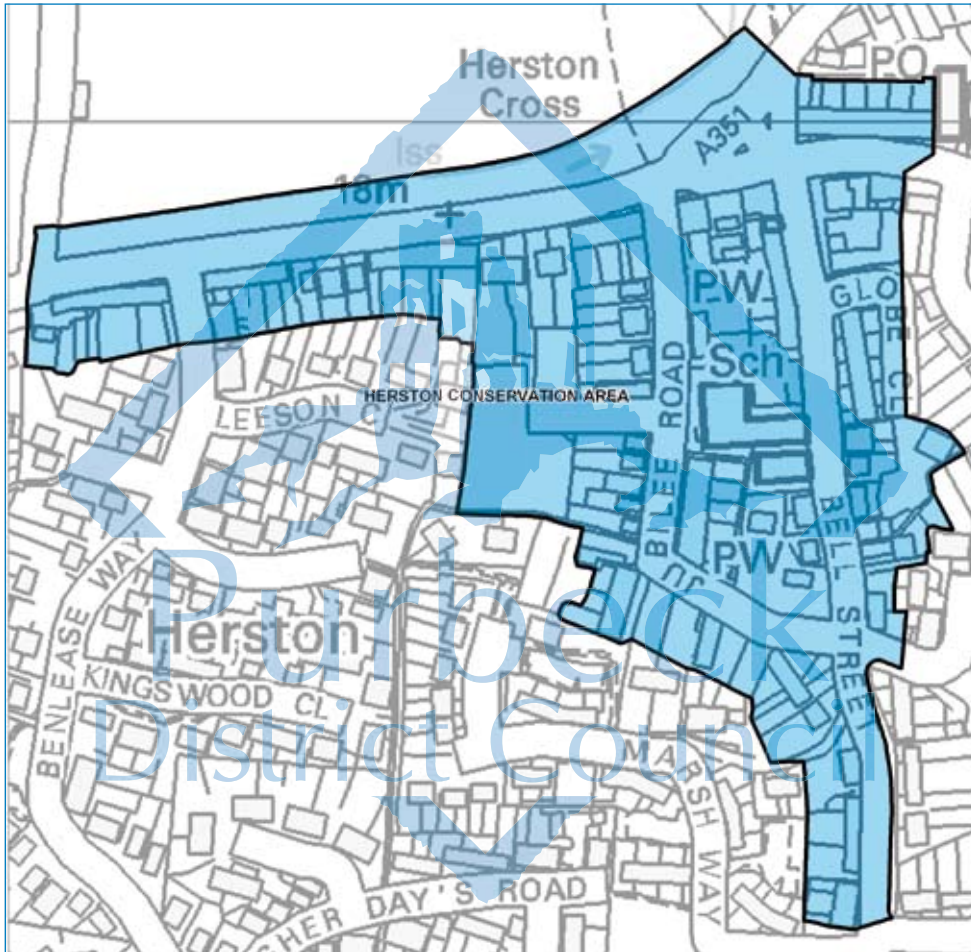




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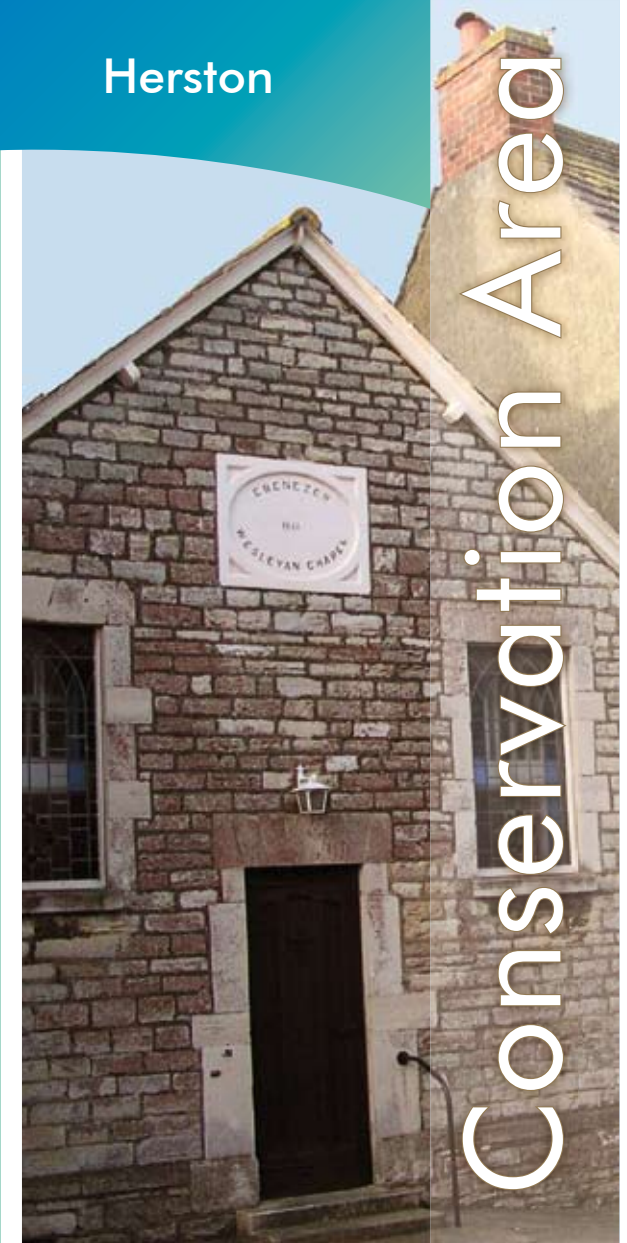
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Herston Conservation Area was first designated during 1989, with amendments made to the boundaries during 2008.

## Special historic and architectural interest of Herston Conservation Area



Bell Street

The existence of Herston was recorded in 1086 and through most of its history the settlement retained a distinct

identity. The village grew in connection with the mining industry and the often informal and diffused character of layout reflects development alongside quarries. More formal aspects of layout reflect the influence of ancient estate boundaries and later processes of suburbanisation. This means that within a relatively small area the product of a surprisingly broad range of historic processes and activities may be discerned within the townscape. The Conservation Area contains an interesting mix of house types of which there is a particularly good selection of terrace (row) forms. This to some extent reflects the influence of an expanding Swanage from the late nineteenth century onwards with more formal suburbanising or urban forms mingled with more rural vernacular housing. The use of local stone in construction across various periods and styles provides a particularly distinctive quality.

Cover photo: Old Chapel, Bell Street

## About Conservation Areas

While bringing some controls over permitted development rights the object of designation is not to prohibit change or development but rather to manage its quality and contextual appropriateness. This means that a high priority is given to securing design quality. For details of the current regulations applicable within Conservation Areas see the District Council's website or general Conservation Areas leaflet. The Local Authority is happy to provide pre-application advice in regard to specific development proposals.

## Conservation Area Character Appraisal

The adopted Character Appraisal document for Herston Conservation Area represents an essential point of reference for those considering making an alteration to properties or land located within and around its boundaries. The purpose of the appraisal is:

1. to provide an in depth analysis of character which will inform both planning and development management at the Local Authority,
2. to assist property owners and their agents in the formulation of sensitive development proposals,
3. to assist property owners and their agents in execution of sensitive alterations allowed under permitted development rights, and
4. to identify potential for enhancement works within the Conservation Area.

The Character Appraisal document is available for reference at Swanage Library, the District Council offices and may be downloaded from our website: [www.purbeck-dc.gov.uk](http://www.purbeck-dc.gov.uk)



Herston Church of England School



Herston High Street



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