolished many years ago this is the only remaining community space/asset in the area. The pub is an important meeting place and is used regularly by the local residents' group. There are plans to increase its community use by holding monthly Neighbour Nights and Afternoons. The pub is close to an estate of social and sheltered housing and for some is the only venue where residents can socialise. The pub is therefore an essential part of community life and is

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