

## Natural and Built Environment – to be read in conjunction with Monkton Combe Environment Map (below)

### 1) Assets of Social and Communal Value

The Church – St Michaels of All Angels - **A**  
Village Hall and associated paddock - **B**  
Communal Garden (Miss Davies) and children's play park - **B**.  
Car park next to Village Hall - **B**  
Public House – the Wheelwright's Arms - **C**  
Monkton Combe Senior School - **D**  
Ralph Allen Comprehensive School – **E**  
Brassknocker basin and canal paths - **J**

### 2) Assets of Heritage Value

The Church, Farm House and Barn, Pub – **A, B, C**.  
The drungs (pathways) up the hillsides - **F**  
Track of old railway and canal - **G**.  
Mill Buildings and chimney - **H**.  
Mill leat, sluice gate and mill pond - **H**.  
The old jailhouse on Mill Lane - **I**.  
Brassknocker basin and Dundas Aqueduct - **J**.  
Fishing lake at Tucking Mill and railway viaduct above **K**.

### 3) Assets of Architectural Interest

The Church, built in 1860's in 'Victorian Gothic' style - **A**.  
Parts of the School, built in Victorian times but with classical features - **D**.  
Railway viaduct at Tucking Mill, typical Victorian style, built 1874 in engineering brick - **K**.  
Dundas aqueduct, designed by John Rennie, opened 1810 - **J**.  
The Lock Up – 18<sup>th</sup> century round topped jailhouse with two cells, in Bath Stone - **I**.

### 4) Associations

House at Tucking Mill lived in by William Smith, 'Father of English Geology' c.1800 ( see Geological Interest) - **L**  
Harry Patch (the last surviving Tommy of WW1) is buried in the churchyard - **A**.

### 5) Aesthetic Value

Houses in the Village are either built of Cotswold or Bath Stone giving it a uniform look and style, and many are listed buildings.

There are notable Farm House and Barn conversions and several large Victorian Villas which resemble similar buildings in Bath itself, both being modelled on a classic Palladian style – e.g. Combe Grove, Combe Grange. Stone walls abound giving the village a Cotswold feel and even modern infill has been done 'in the style' to match the surroundings - **M**

### 6) Sites of Landmark Quality

The Church, the Village Hall, the School and the Pub are all prominent or signposted **A,C,D**.  
The bench halfway up Shaft Road gives a vista that almost covers the whole Parish - **M**.  
The A36 viaduct and the playing fields surrounding it (part of Monkton School) - **N** .

#### 7) Sites of Archaeological Interest

Parts of the bed and walls of the old Somerset Coal Canal are still extant and can be seen along with the trackbed of the Limpley Stoke-Camerton Railway which superseded it - **G**.

The lake and surroundings of Tucking Mill originally occupied by the old Fuller's Earth Works - **K**.

#### 8) Sites of Geological Interest

As mentioned above, William Smith did pioneering work around the site of the Fuller's Earth Works at Tucking Mill and layers of strata can still be seen cut out by the Horsecombe Brook in the woods above the hamlet - **O**.

The remains of quarries at Mount Pleasant which once supplied some of the stone that built Bath - **P**.

#### 9) Scenic Quality

The views of and from Dundas Aqueduct - **J**.

Views across the Parish from Brassknocker Hill, Shaft Road, Mount Pleasant and Summer Lane.

Tucking Mill viaduct and lake - **K**.

The Two Tunnels shared path along the ex-Somerset & Dorset Railway track - **K**.

The rural quality and timelessness of Tucking Mill Lane - **K**.

#### 10) Conservation

Wild 'Bath Asparagus' grows along the valley - **R**.

Foraging area for Horseshoe Bats - **S**



**Southstoke CP**  
**Monkton Combe Parish Boundary**

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