

## North Keresley Character Area

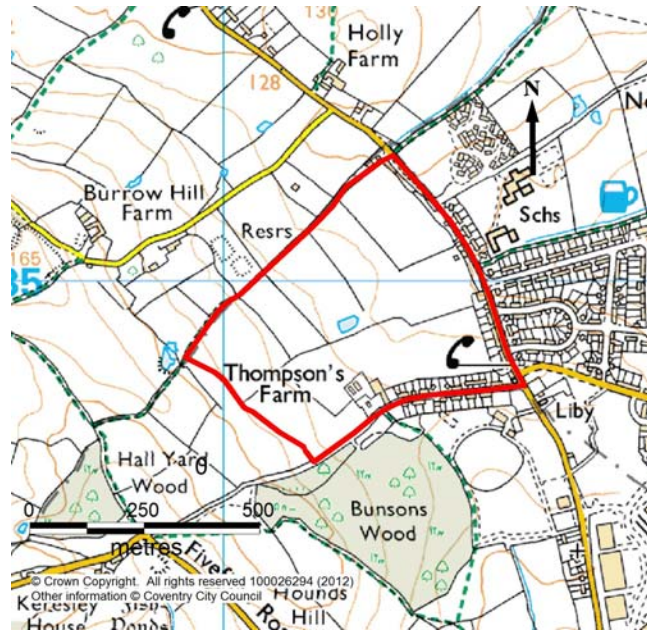
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### Location and Context

Character Area located on the northern fringe of Coventry. This is a rural area bordered by a residential development to the east but otherwise surrounded by agricultural fields.

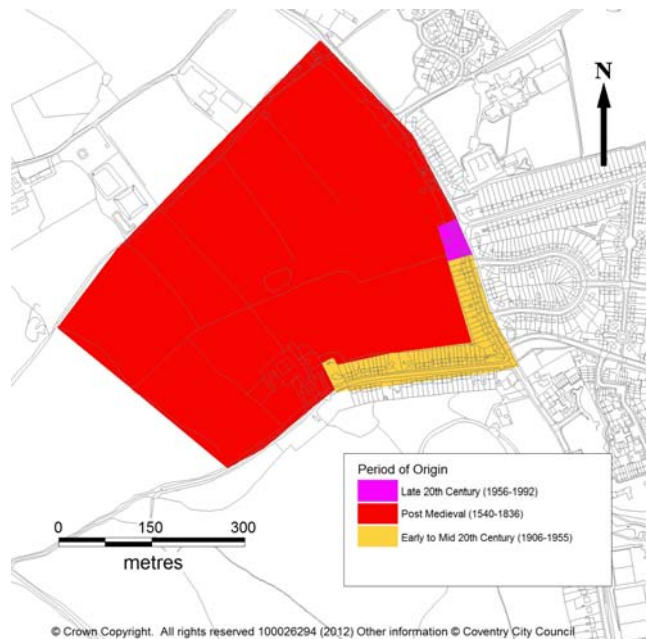
### Heritage Designations in the Character Area

Scheduled Ancient Monuments: 0  
Archaeological Constraint Areas: 0  
Listed Buildings: 0  
Locally Listed Buildings: 0  
Conservation Areas: 0  
Registered Parks and Gardens: 0



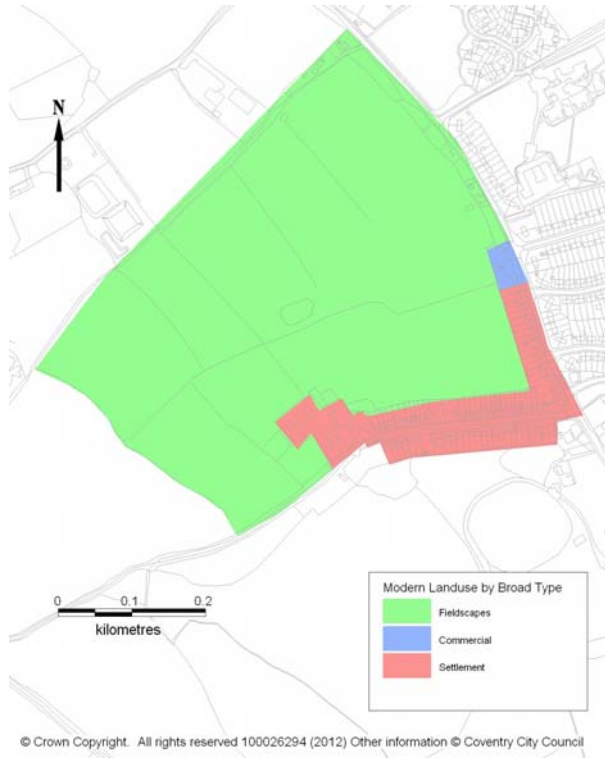
### Historic Development

The earliest documentary evidence for the Character Area is the 1410 -11 Cartulary of St. Mary's Priory which records a wood in the west of the Character Area, an enclosed field in the south, and a house with four crofts or small enclosures in the east. Also recorded in the Cartulary is a road called Le Carterlane, which follows the same alignment as the current Thompson's Lane, and another road called Le Heynelane, which ran along the northern boundary of the Character Area and followed the alignment of the current footpath. At the time of the Keresley Tithe Survey in 1847 the wood was known as Thompson's Wood and the large enclosures had been sub-divided to create smaller fields. Le Carterlane had become Thompson's Lane, and Le Heynelane had become Hall Yard Lane. By 1888 Thompson's Wood had been cleared for use as a cultivated field. There was little change in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, apart from a 1930s ribbon development of housing along the east end of Thompson's Lane and Bennett's Road North.



### Modern Character

The Character Area comprises small, enclosed fields. The fields are bounded by hedges, with veteran trees included within the hedgerow particularly in the east of the Character Area. Field boundaries in the west of the Character Area have a curving profile but the majority of internal boundaries are straight and date to the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries. Hedgerows around the perimeter of the Character Area, however, are likely to date to the medieval period and can, therefore, be classed as 'ancient'. Only the perimeter of the Character Area is accessible by road or footpath. Despite the proximity of housing to the east the Character Area has a remote and rural atmosphere.



*Entrance to Thompson's Lane, a medieval lane*

## **Geology and Topography**

The Character Area overlies sandstone and mudstone. This area is one of the highest points in the locality, lying between 130m and 145m above sea level.