

More On Carlton Stone

Chris Peat has reported some interesting occurrences of Carlton Stone to add to the report in the April issue of *Aspect*. The wall of Holly Cottage in Main Street, Shackerstone, is built mostly of Carlton Stone, but includes an interesting mixture of other kinds of stone.



The individual elements of this wall range in size from pebbles to large boulders and blocks, and in shape from well-rounded to rectangular. As a whole, the stones are a typical assemblage of what can be found in local fields, though the more regular blocks of Carlton Stone could well have been recycled from another building.

The lower part of a barn wall near School Lane in Newton Burgoland is built of small irregular slabs of Carlton Stone.

These slabs are not at all rounded like the boulders in the first photograph. Newton Burgoland is within the area where Carlton Stone occurs near the surface, and these slabs could have been picked up from the fields after being weathered out and kicked up by the plough. Many readers of *Aspect* will remember Mick Pointon of Carlton House Farm in Carlton. Some years ago Mick dug up a large piece of Carlton Stone from one of his fields, and when showing it to Chris said that he would like it for his headstone. His wish has now been granted, and his son and daughter have arranged for a memorial plaque to be set into the stone, which has now been erected in Carlton Cemetery.



A fitting memorial to local farmer who carried out many good works for the community.

Chris has also let me know that *Historic England* has just published a series of updated guides to the 'Building Stones of England' which can be

downloaded. This does not actually mention Carlton Stone specifically, just the *Skerry Sandstones* of the Gunthorpe Formation of the Mercia Mudstone Group. It includes an illustration described as a cottage at Orton on the Hill. Chris found this rather strange as he had not spotted any Carlton Stone at Orton. The photograph though looked very familiar – in fact it was an old image of The Stone House at Carlton! Chris immediately went out and took a picture:



Just to prove that you can't believe everything you read here is the item in the *Historic England* guide:

Figure 30: Cottage, Orton on the Hill. Skerry Sandstone.



Yes, it is clearly the same cottage, described as "Cottage, Orton on the Hill. Skerry Sandstone". Many thanks to Chris for this additional information - and for spotting the error which I believe he has reported to *Historic England*.

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