

Local list description and map for the Little Common, Stanmore

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This area meets the following criteria for local listing:

(A) Date and rarity. The older a designed landscape is, and the fewer the surviving examples of its kind, the more likely it is to have special interest. Likely to be designated are:

- i. sites formed before 1750 where at least a proportion of the original layout is still in evidence

(B) Further considerations which may influence selection, and may exceptionally be sufficient by themselves to merit:

- i. Sites having an association with significant persons or historic events
- ii. Sites with a strong group value with other heritage assets

Summary and introduction:

These former common lands of the once rural Stanmore are of special interest given the small area contains woodland and four artificially created ponds. There are two Brewery Ponds and two Spring Ponds, probably created as village ponds. Of the latter, Pump Pond retains the old 19th century pump (now locally listed), while to the north Caesar's Pond may have existed in Roman times. The Brewery Ponds served Clutterbuck's Brewery, with the Old Brewery House surviving as a grade II listed building. Overlooking Little Common is a group of C18th and C19th cottages variously listed or locally listed and nearby is Stanmore Hall which is grade II* listed.

Details:

Like the adjacent and much larger Stanmore Common, Little Common Stanmore is part of the old common lands of Stanmore. There were two manors, Great Stanmore and Little Stanmore, and the area was rural until the C20th.

The landscape is of special historic interest given the land is former common lands of Stanmore containing woodland and four artificially created ponds. The two Brewery Ponds were constructed c.1900, the largest of which supplied Clutterbuck's Brewery then on Stanmore Hill. The Old Brewery House circa 1760 remains today for its national historic and architectural interest and is grade II listed.

The other two ponds are older and are the two artificially created (by damming) Spring Ponds which are probably former village ponds. One has the old 19th century pump on brick base (albeit the handle is missing) and is therefore known as Pump

pond. This pump is locally listed. It is a tall cast iron pump approximately 2.2m high and 250mm in diameter.

The other Spring pond to the north of village pond is known as Caesar's Pond. This is probably the oldest of the four ponds and may have been in existence from Roman and Saxon times, and so-called possibly because Caesar is said to have drunk from its waters, or because it was used by Roman Legionnaires when they were at Sulloniaca, on the other side of Edgware Road, then called Watling Street.

There is strong group value with other heritage assets. Little Common has a group of 18th century and 19th century cottages overlooking the pond which are often listed or locally listed in recognition of their national and local architectural and historic interest e.g. 18-22 Little Common are locally listed (row of red brick cottages), 13 Little Common is grade II listed 2 storey, three bay cottage, 11 Little Common is locally listed 2 storey with gabled third storey, 12 Little Common is locally listed house with 3 bays and diapering. 122 Wood Lane is locally listed orange brick house and 124 Wood Lane is locally listed. There are listed walls e.g. south-west from corner of No.3 Little Common and north-east to rear of No.2, and wall fronting road between Nos.2 & 3; Nos.5 & 5A Little Common and attached outbuildings; No.13; Nos.36-43 consecutive.

Nearby to the south is the grade II* listed Stanmore Hall. The original house was built in the C18th by the Duke of Chandos who owned the Canons estate and was added to by later owners. In 1847 it was re-sited, when the present house was built by J M Derick for John Rhodes; it was restored after a fire of 1979 and is now used as offices. To the south, Stanmore Recreation Ground is on land that was probably once part of the Stanmore Hall estate.

Nearer the ponds, north of Stanmore Hall is the grade II listed complex of 36-43 Little Common built 1860-1870 as a complex built to house staff and to stable horses for Stanmore Hall. Red brick composition overlooking Spring Pond, with bargeboarded gables and elaborate chimney stacks.

Sources:

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Walter W Druett, 'The Stanmores and Harrow Weald Through the Ages' (Hillingdon Press, 1938)

Stanmore Tourist board

<http://www.stanmoretouristboard.org.uk/spring-ponds-stanmore.html>

London Gardens Online:

<http://www.londongardensonline.org.uk/gardens-online-record.php?ID=HRW026>

National List descriptions:

- 36 – 43 Little Common:
<https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1358653>
- 13 Little Common:
<https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1079666>
- The Old Brewery House
<https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1079649>
- Parson Cottage and Attached Outbuildings to Rear:
<https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1358637>
- Wall fronting road between Nos 2 and 3, Little Common:
<https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1286014>
- Stanmore Hall, Wood Lane
<https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1194606>
- Wall from south-east corner of No 1 Little Common running into Wood Lane and terminating approximately 13 yds from corner with Stanmore Hill:
<https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1358652>
- Boundary wall fronting road from The Garth to the Lodge of Stanmore Hall:
<https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1358672>
- Stanmore Hill (east side) Stanmore Boundary wall fronting road from Nos 118, 126 and 128 <https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1079648>
- No 187 (The Rookery) including stables Stanmore Hill
<https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1358645>



Lower Spring Pond Stanmore Source of photo:
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The Victorian Water Pump at the edge of Lower Spring Pond Source of photo:
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