



Introduction

Like many villages, Riding Mill has grown considerably over the last 100 years.



Riding Mill 1910



Riding Mill 1920

The village has a rich variety of architectural form from the last 300 years. It also has a higher proportion of listed buildings than the national average, as well as many more heritage assets which are included in Northumberland's Historic Environment Register.

We believe that new development should contribute to the history and add to the future architectural landscape.

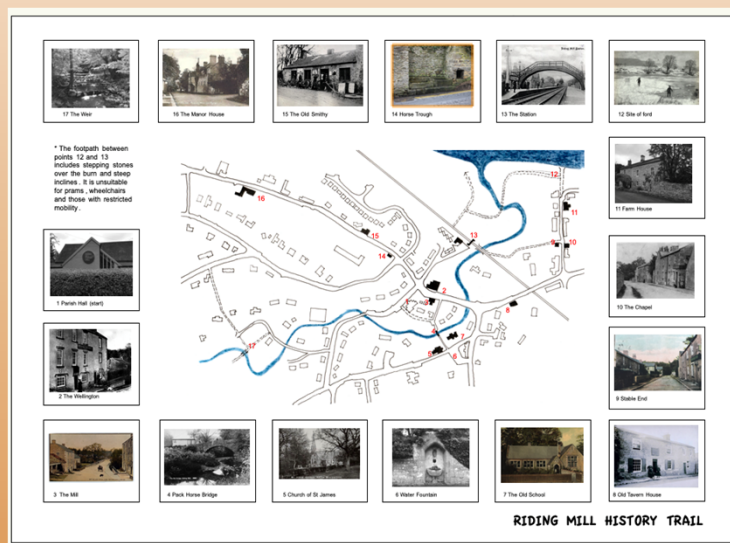


Riding Mill now, showing listed buildings

Towards a new heritage

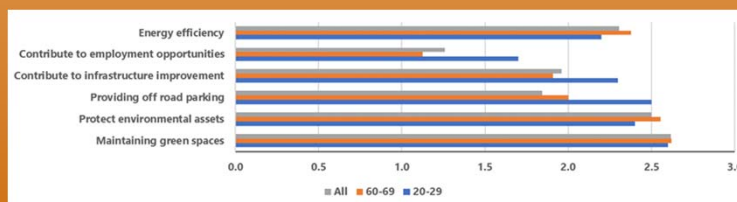
Enjoying our heritage

The residents of the village appreciate its history and heritage. And the history trail, prepared by the recreation subcommittee of the parish council, shows important examples of our heritage.



New design

It is our intention to develop a design code to ensure that any development, however large or small, works within a set of principles of good design, bearing in mind the results of the survey below:



Design Code

A design code is a set of design rules and requirements which instruct and may advise on the physical development of a site or area, in order to promote successful development. A National Model Design Code has been produced by the government and we understand the emerging Local Plan will contain one.

Good design in Riding Mill means:

- Respecting and understanding the scale and character of existing and surrounding buildings without the need for replication. Modern design is encouraged and welcomed alongside the preservation of historic character.
- Having a regard for listed buildings, their settings and importance to the history of the village
- Respecting the spacing & size of plots when considering additional houses within existing curtilages, respecting any existing sight lines, arrangements of front gardens, walls, railings or hedges
- Using good quality materials that complement the existing palette. Recyclable and reused materials are encouraged alongside the preference for materials that are part of the local vernacular.
- Adapting the principles of sustainable urban drainage in car drives, gardens and building proposals
- Meeting the requirements of the 'Secured by Design' security initiative to minimize both the likelihood and the fear of crime
- Innovating to achieve low carbon sustainable design in extensions, renovations and new build proposals. This can be through fabric first principles of insulation, renewable energy sources and correct orientation of building proposals
- Providing sufficient external amenity space, refuse and recycling storage and car and bicycle parking to ensure a high quality and well managed streetscape
- Including the facility for car charging in proposals
- Valuing the landscape proposals of development which should enhance and add to the green nature of the village with a preference for the retention of trees, planting, meadows and wildlife.

Your views

We are anxious to hear your views.

Do you want to protect and enhance Riding Mill's heritage?

Do you agree that there should be a design code?

Do you agree with the principles of good design set out here? Or would you like to modify them? If so, how would you modify them?