
3.12 Manaton

[Introduction](#)

3.12.1

Manaton is a small village in the River Bovey valley. The earliest existing building in the settlement is St Winifred's Church dating from the early 15th century. In the 19th century development took place at Freeland, to the south of the old centre, and continued into the 20th century. The original hamlet is now overshadowed by the nearby hamlet of Water.

[Conservation of the built environment](#)

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The character of Manaton is determined less by buildings than by its long tapering green, surrounded by mature trees around which buildings are positioned. The public road beside it carries little traffic, with the result that the village centre is exceptionally tranquil. The buildings are of mixed architectural styles, character and materials. Some are of medieval origin with others dating from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. Boundaries are marked mainly by granite walls, notably at the north end of the green.

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The Conservation Area includes the historic core of the village, the green and all listed buildings, as well as Town Barton, Crosspark Cottage, the sports ground and the village hall.

