

TAVISTOCK NDP HERITAGE ASSESSMENT FORM

Using the criteria for the visual survey please complete the following for any building or structure that you think is important to the area which is not nationally Listed or considered as a 'positive building'.

Location: Street/road name Whitchurch Road Postcode
Property name/number N/A
Description of the location if it is not a property (If not in a built-up area please provide a OS map reference) SX485731
Description: <i>[Please take a photograph(s) if possible, from the road and attach to this form.]</i> What is the building/structure? i.e. house, school, streetlight, letter box, metal railings, steps, etc. Mile Stone marker – inscription states: MILES FROM TAV? PLYMO DOCK XIII
What material(s) is it made out of? i.e. slate, granite, render, stone, etc Granite
Explain why you think it is important and should be preserved. Style similar to old 'Main Road' markers such as at the top of Green Lane, Tavistock possibly dating from late 17 th /early 18 th century. Pre-dates the Tavistock Turnpike road from Tavistock to Plymouth in 1762 when this road up-graded to form the turnpike road to Plymouth. The inscription follows the style of the original 'main roads' into the town, which are already Listed. No other milestones are noted along the road from Tavistock to Horrabridge within the parish, and this is possibly the only remaining one on this former turnpike road. It should be nationally listed.
Historical connection: Do you know whether the buildings/structure has an historical connection with the town; i.e. was formerly an important building/structure, was connected with a prominent local person, etc. It is likely that this marker pre-dates the first turnpike road out of Tavistock to Plymouth; the petition to Parliament for the turnpike road read, "That the road from Market Place in Tavistock across church yard to lower Abbey gate over River Tavy, thru St John's Lane by Ash Farm House

and Sortridge Gate to North end of Horra Bridge”, and led to an old pound at Plymouth Dock. It is probable that the ‘main road’ previous to the turnpike road was the same route.



Image of the ‘Tombstone’ style milestone on Whitchurch Road.