

Potential Locally-Valued ‘Special Views’

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Earlier this year, the local community were invited to nominate ‘**Special Views**’ for inclusion in Bratton’s Neighbourhood Plan.



Those that met the criteria are shown here. If they are widely-valued by the rest of the Community, they can be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

This would mean that any development proposals submitted for Planning Approval which have a significant adverse impact on them, which cannot be mitigated, would not be supported by the Parish Council.

VOTE!



If you support the inclusion of any of these views, please add your mark to the five bar gate

LV1: Westbury White Horse

Looking South East from the Viewing area on the Westbury Road

The Westbury White Horse, located in the Parish of Bratton, is a significant local landmark that can be seen from miles around. Thought to have originally been carved in to the chalk in the 18th Century, it dominates the local landscape. There is a dedicated viewing area, car park and interpretation boards on the Westbury Road.

**NB: The White Horse is less visible than usual as it is currently very dirty. However the concrete is due to be cleaned in Summer 2023 so we may be able to get clearer photos then.*



The view to and from the White Horse is depicted in two famous paintings by the war artist, Eric Ravilious (1903-1942)

*The Westbury White Horse (1939)
Train Landscape (1940)*



LV2: Westbury White Horse

Looking North/North East from the top of the White Horse towards Westbury, and Bath in the distance.

This is typical of the far-reaching views of the countryside that are available from the top of the Westbury White Horse. There are benches and interpretation boards as well as a car park, to cater for the large number of visitors attracted to this beauty-spot. The area is also popular with para-gliders who take advantage of the thermals above the huge North escarpment of Salisbury Plain.



LV3 (a,b,c): Bratton Camp

Looking South towards Bratton Camp from the Lower Westbury Road

This view is typical of those available of this neolithic landscape feature (a Scheduled Ancient Monument managed by English Heritage) from many points along the

- a) Westbury Road
- b) Lower Westbury Road
- c) Capps Lane



LV3 (d) The Northern Boundary of the Village

Looking South towards Bratton Camp from the Recreation Ground on Trowbridge Road

This view is typical of the uninterrupted views of Bratton Camp from the Northern Boundary of the village, with the historic farm properties along Lower Road, including Yew Tree Farm (Listed Grade II), Grange Farm (Listed Grade II) and The Court House (Listed Grade II*) in the middle distance.



LV4: Bratton Camp

Looking East from the top of the Neolithic Hill Fort,

This view is typical of those towards the village from the top of this neolithic hill fort and the public footpaths down to the village.



LV5: Bratton Camp

Looking uphill from Castle Road towards Bratton Camp

The views of Bratton Camp Iron Age Hill fort from the road to its top are very picturesque and enjoyed by walkers, riders and drivers of all kinds.



LV6: Coombe Bottom

Looking East from Bratton Camp across the Coombe toward St James'

This is a highly prized view of St James' Church in part of the village known in Saxon times as Littlestoke. The whole of the Coombe and its surroundings is a designated SSSI and is widely used for recreational walking and riding.



LV7: St James' Church

Looking South from the Church Steps

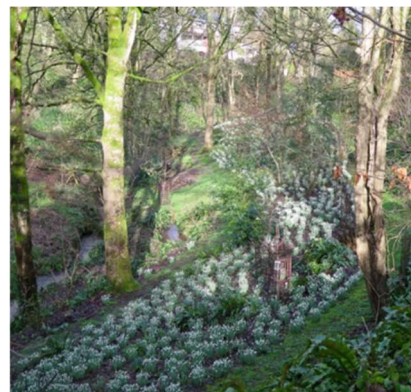
This is an exceptionally picturesque view of the tower of the 13th Century Parish Church of St James the Great through the trees at the top of Church Steps.



LV8: Church Spring Stream

Looking East from Church Road

The stream running from Church Springs runs through a steep-sided wooded area. Viewed from Church Road it is exceptionally beautiful in spring when it is carpeted with snowdrops planted by the private land owner.



LV9: St James Church

Looking South from Reeves Community Orchard

A picturesque view of the Parish Church of St James the Great from the South-facing slopes of Reeves Community Orchard, which is used widely by the community for walks around the village.



LV10: Reeves Community Orchard

Looking North from the Parish Church of St James the Great

There are a number of exceptionally picturesque views of the Community Apple Orchard available across the coombe from Church Road, including a benches in the grounds of the Church. The Orchard is home to a wide variety of apple trees, some are dedicated to people who have made an exceptional contribution to the life of the village. There are information boards providing information about the flora and fauna to be found and its contribution to the Wiltshire Pollinator Project.



LV11: The Ball

Looking (a) North up The Ball from the Stradbrook end

(b) South East from the top of the Ball down towards Stradbrook

Exceptionally picturesque views of the steep, cobbled, pedestrian lane between the thatched cottages of this part of the village.



LV13 a: Paradise Pool and Watercress Beds

Looking south towards Paradise Pool from the public footpath through the Watercress Beds

Located in a privately-owned wood, Paradise Pool is a crystal-clear pool fed by a spring in a local beauty spot enjoyed by walkers. Accessed by a public footpath through the former watercress beds of Luccombe Mill.



V14: Luccombe Mill Pond

Looking North-East at the entrance gates to Luccombe Mill from the Imber Road

This picturesque mill pond, in front of the former mill owner's House, is fed by the Spring at Paradise Pool (see above)



LV15: The Village War Memorial

Looking West along Melbourne Street

An attractive view of the Village War Memorial (Listed Grade II) with Melbourne House (Listed Grade II), and fine horse chestnut tree, behind. The wall of Bratton House (in the right of this view) is also listed.



LV16: Picquet Hill

Looking West from the top of the Hill

Located in the Parish of Edington, this distinctive shaped hill provides glorious and far-reaching views over the village of Bratton and its surrounding coombs and wider landscape.

There is a dedicated marker/seat at the top pointing out the main features in the landscape.



LV17 (a): Picquet Hill

Looking East towards Picquet Hill from the top of Emms Lane

This view is typical of those available of Picquet Hill from many points in East of the village. It provides the focus for many village events: The Parish Church of St James the Great undertake an annual pilgrimage to erect a cross at the top of the hill during Easter Week and a large poppy is displayed just below the brow of the hill as part of Annual Remembrance events. During HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee the village lit a beacon in the same location.



LV17 (b): Picquet Hill and Water Meadow

Looking East towards Picquet Hill from the bench at Stradbrook Square

The picturesque view of Picquet Hill across the Water Meadow at Stradbrook Square can be enjoyed at leisure from the bench provided for the purpose.



LV17 (c): Picquet Hill

Looking East towards Picquet Hill from the top of Imber Road

This view of Piquet Hill is typical of those available from the top Imber Road near the Imber Perimeter Path along the edge of the MOD Firing Ranges on Salisbury Plain Firing.



Other Suggestions

Please use your post-it notes to highlight any other special views that you think we may have missed. If you are able to provide a photograph of the view after the event that would be helpful.