

These are some of the things that make Lymington special - they need to be looked after:

History

- The historic, unchanged street pattern dating to the 13th century.
- The layout of long, narrow medieval burgage plots and lanes - Madeira Walk and The Tins.

Buildings

- The scale and proportions of Georgian buildings and their lesser rear outbuildings aligned along the burgage plots including the walls which separate them.
- The humble scale of the terraces, listed eg Stanford Row, and Southampton Road, and unlisted eg Emsworth Road.
- The typical Lymington brick is a strong simple stock brick with a plum coloured element in it, although in the main streets there are more painted brick or stucco elevations.

- · Mathematical tiles often get confused with vellow bricks eg 32 St Thomas's Street.
- The wide range of decorative detail in the shopping streets. Three-sided canted bay windows, sometimes rising through two or three storeys are an especially common feature.

Archaeology

• The built archaeology - the remains of medieval timber-framed buildings hidden behind later brick facades like the jettied timber-framed structure at 26 High Street.

Landscape/Townscape

- etwork of narrow alleys and courtyards.
- Rural feel to lanes south of High Street with crinkle-crankle walls.
- Traditional surfacing materials eg Quay Hill setts, stone paths in the churchyard.
- The rhythm and harmony created by buildings of different ages, heights, styles, colours and materials, alongside each other but with a consistent scale.
- Some grander 18th century townhouses have marvellous rear gardens within their original walled enclosures eg Chawton House, Bellevue House.

Setting

- Skyline view of buildings seen from Walhampton as the Borough climbs the hill is critical.
- Views of Walhampton, the Solent and the Isle of Wight from the High Street.

Potential for enhancement

- Site at junction of Belmore Lane and St Thomas's Street is one obvious opportunity.
- The Quay is an important asset to the town which would benefit from environmental improvements to visitor facilities such as the parking area. surface treatment and seating.