



Nash Mills Illustrated Map Working Group Report

Request for March 2025 Agenda

The working group requests that the following items are added to the agenda to be noted or a decision taken by council:

- To note the contents of the report, and share any questions or additional requests for future working group meetings
- To decide on the style and design of the display board (options and costs provided) – awaiting full quote details
- To request council (and other attendees) to choose their personal top three additional locations for inclusion (from the list previously agreed) in order to help artist to prioritise
- To consider whether clerk should check eligibility for Arts & Culture grant and, if eligible, apply on behalf of NMPC

Next steps for working group following March decisions

The working group will continue to work on the following:

- Work with Katharine on exact items for inclusion following March meeting
- Description text for postcard images
- Overall text to include as an introduction to the map
- Look into QR code options and potential pros / cons

Reminder of overall map illustration

The artist has designed the map to show the entire parish on the left hand side, and a zoomed in area on the right as this is where many of the items for inclusion are located. This will show a number of street names to assist with navigation.

There is space for a small description at the top left and around 14 postcard style images (there is flexibility).



Items for postcard images – decision required in March

In our October meeting, we agreed a list of items to be included in the illustration. There are around eight items that are prominent historical landmarks but we have space for additional postcard images.

The artist has requested that council determine their priority locations for inclusion. She will try to include as much as possible but is keen to ensure that council requests are definitely included as NMPC has requested the commission.

Council (and meeting attendees) to determine their top three requests for additional items, which can be collated for the artist to help prioritise.

Images below taken from in progress work shared by artist. Larger images can be seen here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/17XjFNWSSsFTYAT34qMEWqH2_GsIBHW-J/view?usp=drive_web

Please note the following:

- The sketches below are not the final images. Once council have shared their priorities, the artist will work on the final versions.
- In the final version, the only prominent/recognisable person will be the parish warden. The artist recommendation is not to include other people (unless part of the background of an image and not recognisable – artist to decide).
- Some locations may be included together with other images, depending on prioritisation requested by council.

1. The Denes



2. The Three Tuns



3. Nash Mills CoE School



4. Abbots Hill School





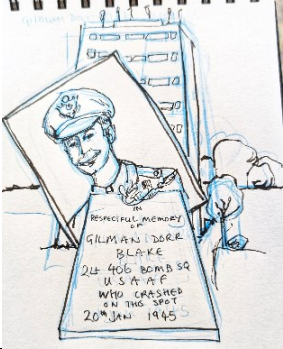
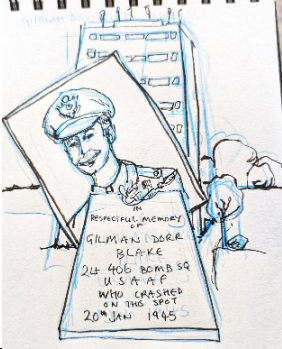



5. Cottages on Belswains Lane





6. War memorial



<p>7. Nash House</p> 	<p>8. Nash Mills Village Hall</p> 
<p>9. Bunkers Park</p> 	<p>10. Long Deans</p> 
<p>11. Gade Tower</p> 	<p>12. Dorr Blake memorial</p> 
<p>13. Crematorium (Poppy Fields)</p> 	<p>14. Place of Worship 15. Stephenson's Cottage 16. Canal (narrow boats)</p> <p>Note: Parish warden represented on map in location selected by artist</p>

Items to include in background / borders of map

<p>Butterflies from Long Deans and Bunkers</p> 	<p>Wildflowers and insects</p> 
<p>Other items to be included in the background:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wildflower meadows ▪ Little Wood

Display lecterns – decision required in March

Note: Permission has been provided by Dacorum’s Parks & Open Spaces Officer for a lectern to be installed at The Denes. If we wish to use our own installer, we will need permission for that.

The following examples are all for A1 size

Example Metal options	
<p>Fibreglass / powder coated steel Choice of colours, including dark green 10 year guarantee against fading Available in dark green</p> <p>https://www.greenbarnes.co.uk/shop/signage/lecterns/a1-powder-coated-steel-interpretation-panel-ref-aipa1/</p> <p>Estimate: £2070 plus VAT</p> <p>Message sent for detailed quote</p>	 A photograph of an A1 size lectern for Bourton Park. The lectern is made of dark green powder-coated steel and has two black legs. The panel features a map of the park, text, and illustrations of trees and a building.
<p>Glass reinforced plastic / aluminium Finished in an agreed colour Twin legs if A1</p> <p>https://www.shelley signs.co.uk/products/interpretation-panels/</p> <p>Estimate: £1355 plus VAT</p> <p>Formal quote received</p>	 A photograph of an A1 size lectern for Randlay Valley. The lectern is made of green glass reinforced plastic and has two black legs. The panel features a map of the valley, text, and illustrations of trees and a building.
<p>Aluminium High-pressure laminate print Black only</p> <p>https://www.earth-anchors.com/product/aluminium-lectern</p> <p>Estimate: £949.00 plus VAT</p> <p>Easily changeable artwork in the event of vandalism.</p> <p>Message sent for detailed quote</p>	 A photograph of an A1 size lectern with a black frame and two black legs. The panel features a map of a park area with various buildings and trees.

Example options for board only with separate installation

A less expensive option could be to have a board printed and installed on a base to match the library box. The installation for the library box was £250. Installer will do a quote for an A1 board. – meeting and estimate pending

Local printer

Laminated Waterproof poster based (artwork supplied in digital format)

The laminate will protect it from fading. It should last for three years, but this could be reduced if it's in direct sunlight for most of the day. If it fails in the 1st year we will reprint FOC.

£ 50.00 plus vat

Online printer

Reinforced panels that withstand rain, and can be easily cleaned if faced with graffiti or paint markings. Crafted from high-quality 6 mm thick HPL.

<https://www.helloprint.co.uk/trespasigns-1m2|84.1|59.4-trespa-6mm-40singlesidedfullcolor-ml10-trimmed-nodrillholes-nooptions-1-days6|qty1>

£65.24 plus VAT

Recommended supplier

<https://www.shelleysigns.co.uk/>



£340 – one of flat panel (4mm)

£380 – print of artwork

Prices subject to VAT

Note: Awaiting additional quotes from the companies who have quoted for metal lecterns, to provide estimate for board only as above.

Arts & Culture grant– decision required in March

The following was shared by the artist as a potential opportunity for a parish event to coincide with the map being completed / installed. The artists ideas are that it could be a paint party type event where the painting is a scene within Nash Mills. Or a family event where people draw their own postcards of Nash Mills and copies of them could be shared in the parish newsletter.

From Dacorum Borough Council:

We're excited to offer our Arts and Culture Micro Grants, offering up to £500 to help local organisations and community groups to showcase their creativity. These one-off grants are available for not-for-profit organisations, and support events and activities as part of a month-long cultural celebration, from 24 May to 29 June 2025.


Join us in bringing Dacorum's arts, culture, and heritage to life!

- Your event/activity must take place between 24 May and 29 June 2025
- Events/activities must be accessible and open to the public, and either free or charging a nominal fee.

You can apply online, before 9am on Monday 17 March.

Find out more: <https://orlo.uk/vTbpa>

Summary of action list updates – information only

Item	Status / Action required
Council to determine preferred layout of the map	Action completed in October 2024 
Size of lectern to be determined	Size agreed as A1 at February 2025 meeting and checked with artist that this will work ok. Artist will work with separate images and pull together digitally to create the final illustration as one image.
Working group to review lectern options and bring shortlist to council	Decision required at March meeting

Working group to find out about flora and fauna / special trees / specific insects in the area	Local expert contacted and information shared about insects. WG will share with artist in case of interest in the final design.
Working group to see if we can find out what the dip is surrounded by a wall at the end of Long Deans	From research shared on social media, it seems that this might have been an ornamental pond: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DGBqvmZ1o/?mibextid=wwXlfr
There is a particular bird of prey that visits Bunkers Park (possibly a kestrel) – do we want to confirm and include?	Not yet confirmed – WG to contact Friends of Bunkers Park. Also red kites in the area.
Artist will work on preliminary sketches to share with council in order to work with council on the final decision on items for inclusion.	In progress and shared by artist: https://drive.google.com/file/d/17XjFNWSSsFTYAT34qMEWqH2_GsIBHW-J/view?usp=drive_web
Council to decide level of detail (e.g. are street names required if zoomed in map is selected?)	Decision at February 2025 meeting - Council agreed that street names should be included for some key roads to help with navigation.
Council to decide whether each individual image will include a sentence about the place (similar to an old fashioned postcard).	Decision at February 2025 meeting – short description should be included.
Following additional examples from artist, council to determine sizes of locations in relation to prominence / hierarchy.	Decision at February 2025 meeting – this can be left to the artist to determine unless she wishes to request more information from NMPC as she works on the designs.
Determine if council would like to include illustrations of people within the map (not specific people apart from Dave) or just Dave	Decision required in March meeting
Council to determine final list of postcard images	Decision required in April meeting
Consider whether a QR code to a digital version of the map would be useful and the practicalities of ensuring it can be used long-term.	Decision required in April meeting
Future use of maps	Working group to discuss further for future decisions by council
Arts and Culture grant	Decision required in March meeting

A summary of additional information can be found in the October 2024 working group report:

<https://www.nashmillsparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Appendix-12MAP-WG-September-report.pdf>