

Existing Designations in Middlewich

Activities of our ancestors have shaped the environment in which we live and work today. Local distinctiveness of an area is characterised by the worked landscape and historic built environment. That is what makes it special. Archaeological remains allow us, however small, to glimpse into the past and discover how ordinary men and women lived, worked and died.

The landscapes of Britain vary greatly. The natural elements of the land geology, topography and soils form the basis of any landscape, but every landscape in Britain, even those which are 'wild' and remote, are a product of successive human actions on the land stretching back thousands of years. The results of these activities, such as building homes or places of work, farming the land, establishing routeways or extracting minerals, may survive for hundreds, and in some instances, thousands of years. It is often the case that what has gone before, whether in a town or in the countryside, will influence the present and the future.

'There are many threats to archaeological remains in both town and countryside. Such remains are vulnerable to destruction from urban and rural development, road and pipeline construction, mineral extraction, forestry and agriculture. Their protection must be balanced against the need for economic growth and development.' – Cheshire Archaeology Department.

Scheduled Ancient Monuments

Middlewich has three sites:-

Roman Fort in Harbutt's field (SAM 12615), Kinderton Hall, Moated site (SAM 13492), Brine Pumps at Brooks Lane (SAM 34588)

Listed Buildings in Middlewich

Grade II* – Two, Grade II – Thirty eight

Conservation Areas

Two – The Trent and Mersey Canal and the historic core of Middlewich.



Kinderton Hall, site of Earthworks relating to the late Norman Manor



The Trent and Mersey Canal, at the Three Locks, Maidenhills.

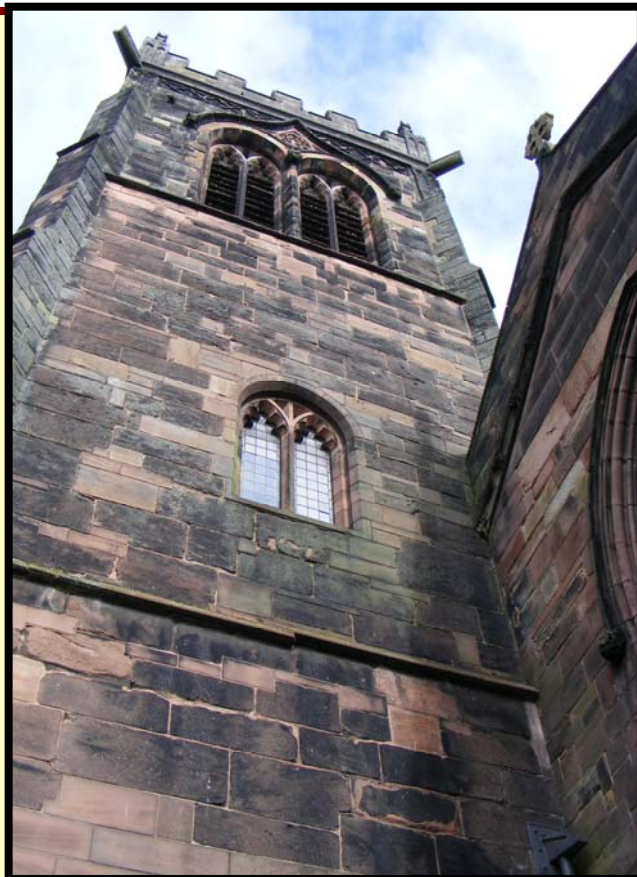


Entrance to Canal House, Canal Terrace. Original stable building, cobble road and saw-pit.

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Water-powered cornmill, 1609. Stone dressed English bond brown brickwork, with heavy buttresses to the front, flush quoins and stone coped gable ball finials. Some alterations late 18th century and again mid 19th century.



Largely circa 1500 with little 12th Century work surviving. Built in red sandstone and heavily restored by Joseph Clarke 1857-60. Inside: 16th/17th century heraldic panels, screen with carvings and 19th/20th century memorial glass.



Mortuary Chapels, Archway and Spire, Middlewich Cemetery. Built in 1859 by Bellamy and Hardy, in a 13th Century style, yellow stone with ashlar dressings. Currently in need of repair.