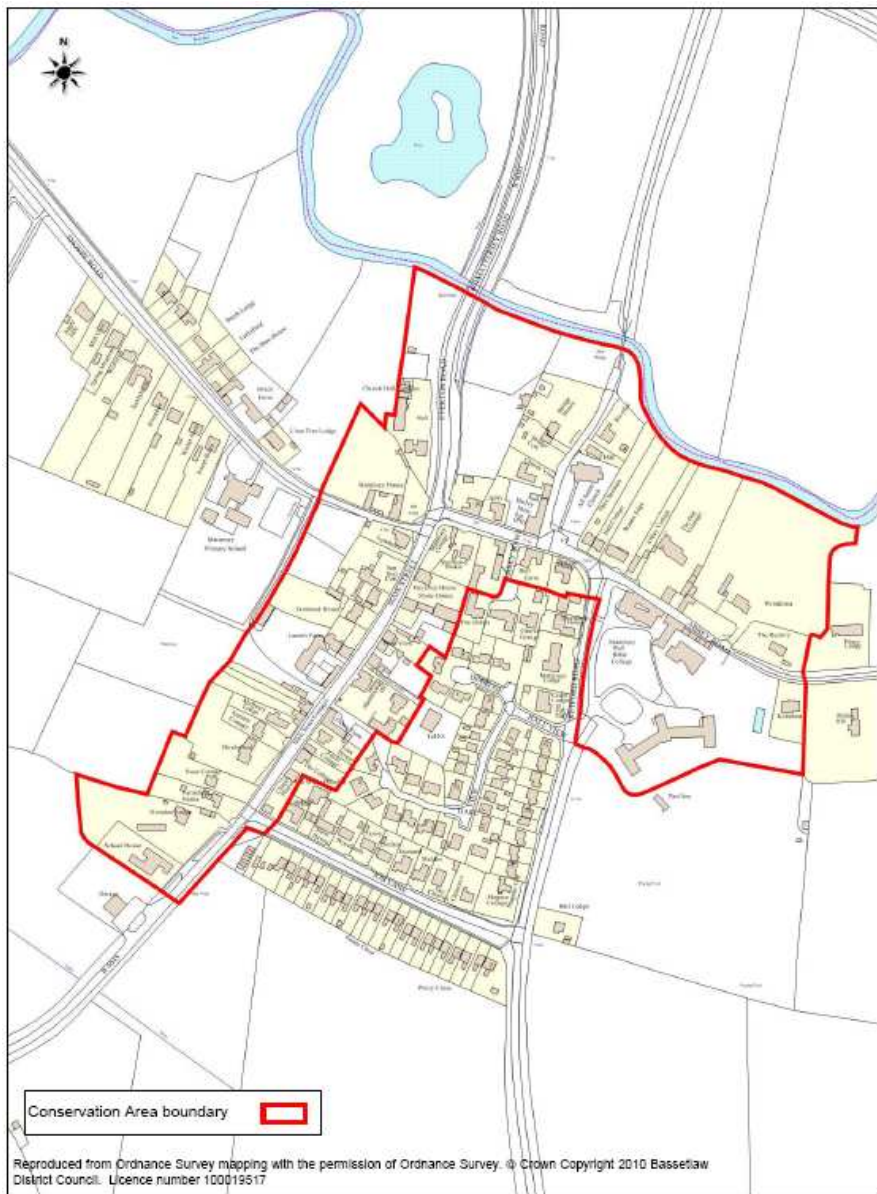
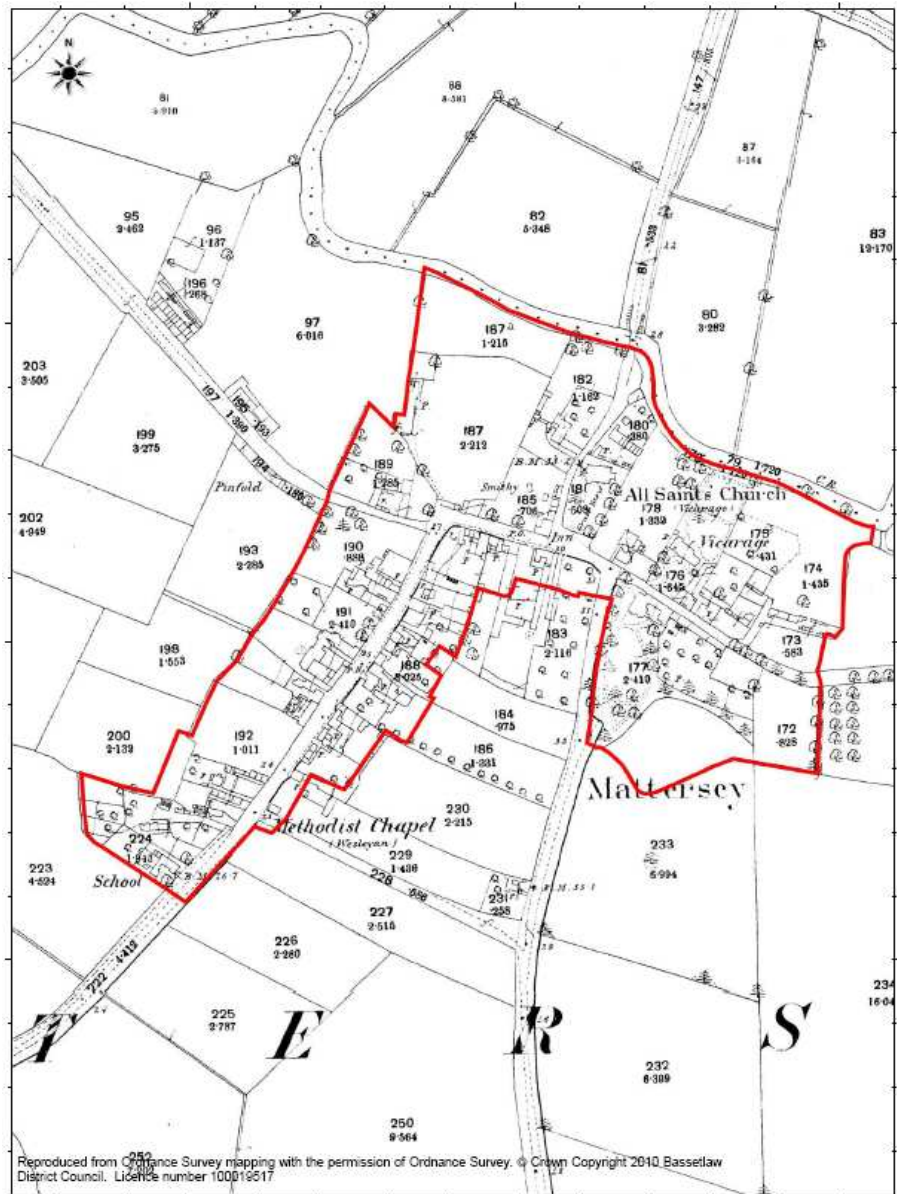


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## Mattersey in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century

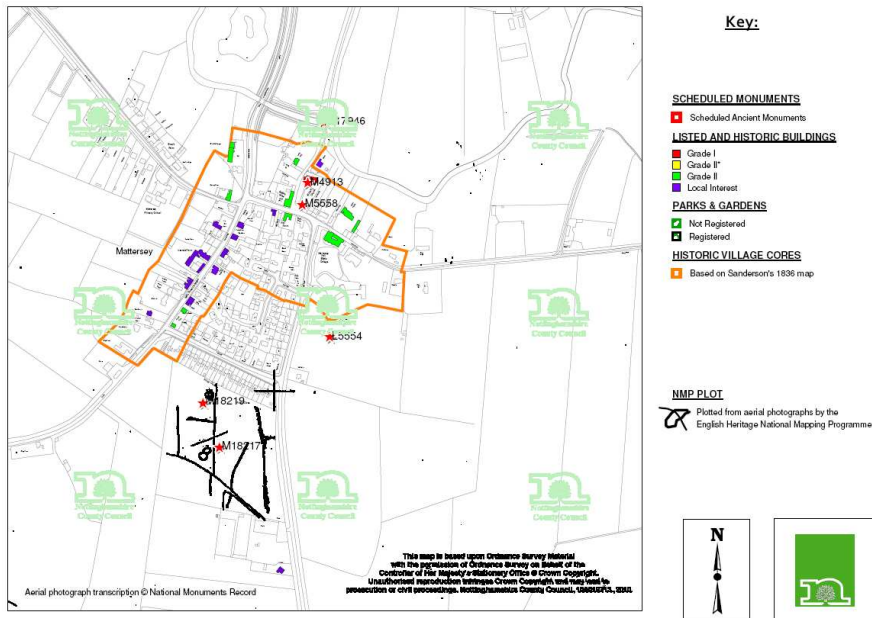


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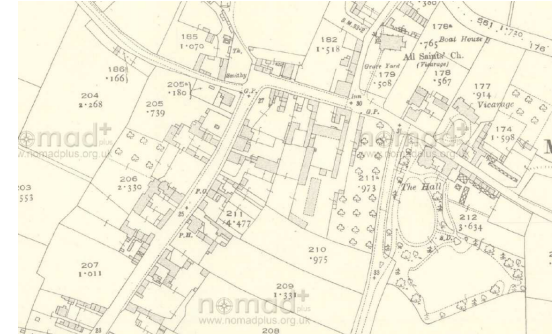
On the banks of the river Idle, lies Mattersey, where once stood an important Gilbertine abbey. Mattersey can be traced back to a family with the name de Maresey who were also lords of Gamston, south of Retford. In 1192, the head of this house, Roger de Maresey, founded the priory, and endowed it with lands and granges at Mattersey.

The village itself is split between the distinctive historic core along Main Street and Abbey Road with the modern elements along Retford Road and Job Lane. Main Street is predominantly characterised by a mixture of late 18<sup>th</sup> to early 20<sup>th</sup> century farmsteads, cottages and houses. A few of these buildings are listed, but many are local interest buildings that have a good level of heritage significance, particularly Laurel's Farm. Other buildings such as the School House, adjacent lodge, and Lyndhurst are good exemplars of Victorian and Edwardian architecture that compliment the older parts of Main Street. Characterful historic brick boundary walls remain throughout Main Street.



At the north entrance to the village from Everton Road sit a former maltkin and the attractive mid 18<sup>th</sup> century Georgian house known as Mattersey House. Mattersey House, Lyndhurst and Church Hall provide an attractive junction to Thorpe Road.

The historic grouping around All Saint's Church, especially along Church Lane from Ralph House to Bridge House, provides a good character area that reminds us of the original entrance to the village from the north (the original medieval bridge at the Idle has been lost, but there now stands a footbridge). Remains of a 14<sup>th</sup> century village cross can be seen in the churchyard. At the eastern end, the old vicarage and Mattersey Hall provide focal points in this historic part of the village.



The boundary covers the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century settlement of Mattersey. The buildings along Main Street remain a good example of brick and pantile vernacular cottages and farmsteads, whilst the churchyard area that includes Church Lane and part of Abbey Road retains a good level of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century structures. Despite occasional infill plots of variable quality, the historic and architectural interest of this part of Mattersey overall is regarded as being special.



Clockwise from top left: Lyndhurst; Mattersey House; view of the church from the Idle; Laurel's Farm (source: BDC, 2009).