

Cantsfield: Conservation Area Summary

Why is Cantsfield Conservation Area special?

Cantsfield is a small hamlet situated in the very North East of Lancashire. The hamlet is set in a slight hollow, north of the River Greeta and south of Cantsfield Beck. The main settlement is clustered around a road running west from Tunstall to Burton-in-Lonsdale to the east and is surrounded by large open agricultural fields.

Cantsfield is mentioned in the Domesday Book as 'Cantesfelt' and continued as a manor through the medieval period, although of lesser importance than the neighbouring Thurland manor to the west. Relatively little is documented about the hamlet, but it is recorded that Cantsfield manor belonged to a family of the same name through the medieval period and the family also held the manor of Aldingham near Chorley.

The hamlet is formed of stone-built houses and their barns, mostly dating from the 18th century, which form an irregular ring around a field of pasture at the centre. Predominantly buildings are constructed in sandstone rubble with pitched slate roofs, creating an overriding vernacular character to the hamlet. Cantsfield House is an elegant late-Georgian house which stands behind a sweep of lawns and evergreens.

General

- Rural setting of the hamlet in the Lune Valley, surrounded by open agricultural fields
- Associated with a medieval manor and situated in close proximity to Thurland Castle
- Seemingly sporadic arrangement of buildings, which cluster around an open field of pasture at the centre
- Buildings constructed in sandstone rubble walling and pitched slate roofs
- Some stucco rendered houses with Neo-Classical detailing
- Retention of 18th century barns and farmhouses associated with the agricultural origins of the community
- Low stone boundary walls around properties

Important buildings and features

- Cantsfield House (Grade II) - an impressive and grand Neo-Classical house with symmetrical façade and finished in stuccoed render. The house has late-17th century origins, but was re-fronted in the early-18th century as indicated by the central datestone '1725' above the doorway
- Cantsfield Hall (Grade II) - although the exterior of this house is not as visually striking as Cantsfield House, this building is possibly one of the most interesting in the hamlet as it was likely the manor house of the Cantsfield family and its plan form and interior retains evidence of its early-17th century origins
- Abbots Farmhouse (Grade II) - a mid-18th century farmhouse which has retained original mullioned windows and illustrates the traditional building styles of farmhouses in North Lancashire
- Rose Cottage (Grade II) - a
- Mid-19th century triangular milestone (Grade II)

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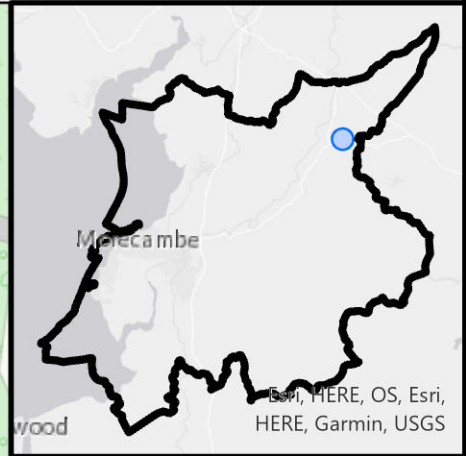
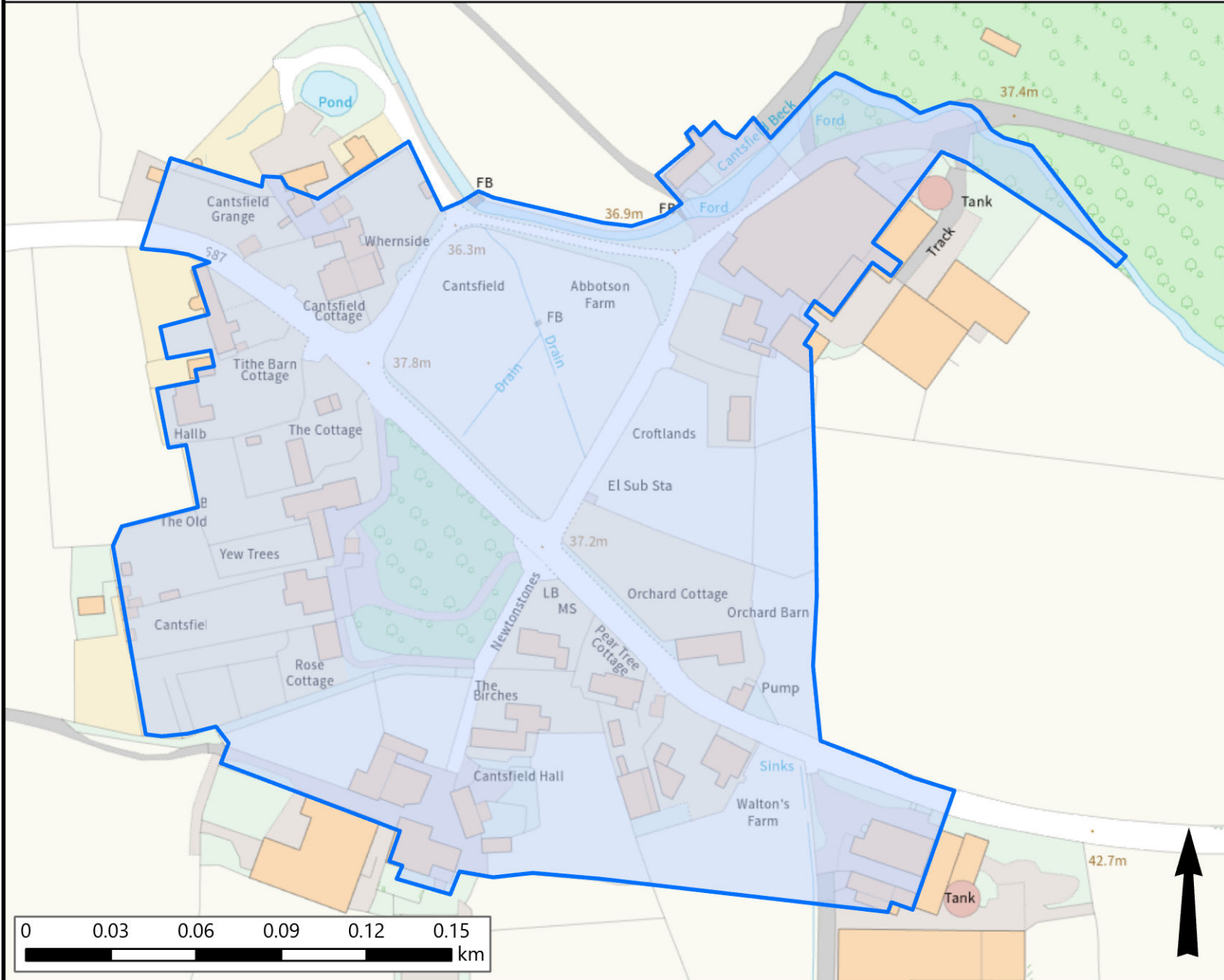
Area (ha)

Designation Date

Cantsfield

6.01

1981



Legend

-  Conservation Areas
-  Lancaster District Boundary

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