

Welford and Weston Local History Society
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[“Warwickshire: Historic Environment Record”](#)

This 'virtual' talk will be given by Ben Wallace [on 29th January.](#)

First, an update on the admin.....

You will receive an email inviting you to join this meeting about a week before the meeting itself. This email is being sent to members who have renewed their membership, and new members who have joined recently. At the time of writing this newsletter, we have a current membership of 96.

On the evening of the talk you will be able to join the meeting from 19:00. The talk itself will start at 19:30. If you are fairly new to Zoom I would encourage you to join the meeting early, so that if you experience a problem, you'll have time to call Karen Dickinson (on 07970 179821), and get it sorted out before the talk itself starts at 19:30.

[Don't let the lockdown get you down. It might be dark and cold outside but you can still join your friends, from the comfort of your own home, at these Zoom meetings.](#)

[If this is your first Zoom meeting, and you would like the opportunity of going over the basic functions of Zoom ahead of the meeting, you should contact Karen Dickinson on the number given above or Brad Plimmer on 750716.](#)

and now the talk itself

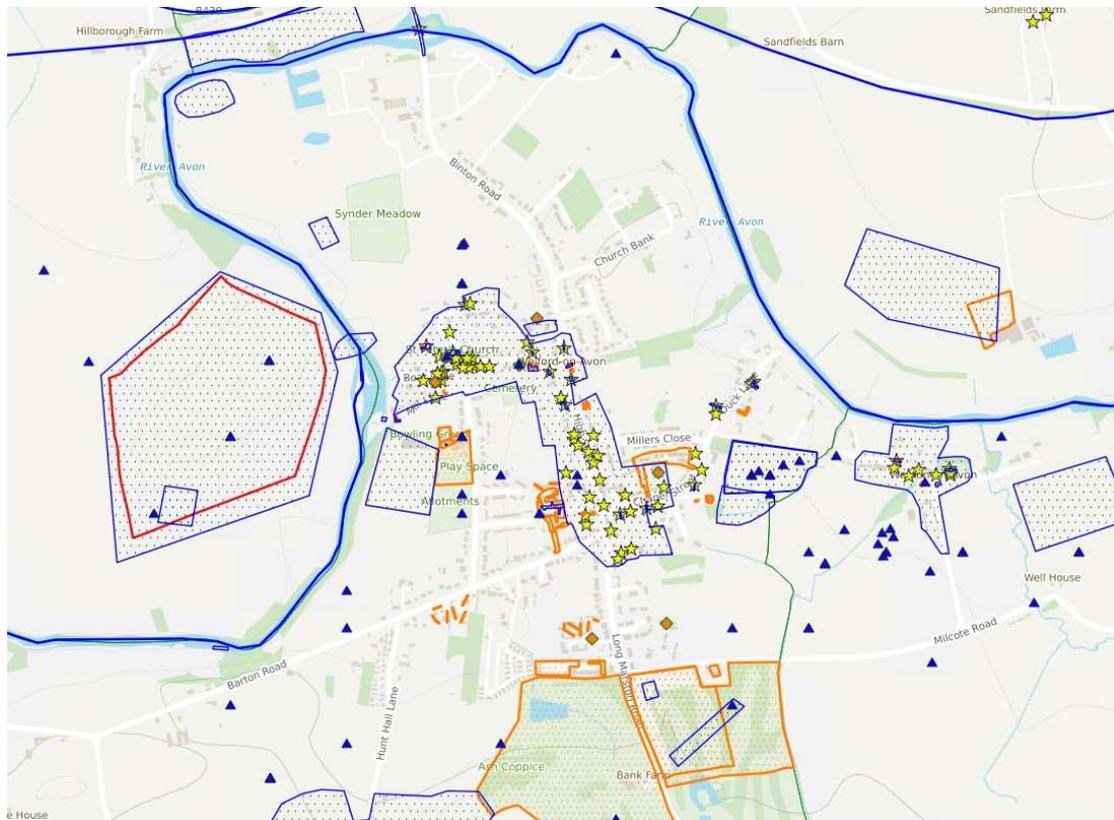
When you are describing to your friends why Welford is such a beautiful and historic village you may well give the obvious examples of St Peter's church or the conservation area which contains 65 listed buildings, many of which are timber- framed thatched cottages, or Binton Bridges, part of which dates from the 13th Century.



However, the Historic Environment Record for the village and parish is much, much broader than this. The aerial view of the field above can give you some clues of the remains beneath the earth. Some of you may remember the fascinating History Society talk about the archaeological dig in the summer of 2015 which revealed an Iron Age pit alignment under what is now Barton Meadow (then known more prosaically as 'Land Rear of Fairlea').



The Historic Environment Record also shows the remains of a Saxon settlement at Bank Farm near the golf course, a possible Roman Villa and medieval pottery found east of Headland Road.



But hold – what is this Historic Environment Record that keeps being referred to? Ben Wallace, our speaker in January, is ideally placed to address this question. Ben is the Manager of Warwickshire County Council’s Historic Environment Record and will explain what exactly it is. His talk will explore what the ‘historic environment’ is, how information about it is recorded & presented, what data the Historic Environment Record holds, what sources are used to feed into it and just what kind of records and information is held for the Welford area. Ben will touch on a number of topics including large projects that have been carried out over the last few decades to enhance this record. Finally, Ben will explain how the data can be accessed and used, particularly at a local level, and there will be an opportunity to see the data live and ask Ben all about it.

Looking forward to welcoming you to our first talk of 2021.
Brad and the team.