

Barnham Church Lane Conservation Area

Barnham Court is located within the Barnham Church Lane Conservation Area which was designated on 24 June 1998. Not only does this add to the status of the area but it and therefore any impact upon its special character and appearance was also considered.

It includes all grounds associated with the house and part of the former historic farmstead and its buildings to the south.

There are no up-to-date Conservation Area Character Appraisal Statements for the 32 Conservation Areas within the Arun District

A general document describes the conservation area in general terms. It draws attention to the original medieval settlement, the surrounding agricultural land, its rural character with buildings of various styles, ages and materials (principally brick, flint, plain clay tiles and natural slate). The informal pattern of development is noted as being enhanced by mature planting, flint boundary walls and verges.

It incorrectly refers to the front garden of Barnham Court as an 'open field'. It may have been used as a 'pasture' but at one stage it was a planned 17th century garden. Nevertheless, it is an attractive setting feature of the area, surrounded by mature trees. The fields between Church Lane and the river are also important including the imposing pair of buildings: St Mary's Church and Barnham Court, identifying Barnham Court as one of the finest brick houses of its date in the county.

