

HORNCASTLE CONSERVATION AREA



Mary Lyne Almshouses

This compact conservation area (CA) lies on the A4 Bath Road on the Reading boundary with West Berkshire. It is centred on a village green with the Grade II listed (1113544) Mary Lyne Almshouses on the eastern side.

Despite the proximity to a major road the CA is a verdant, quiet and tranquil oasis protected from through traffic.

A variety of domestic properties are included within the CA including timber framed thatched cottages (Grade II listed 1321909) and brick terraced properties as well as more modern housing.

The building previously the Horncastle public house, fronting the A4, has been refurbished as a pet store.

The main challenges to the CA are the somewhat unkempt appearance of the eastern approach from New Lane Hill and the supermarkets which dominate views outwards.

Designation – 1 June 1988

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