KNF – Heritage

Kirkstall has a rich heritage dating back to prehistoric times through the founding of Kirkstall Abbey in the 12 Century progressing through the industrial revolution to present day. New heritage is also being created, such as the Betty Beecroft Muriel at Kirkstall Forge. Most of these buildings run along the Aire Valley.

Designated Heritage Assets

Kirkstall has 47¹ heritage assets that are on Historic England's register (See Appendix 1). The highlight of which is Kirkstall Abbey and grounds which is listed as a scheduled monument.

A few entries have been included that are either just outside the Kirkstall boundary, or are within the current Kirkstall Ward boundary but not the Kirkstall Neighbourhood Plan boundary but are still of interest to the people of Kirkstall and close enough to have a potential influence on developments within the KNF area.

There are no entries for Kirkstall on the Historic England "Heritage at Risk Register 2017" – This in itself is of concern.

Sites of Special Scientific Interest

Leeds Liverpool Canal is listed as a site of Special Scientific Interest, while only bridge Road to the end of the Kirkstall Forge site is in the Kirkstall Ward¹ it runs close to the full length south boundary of the ward and could have implications on development.

Assets of Community Value (ACVs)

Kirkstall does not currently have any Assets of Community Value listed. The Cardigan Arms was on the list when it was put up for sale but the community bid was unsuccessful.

Protection and condition of Buildings

Listing of heritage assets or conservation areas do not provide protection from heritage falling into disrepair and suffering from vandalism, but does provide some protection from inappropriate planning and development.

Some heritage assets are purely heritage and will never be restored to former glory, such as Kirkstall Abbey but need to be maintained, appreciated and accessible.

Other heritage assets should be restored and can be brought back in to use, even if not as their original purpose, e.g. The Rising Sun, Former Care Home, 258 Burley Road, Abbey Mills, St Anne's Mills.

The old Police Station could become a feature of the Drink and be Grateful garden as could some pockets of land adjacent to the old Police Station currently obscured by hoardings on Abbey Road.

¹ The KNF boundary differs slightly from the current Kirkstall Ward boundary, some buildings and structure have also been included that or just outside to the KNF and/or current Ward boundary.

Heritage Assets at risk:

The Rising Sun, LS4 (listed)

St Anne's Mills, LS4 (part listed)

Former Care Home, Burley House, 258 Burley Road, LS4 (not listed but within the boundary of the Burley Conversation area)

Burley Park and other Stone Walls / Piers / Railings, Cardigan Lane, LS4 – Recently vandalised Gate House, St Ann's Lane, LS4

Abbey Mills, LS5 (part listed)

George IV, LS5 (not listed)

Yorkshire Stone Pavements throughout the area

Future work

- Removal of the hoardings 'hiding' space than can be exploited by local community groups such as Kirkstall in Bloom
- Developments around identified heritage should be of a sympathetic nature to that heritage in the immediate area.
- Extent of conservation areas should be reviewed and policies that can be applied to them considered.
- More investigation is need around the potential listing of St Anne's Mills and more parts of St Anne's Mills and other non-designated heritage assets identified – some are unlikely to be considered significant by Historic England but we may still value their contribution to our heritage.
- Areas of housing should be considered as to their features and visual impact, such as streetscapes & roofscapes, design features, layout. This could include the rows of terraced housing in Burley and Kirkstall areas.
- Develop policies for the plan, it looks like many could be informed from the Headingley and Holbeck plans.

Designated Heritage Assets

Buildings and structures that appear on the Historic England register of listed buildings. The KNF boundary differs slightly from the current Kirkstall Ward boundary, some buildings and structures have been included even though it is just outside the KNF boundary and/or the current Ward Boundary.

Scheduled Monuments

Kirkstall Abbey and precinct including a prehistoric cup and ring marked rock

Grade I (exceptional interest)

Kirkstall Abbey

Grade II (of special interest)

2, Burley Hill Drive

64, Cardigan Lane

71, Commercial Road

Boundary wall with piers and railings to Church of St Matthias

Bridge 221a over Leeds and Liverpool Canal ²

Bridge 225 on Leeds and Liverpool Canal and gate piers and retaining walls ²

Broad Lane Canal Bridge (Bridge 222)²

Burley Methodist Church

Burley Methodist Church Hall

Burley Mills Main Range

Burley Wood Works

Church of St Stephen

Cooper House, Kirkstall Brewery²

Dryhouse and Parallel Range at Burley Mills

Ford and Weir on River Aire at NGR 2632 3507 3

Forge Locks, Leeds Liverpool Canal²

Former Star and Garter Hotel

Gate Piers and Gates with Flanking Walls at west side of Church of St Stephen

Group of Five Tombs In Graveyard North west of Church of St Stephen

Guesthouse at Kirkstall Abbey

Headingley Railway Station (Now Forman Doyle) and Attached Platform

Kirkabbey Kennels, Sluice Gates, Cottage and Weir on River Aire

Kirkstall Brewery Student Village ²

Kirkstall Bridge

Kirkstall Forge Forge Buildings with Helve Hammers, Slitting Mill Machinery

Kirkstall Forge Former Cottages now offices

Kirkstall Forge Former Stables now garages

Kirkstall Forge Milestone east of east gateway

Kirkstall House

Kirkstall Lock i

Kirkstall Tile Centre Bridge Mills

Number 13 and Abbey Mills

Piers and Boundary Wall to east of Burley Mills

Railway Viaduct

Redcote Canal Bridge (Bridge 224) ³

Sandford Road County Primary School and attached railings

Spinning or Weaving Range at Burley Mills

The Cardigan Arms Public House

The Rising Sun Public House

Vesper Gate at Kirkstall Abbey

War Memorial

Weir and Sluice Gates at NGR 2658 3497 approximately 450 metres north west of Burley Mills

Weir on River Aire at NGR 2655 3488 ³

Grade II* (particularly important, of more than special interest)

Church of St Matthias

Gatehouse at Kirkstall Abbey (Abbey House Folk Museum)

² Outside the KNF boundary but within the current Kirkstall Ward Boundary

³ Outside the KNF and current Ward Boundary

Other Buildings

Buildings and Structures that have been identified through the consultation process should be considered for protected in some form.

Stone Walls / Piers / Railings, St Ann's Lane, LS4
Burley Park and other Stone Walls / Piers / Railings, Cardigan Lane and Burley Road, LS4
Co-op Foundation Stone, Haddon Road, LS4
St Anne's Mills, Kirkstall Road, LS4
Former Care Home, Burley House, 258 Burley Road, LS4
Gate House, St Ann's Lane, LS4
Old Police Station, Abbey Road, LS5
Tramway Sub Station, Abbey Road, LS5
George IV Public House, Commercial Road, LS5
Stone Walls / Piers / Railings, Kirkstall Lane and Morris Lane, LS5
Abbey Road Cinema, Abbey Road, LS5
Drink and be Grateful Fountain, Abbey Road, LS5
Abbey Mills, Abbey Road (*part listed), LS5

More heritage assets that could be considered

Some buildings on Victoria Road and Victoria Terrace, LS5 Some stone buildings on Spen Lane, Vesper Road, LS5 Railway cottages on Kirkstall Lane, LS5 Oakfield House, LS5

Heritage at Risk

Leeds Civic Trust lists the follow Buildings and Structures as Heritage at Risk (2020):

Rising Sun Public House
Cardigan Arms Public House
Kirkstall Forge buildings including former cottages, and mill machinery
Abbey Guesthouse remains
No. 13 and Abbey Mills
Kirkstall Bridge, Bridge Road
War Memorial, Bridge Road
Canal Bridge, Broad Lane
St Ann's Mill, Commercial Road
No. 71, Commercial Road
George IV Public House, Commercial Road

Blue Plaques

Leeds Civic Trust Blue Plaques commemorate people, events and buildings.

Kirkstall Brewery, Board Lane, LS5

Not a Leeds Civic Trust Blue Plaque but there is a plaque on 134 Spen Lane marking a milestone in Council House building.