## Wickersley Platinum Jubilee Walk Points of Interest





**Wickersley Woods**- An area of ancient woodland mentioned in the Domesday Book. Mainly Beech and Sisal Oak trees with a rare area of Acid Grassland in the centre. There are eight wooden chainsaw sculptures in the wood which has been managed by Wickersley Parish Council since 1978.



**Old Woodside Wesleyan Methodist Chapel** built in 1828 and now converted into two private dwellings.



**Christian Institute** - Opened in 1862 by Dr W.Holt Yates. *"It's purpose was the diffusion of general and useful knowledge, thereby to increase the respectability, happiness and welfare of society"*. This modern 'social' church was never consecrated for worship.



**Wickersley Social Club** - This building was formally 'The Needles Coaching Inn on the main(toll) road between Rotherham and Bawtry. It later became a farm and in 1928 reopened as a Working Men's Club



**Round Houses** - 35,37 Morthen Road. A pair of cottages re-fronted in the early 19th.Century. Number 35 was for a time used as a Methodist Chapel and Number 37 was once Styrings sweetshop.



War Memorial - Erected in 1920 to the fallen of two world wars. It contains 43 names, 28 from the First World War.



**Wickersley Hall** is a grade II listed building previously known as Copeland Cottage. The home of Dr.W.H.Yates.



**Wickersley Park** - A well maintained public park where significant investment has been made to upgrade the children's play area and other facilities.



**Northfield Lane Primary School** - The school was opened in 1967 in response to an increasing Wickersley population. When the infant and junior schools were amalgamated in 2003, grant funding paid for the iconic blue boat buildings.



**Listerdale Housing** - In the 1920's and 1930's Joe Lister erected the Listerdale Housing Estate. He built 650 semi-detached houses and 40 detached houses. The individual design factors made them much sought after.



**Village Clock** - The clock was completed in1995 and a time capsule buried beneath it. It was presented to the people by the Wickersley Agricultural Show Society and Wickersley Parish Council.



**The Tanyard** - The primary shopping area of Wickersley was built in the 1960's on the site of a farm that once stood there.



**St Albans Church and Tower** - Wickersley's Parish Church is dedicated to St Alban and is one of the oldest buildings in the village. The church hall was originally a barn circa 1800 for the former rectory building.



**Commonwealth War Graves** - There are four Commonwealth War Graves in Wickersley Churchyard. Two from World War One and two from World War Two.



**Lister's Castle** - In 1921 Joe Lister built his family a grand house on a plot of land overlooking Dene's Plantation. It is known locally as 'Lister's' Castle due to its ornate and crenellated design.



**Wickersley Gorse and Common Bank**- In 1987 Wickersley Parish Council bought the eight hectares of ancient woodland, grassland and scrubland and have managed it ever since and allow public access.



**Circle of trees** - In 1993 the Parish Council planted a circle of 12 trees at the western edge of the Bob Mason recreational ground. This was to mark the establishment of the EU with its twelve original members.



**Dame School Doors** - The doors date to the 19th century and it is believed that the school run by a working class woman had one door for her to enter and a small door for the children. Once a child grew too tall to enter they were deemed ready to work.



**Quarry fields**- In the 18th century Wickersley stone was found to make excellent fine-grained grindstones for which there was great demand. By 1800, 5000 stones a year were sent to Sheffield Cutlers and exported abroad. In 1871 Directory listed 28 quarry owners but only 50 years later the cutlers abandoned the use of natural stone and the quarries were closed. This industry was hugely important to Wickersley and was a major contributor to its economic and social development

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