

Desford Hall Lodges, Leicester Lane, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	c. 1875
Architect:	Unknown
Original Use:	Hall lodges
Current Use:	Residential
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 50190 02265 & SK 50349 02299



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural interest / Integrity / Landmark quality / Group value

Reason for Designation:

Two former lodges to Desford Hall now converted into residential use. The grade II listed Hall was constructed as a small country house in c.1875 (then known as Forest House, reverting to being known as Desford Hall by 1900) and was converted to offices c.1980. The two lodges are located at the southern corners of the Hall grounds and are good illustrative examples of a functional building serving a small estate. Architecturally the lodges were constructed with Queen Anne influences, interest remains in their steeply pitched roofs with Dutch gables, white brick laid in a Flemish bond with segmental arches, sections of herringbone, circles and cross brickwork in the gables, a dentil eaves course, stone windows surrounds, copings, finials and string courses, and tall gable, ridge and axial chimney stacks. Despite some alterations including modern windows and concrete tile roofs, and some extensions to each lodge, the integrity of the original construction remains. The lodge located to the south-west of the Hall grounds is located at the driveway to the Hall from Leicester Lane and has a visual prominence ensuring it can be singled out as a landmark within the local street scene. The lodges have a clear historic relationship with the grade II listed Hall and are the result of a deliberate design.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

- MLE11223 Desford Hall
- MLE22664 Leicester Forest Area D

Pesto (former White Horse PH), Leicester Lane, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	c. late C19
Architect:	Unknown
Original Use:	Public House
Current Use:	Commercial
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 50118 02245



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural interest / Landmark quality / Other: communal function

Reason for Designation:

A good example of a former rural public house, now in use as a restaurant. It has a largely late-19th century appearance but the earliest reference of a public house on the site is from 1846 in White's Directory when John Gutteridge, a local farmer, was the licensee. It is illustrative of the social, economic and cultural development of Desford parish providing a typical function within an outlying and predominantly agricultural landscape. Architecturally the building was constructed to a Domestic style typical of a reformed public house of the late 19th century. Interest remains in the tall and dominant red brick chimney stacks, Welsh slate roof covering, terracotta ridge tiles, corbelling to the eaves, and canted brick cills. The building has a visual prominence at the back edge of the road and can be singled out as a landmark within the local street scene. Despite closing as a public house in 2015 the building remains in use as a source of identity and social interaction and provides a communal function for the parish.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

- MLE22664 Leicester Forest Area D

The Forest, Leicester Lane, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	c. mid C19
Architect:	Unknown
Original Use:	House and Blacksmiths
Current Use:	Residential and commercial garage
Condition:	Good/Fair
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 50044 02297



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural interest / Integrity / Landmark quality

Reason for Designation:

An interesting example of a former blacksmiths with associated cottage range, the blacksmiths has now been adapted and extended and is in use as a garage (Husky Motors), the cottages have been converted and extended to form one dwelling. The dwelling and former blacksmiths building have a mid-19th century appearance, although the blacksmiths may have been operating on the site from an earlier date. The former blacksmiths is illustrative of the social, economic and cultural development of Desford parish providing a typical function within an outlying and predominantly agricultural landscape. Architectural interest to the dwelling includes a red brick laid in a Flemish bond, red brick segmental arches and canted blue brick cills to the openings, tall gable end and axial chimney stacks with crown pots, and a Welsh slate roof covering. Despite some alterations including plastic windows the integrity of the original construction remains. The complex of buildings has a visual prominence at the back edge of the road and can be singled out as a landmark within the local street scene.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

- MLE22664 Leicester Forest Area D

Stud Farm complex, Leicester Lane, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	c. early C19
Architect:	Unknown
Original Use:	Agricultural/Residential
Current Use:	Agricultural/Residential
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 49312 02646



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural interest / Age / Rarity / Landmark quality

Reason for Designation:

A small farm complex first known as Forest Farm, originally comprising a full courtyard with an L-shaped range, two linear ranges and a detached farmhouse. The historic buildings on the site appear to date from the early to mid-19th century although the farm complex was likely established much earlier following the disafforestation of the Leicester Forest to agriculture from the 17th century onwards. The complex has been altered during the 20th century, with the range buildings being converted into residential use and being significantly altered and extended. Interest now only remains in the single storey frontage ranges (now converted to form part of the properties known as Greystones, Primrose Cottage and Dragons Lair) and the original farmhouse (now known as Stud Farm). The complex is illustrative of the social, economic and cultural development of agricultural practices in the area following the disuse of the Leicester Forest. Architectural interest to the farm house includes its L-shaped plan form, tall gable end chimney stacks with crown pots and a Welsh slate roof covering. The converted frontage ranges retain architectural interest through their external granite walls with red brick openings, louvered cupolas, and local but rate Swithland slates. Due to the width of the frontage ranges along Leicester Lane and the scale of the Stud farm house the complex has a visual prominence within the local street scene.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

- MLE22664 Leicester Forest Area D

The 29 Steps, Leicester Lane, Desford

Asset Type:	Site
Construction Date:	N/A
Architect:	N/A
Original Use:	Boundary feature
Current Use:	Boundary feature
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	N/A

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 48664 02590



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Community value / Rarity / Landmark quality / Other: communal function

Reason for Designation:

The 29 steps are a remnant boundary feature of the Leicester Forest, being sited on an historic and existing public right of way that is well used. Despite the disafforestation of the Forest largely to agriculture and other purposes from the 17th century onwards the steps continue to illustrate an important historic boundary that contributes to the identity of the parish. The steps are a geographical and cultural orientation point.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

- MLE22664 Leicester Forest Area D

No's 1 & 3 Kirkby Road, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	Early C20
Architect:	Unknown
Original Use:	Residential
Current Use:	Residential
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 47742 03252 & SK 47722 03240



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural interest / Integrity / Group value

Reason for Designation:

A pair of Edwardian dwellings constructed with Arts and Crafts and Domestic Revival style influences. The dwellings are illustrative of the social, economic and cultural development of Desford as it expanded in size and higher status dwellings were constructed in large plots on the rural-urban fringe. Each individual builder and plot owner could represent the latest or prevalent architectural styles, in this case good quality representations of the Arts and Crafts and Domestic Revival styles were chosen with interest in their unorthodox plan form, varying wall finishes including red brick, render and hung clay tiles, steeply pitched roofs, projecting gables, and varying window sizes with cottage style windows. Despite some modern alterations the buildings retain a sense of completeness and have group value as a pair with a clear aesthetic association due to their deliberate design.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

None

Mine wheel, Lindridge Lane, Desford

Asset Type:	Site
Construction Date:	Unknown
Architect:	Unknown
Original Use:	Winding wheel at Desford Colliery
Current Use:	Ornamental
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Unoccupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 47603 03680



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural interest / Community value / Age / Landmark quality / Other: communal function

Reason for Designation:

A former winding wheel the nearby Desford Colliery which was sunk in 1900 and closed in 1984. The wheel is illustrative of a local industry which shaped the social, economic and cultural development of the area through the 20th century. It provides a sense of identity and a physical reminder of past interactions between the area and the industry which contributes to the collective memory of the place. The wheel is one of the only remaining physical structures relating to the colliery and is highly recognisable and visible landmark within the street scene.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

- MLE2751 – Historic settlement core of Desford
- MLE18388 – Desford Colliery

Village Hall and No.12, Lindridge Lane, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	Mid C19
Architect:	Unknown
Original Use:	Wesleyan Methodist Chapel
Current Use:	Residential and Village Hall
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 47623 03670



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural interest / Community value / Age / Landmark quality / Other: communal function

Reason for Designation:

A former Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, now in use as a dwelling and the village hall. Records indicate the Methodist Chapel was established in the village by 1849. For a period during the mid-20th century the building was used as the Miners Institute serving the workers of the nearby Desford Colliery until being part converted into a separate dwelling and village hall by the end of the 20th century. It is illustrative of the social, economic and cultural development of Desford providing a range of functions typical of an expanding village, firstly non-conformist religion, secondly a social use for a local industry, and most recently a critical communal function as the village hall. The building was constructed in a Gothic revival style and despite alterations and additions some architectural interest remains including Flemish bond brickwork, an axial chimney stack, a pointed yellow brick arch over the door to no.12, decorative corbelling to the eaves and verges, and lancet windows to the village hall. The building has been a source of identity and social interest for nearly 200 years. The building has a visual prominence at the back edge of the road and can be singled out as a landmark within the local street scene.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

- MLE2751 – Historic settlement core of Desford

Linwood Cottage, Lindridge Lane, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	1906
Architect:	Unknown
Original Use:	Chauffeurs Cottage
Current Use:	Residential
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 47702 04128



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural interest / Integrity / Landmark quality / Group value

Reason for Designation:

The former chauffeurs cottage for the Lindridge House Estate, now converted into residential use. The House was likely a small manorial seat with likely associations with a scheduled medieval moated site, although it was largely demolished by the early 20th century. The cottage is located to the south of the estate lodge house on Lindridge Lane and is a good illustrative example of a functional building serving a small estate. The garage fronting the road remains. Architectural interest includes gable end chimney stacks, timber sash windows, overhanging eaves, exposed purlins and verge bargeboards. There is a name/date stone "Linwood Cottage 1906". Despite some alterations and extensions the integrity of the original construction remains. The cottage is located directly on Lindridge Lane so has a visual prominence ensuring it can be singled out as a landmark within the local street scene and it has a clear historic relationship and association with the complex of former Lindridge Estate buildings.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

- MLE2738 Medieval moated site, Lindridge
- MLE2739 Medieval enclosures and pond at Lindridge moated site

Lindridge Lodge, Lindridge Lane, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	c. mid C19
Architect:	Unknown
Original Use:	Hall lodge
Current Use:	Residential
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 47233 04944



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural interest / Integrity / Landmark quality / Group value

Reason for Designation:

The former lodge for the Lindridge House Estate, now converted into residential use. The House was likely a small manorial seat with likely associations with a scheduled medieval moated site, although it was largely demolished by the early 20th century. The lodge is located to the northeast of moated site and estate farm house, and is a good illustrative example of a functional building serving a small estate. Architecturally the lodge was constructed with Gothic influences, interest remains in the projecting gables, yellow brick laid in a Flemish bond, sandstone columns, parapets, window surrounds, pointed arches, hood window moulding and string course, tall chimney stacks, and slate roof covering. Despite some alterations including plastic windows and extensions to the lodge the integrity of the original construction remains. The lodge is located adjacent to the estate access drive from Lindridge Lane so has a visual prominence ensuring it can be singled out as a landmark within the local street scene. It has a clear historic relationship and association with the complex of former Lindridge Estate buildings.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

- MLE2738 Medieval moated site, Lindridge
- MLE2739 Medieval enclosures and pond at Lindridge moated site

No's 55 & 57 Newbold Road, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	Mid C19
Architect:	Unknown
Original Use:	Residential
Current Use:	Residential
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 47455 03567



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural interest / Landmark quality / Group value

Reason for Designation:

A good example of a pair of mid-Victorian workers cottages. They are illustrative of the social, economic and cultural development of Desford as it expanded in size during this period and functional housing was required to house workers. Architectural interest includes Flemish bond brickwork, a Welsh slate roof covering, shared ridge chimney stack, segmental brick arches, canted blue brick cills, dog tooth eaves course, and a panelled door to no.55. The cottages have a visual prominence at the back edge of the pavement and can be singled out as a landmark within the local street scene. Through the piecemeal development of the area the group of properties numbered 55, 57, 59 & 61 Newbold Road provide a good example of the predominant historical styles of residential properties from the mid-19th century to the mid-20th century.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

- MLE2751 – Historic settlement core of Desford

No.59 Newbold Road, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	c. 1930s
Architect:	Unknown
Original Use:	Residential
Current Use:	Residential
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 47445 03554



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: artistic interest / Rarity / Landmark quality / Group value

Reason for Designation:

A good example of single dwelling constructed to a typical Council house style. It is illustrative of the social, economic and cultural development of Desford as it expanded in size during the post-WWI period and functional housing was required. It was a Victory Garden during WWII so was the only house in the village allowed to keep the iron railings along the front and side boundary, the railings survive as something that was once quite common and provide some artistic interest. Due to the openness of the site frontage the building does have a visual prominence and can be singled out as a landmark within the local street scene. Through the piecemeal development of the area the group of properties numbered 55, 57, 59 & 61 Newbold Road provide a good example of the predominant historical styles of residential properties from the mid-19th century to the mid-20th century.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

- MLE2751 – Historic settlement core of Desford

No.61 Newbold Road, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	1886
Architect:	Unknown
Original Use:	Residential
Current Use:	Residential
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 47447 03543



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural interest / Integrity / Landmark quality / Group value

Reason for Designation:

A good example of late-Victorian villa. The building is illustrative of the social, economic and cultural development of Desford as it expanded in size during this period and higher status dwellings were constructed in large plots on the rural-urban fringe. Architectural interest includes Flemish bond brickwork, large ridge chimney stacks, decorative stone/concrete lintels, dog tooth course and corbelling to the eaves, verge bargeboards and terracotta ridge tiles. There is name/date stone "Moorwood House 1886". Despite some modern alterations the building retains a sense of completeness. Due to its scale the building has a visual prominence and can be singled out as a landmark within the local street scene. Through the piecemeal development of the area the group of properties numbered 55, 57, 59 & 61 Newbold Road provide a good example of the predominant historical styles of residential properties from the mid-19th century to the mid-20th century. For a period the house was used by St. Dunstan's home for the blind so the building may have some community value.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

- MLE2751 – Historic settlement core of Desford

Former Roebuck Inn, Newbold Road, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	c. late C19
Architect:	Unknown
Original Use:	Public House
Current Use:	Residential
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 47349 03533



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural and artistic interest / Community value / Age / Landmark quality

Reason for Designation:

A good example of a former village public house, now converted into residential use. It has a largely late-19th century appearance but the earliest reference of a public house on the site is from 1825. The number of bays suggests the building could have originally formed a number of cottages before the change of use and subsequent late-19th century alterations. It is illustrative of the social, economic and cultural development of Desford providing a typical function of an expanding village. Architecturally the building was constructed with a range of styles and influences, interest remains in the Welsh slate roof covering, gabled half dormers with finials and bargeboards, terracotta ridge tiles, canted brick and decorative cills, projecting headers, decorative door surrounds, metal rainwater goods, and gable chimney stacks. Artistic interest includes the carved name panel and space for further signage above the entrance door which communicates the former use and history of the building. The building provided a communal function and despite its closure as a public house in 2010 it remains a source of identity that contributes to the collective memory of the village. Due to the width of the frontage the building has a visual prominence and can be singled out as a landmark within the local street scene.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

- MLE2751 – Historic settlement core of Desford

Gables Farm, Newbold Road, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	c. mid C19
Architect:	Unknown
Original Use:	Agricultural/Residential
Current Use:	Residential/Commercial
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 47402 03558



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural interest / Age / Integrity / Landmark quality

Reason for Designation:

A small farm complex comprising a linear farm house with attached wing forming a U-plan courtyard. Former stables have been converted into residential use. Further detached buildings to the north and west comprising separate dwellings and a livery and equestrian business located on a small holding on enclosed land to the north. The current farm house likely dates from the mid-19th century but the farm complex is likely to date from much earlier, possibly pre-enclosure given its location within the core of a linear settlement. There is some timber framing evident in the western gable end. It is illustrative of the social, economic and cultural development of Desford as a predominantly agricultural village. Architectural interest includes overhanging eaves, large ridge chimney stacks, diamonds set within gabled half dormers, canted brick cills. Some original openings have been adapted for the stable conversion and its clay tile roof covering remains. The historic farmstead plan set around a loose courtyard remains discernible. Due to the width of the farm house frontage the building has a visual prominence and can be singled out as a landmark within the local street scene.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

- MLE2751 – Historic settlement core of Desford

Debdale (now Topsham Nursery), Peckleton Lane, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	Early C20
Architect:	Unknown
Original Use:	Residential
Current Use:	Nursery
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 47833 02988



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural interest / Integrity / Landmark quality

Reason for Designation:

A good example of an Edwardian villa, now adapted into a nursery with more recent alterations. The building is illustrative of the social, economic and cultural development of Desford as it expanded in size and higher status dwellings were constructed in large plots on the rural-urban fringe.

Architectural interest includes decorative brick bond, a Welsh slate roof covering, gable chimney stack, canted bay windows, and decorative lintels and eaves course. Despite some modern alterations the building retains a sense of completeness. Due to its scale the building has a visual prominence back within its plot and can be singled out as a landmark within the local street scene.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

None

Caterpillar Tractor Co gates, Peckleton Lane, Desford

Asset Type:	Site
Construction Date:	c. 1952
Architect:	Caterpillar Tractor Co
Original Use:	Gates (access)
Current Use:	Gates (ornamental)
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	N/A

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 48568 01724



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: artistic interest / Community value / Rarity / Landmark quality

Reason for Designation:

The entrance gates are one of the only remaining structures associated with the founding of the Caterpillar Tractor Company in 1952, with this being the first venture of the company outside the United States of America and founded on the former Desford airfield. The gates are illustrative of an industrial company that has and continues to make an important contribution to the social and economic development of the area and further afield. The gates are likely constructed of wrought iron and have ornate elements within the design giving them an artistic interest which communicates the name and status of the company. The gates are perceived a source of identity and social interaction due to the amount of people that have and continue to pass through them as employees of the company. The gates have been restored to their original condition and are a landmark feature at the current entrance to the company premises.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

- MLE15965 – Desford Airfield

No's 20 & 22 Station Road, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	1920s
Architect:	Unknown
Original Use:	Residential
Current Use:	Residential
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 48221 03463



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural interest / Landmark quality / Group value

Reason for Designation:

A semi-detached pair of dwellings constructed in an Arts and Crafts style. The dwellings are illustrative of the social, economic and cultural development of Desford as it expanded in size during the post-WWI period and new housing was required. During this period ribbon development took place along Station Road and each individual builder and plot owner could represent the latest or prevalent architectural styles, in this case a high quality representation of the Arts and Crafts style was chosen with interest in the typical linear plan form of the dwellings, the steeply pitched hipped roof with clay tiles and tall central ridge chimney stack. Despite some minor alterations and extensions the plan form and integrity of the original construction remains. The dwellings have an open frontage and due to the width of the linear plan form they have a visual prominence ensuring they can be singled out as a landmark within the local street scene.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

None

Lancaster Arms, Station Road, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	c. 1860s
Architect:	Joseph Dymock
Original Use:	Residential/Public House
Current Use:	Public House
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 48621 04022



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative and associative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural and artistic interest / Community value / Integrity / Landmark quality / Other: communal function

Reason for Designation:

A good example of a village public house. Originally constructed as a private dwelling by/for Joseph Dymock c.1860 it was in use as a public house by 1870. Dymock also offered carting from Desford to the nearby railway station. It is illustrative of the social, economic and cultural development of Desford providing a typical function of a village expanding in size due to the development of the nearby Leicester to Swannington Railway. The public house name is associated with the title Duchy of Lancaster who were pre-enclosure landowners in Desford on behalf of the Crown. Architecturally the building was constructed with a range of styles and influences, interest remains in the steep pitched roof with predominantly clay tile covering and projecting gables, overhanging eaves and exposed purlins, tall chimney stacks, brick turret, and timber sash windows with large cills and stone heads. Artistic interest includes the Lancaster crest and hanging sign which communicates the use and history of the building and area. It provides a communal function for the village and is a source of identity and social interaction. Despite some modern alterations including decoration to the external walls the building retains a sense of completeness. The building has a visual prominence at the back edge of the road and can be singled out as a landmark within the local street scene

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

None

Station House, Station Road, Desford

Asset Type:	Building
Construction Date:	c. 1848
Architect:	Leicester to Swannington Railway Company
Original Use:	Railway Station
Current Use:	Residential
Condition:	Good
Occupancy:	Occupied

Ward:	Newbold Verdon with Desford and Peckleton
Parish:	Desford
NGR:	SK 48651 04126



Selection Criteria:

Historic value: illustrative and associative interest / Aesthetic value: architectural interest / Age / Rarity / Integrity

Reason for Designation:

Former Desford railway station, now converted to residential use after the station closed in 1964. The station sits on the former Leicester to Swannington Railway which was one of the earliest steam railways in the country, constructed in 1832 by the renowned civil engineers George and Robert Stephenson. The current building was constructed and opened in 1848 some 135 metres west of the original station. It is illustrative of a functional building serving and related to the social, economic and cultural development of the area whilst also demonstrating the national growth of the railways during the mid-19th century. Architecturally the building has Tudor influences with tall gable and axial chimney stacks, steep pitched gables with stone parapets, stone windows surrounds, and soot stained original brickwork in an English bond. The building could be considered a rare survival of something (a village/Parish railway station) that was once common across Leicestershire and nationally. Despite some alterations as part of its conversion the plan form and former use of the building remains discernible. The location of the building facing directly onto the level crossing over Station Road ensures it can be singled out as a landmark within the local street scene.

Relevant entries from the Historic Environment Record:

- MLE16056 – Leicester to Swannington/Midland Railway, Leicester & Burton branch line

