

**From:** CATCHPOLE, Toby  
**Sent:** 15 October 2019 14:34  
**To:** 'James'  
**Subject:** RE: Woodmancote Historic Record

Dear James,  
Apologies for the delay. I attach a document containing the 84 Historic Environment Record (HER) entries we have for Woodmancote Parish and a plan of their locations.

Regarding your questions:

I believe that Conservation Areas are defined at district level, in this case by Tewkesbury Borough Council. Their website includes a map of the conservation area but I don't have any supporting documentation, you would have to ask them: [https://tewkesburyborough-my.sharepoint.com/personal/website\\_tewkesburyborough\\_onmicrosoft\\_com/\\_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2Fwebsite%5Ftewkesburyborough%5Fonmicrosoft%5Fcom%2FDocuments%2FTewkesbury%20Borough%20Council%20%28TBC%29%2FPlanning%2FHeritage%2FConservation%20areas%2FWoodmancote%20%2D%20conservation%20area%2Epdf&parent=%2Fpersonal%2Fwebsite%5Ftewkesburyborough%5Fonmicrosoft%5Fcom%2FDocuments%2FTewkesbury%20Borough%20Council%20%28TBC%29%2FPlanning%2FHeritage%2FConservation%20areas&originalPath=aHR0cHM6Ly90ZXdrZXNidXJ5Ym9yb3VnaC1teS5zaGFyZXBvaW50LmNvbS86YjovZy9wZXJzb25hbC93ZWJzaXRlX3Rld2tld2J1cnlib3JvdWdoX29ubWljcm9zb2Z0X2NvbS9FY2ZPdVRETzktOUhqNWRCTUtzMkhJTUJSNDN1NzAta0ZYTtJicFhGStc1UXFBP3J0aW1lPXpfUjNXR2hSMtBn](https://tewkesburyborough-my.sharepoint.com/personal/website_tewkesburyborough_onmicrosoft_com/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2Fwebsite%5Ftewkesburyborough%5Fonmicrosoft%5Fcom%2FDocuments%2FTewkesbury%20Borough%20Council%20%28TBC%29%2FPlanning%2FHeritage%2FConservation%20areas%2FWoodmancote%20%2D%20conservation%20area%2Epdf&parent=%2Fpersonal%2Fwebsite%5Ftewkesburyborough%5Fonmicrosoft%5Fcom%2FDocuments%2FTewkesbury%20Borough%20Council%20%28TBC%29%2FPlanning%2FHeritage%2FConservation%20areas&originalPath=aHR0cHM6Ly90ZXdrZXNidXJ5Ym9yb3VnaC1teS5zaGFyZXBvaW50LmNvbS86YjovZy9wZXJzb25hbC93ZWJzaXRlX3Rld2tld2J1cnlib3JvdWdoX29ubWljcm9zb2Z0X2NvbS9FY2ZPdVRETzktOUhqNWRCTUtzMkhJTUJSNDN1NzAta0ZYTtJicFhGStc1UXFBP3J0aW1lPXpfUjNXR2hSMtBn)

Wick, See HER 4437 and SW11936 (attached pdf) page 24.

Mills, we don't seem to have much data but see HER 7556 and 8723.

Cider making equipment, I don't think we have anything. That doesn't mean there isn't any, the HER only contains information that has been pointed out to us or that we've picked up from journals and maps, plus from the reports that we ask for in relation to planning and developments.

Woodland management, again I don't think we have anything but the best place to look would be the Victoria County History (VCH) for Bishop's Cleeve (including Woodmancote) <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/glos/vol8/pp2-25> The significant amount of ridge and furrow suggests that Woodmancote wasn't especially wooded by the late medieval period, at least. The VCH makes a couple of mentions of Bushcombe.

Finds from Nottingham Hill, there isn't a record of anything in Woodmancote Parish; the lower slopes were heavily quarried (see HER 7562) but it is possible that any finds were pocketed rather than reported.

I can't find where Wiremead is or any reference to either that name or Bernard Rawes in the records for Woodmancote Parish. I can look this up if you can provide further details.

Windmill, we only have scanty info but see HER 6427.

Ridge and Furrow, see attached plan labelled NMP. This includes all the ridge and furrow visible on historic and modern aerial photographs as of 2005. The light blue arrows indicate the ridge and furrow fields still visible on the most recent photographs, the purple arrows indicate where it was visible on old photos but had been levelled on more recent images. The darker blue polygons indicate quarries.

I hope that helps. Please do feel free to get back to me for further details or with new questions if that would be of assistance.

Regards  
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**From:** James  
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**To:** CATCHPOLE, Toby  
**Subject:** Woodmancote Historic Record

Dear Toby,

Thank you for your time today.

I am interested in

1. a full copy of all of the historic record of land within Woodmancote Parish boundary – specifically:
  - a. everything that is in the conservation area and why Heritage England decided it should be designated as such
  - b. the Wick settlement where the 5 paths meet just off Stockwell Lane
  - c. Water mills down stockwell lane and any remaining mill stones
  - d. Cider making history and equipment in the Village
  - e. Anything that might trace back to woodland management – given the village name – I think Bushcombe Wood might have some history
2. Nottingham Hill Fort and any finds that have “slipped” down the hill?
3. Wiremead excavations by Bernard Rawes between 1974 and 1985
4. The Windmill near Southam Paddocks

I am also interested in the Ridge and Furrow evidence of historic agriculture techniques that date back at least 700 years. I understand that these are quite obvious from the air above Two Hedges Road just east of the Railway line as typical of lowland areas but more interesting the pioneering use of these techniques further up the escarpment between Bushcombe Lane and Stockwell Lane. Hugh Denham’s Woodmancote book makes specific reference to JH Cane’s sketches in 1953 and aerial photos supporting his evidence. If you can give any pointers or where we can find further evidence of this – that might also be useful.

Kind regards,

*James*