



Searching to keep up Standards

AN independent person is needed to help play an important role in ensuring public confidence in Charnwood Borough Council and its 52 elected members.

A vacancy has arisen on the Authority's Standards Committee, which promotes and maintains high standards of conduct by members and employees of the Council.

The position is for a four-year term, starting in October 2009, and the successful applicant will work alongside another independent person and five Councillors representing the three main political parties.

Applicants must be independent of Charnwood Borough Council and the Authority cannot appoint anyone who has been or is:

- A member or officer of the Borough Council during the last five years;
- A relative or close friend of a Councillor or officer of the Borough Council;
- A member or officer of another local Authority.

The Council is also unable to appoint anyone who is actively engaged in local party political activity.

For further details and an application form, contact Michael Hopkins, Charnwood's Deputy Monitoring Officer, on (01509) 634 785 or email michael.hopkins@charnwood.gov.uk.

Protecting the past

WHAT do a milestone, a telephone box, and a water tank have in common?

They might not sound very special - but they are among more than 1,000 Listed Buildings and structures in Charnwood recognised for their special architectural or historic importance.

The first building to be listed in Charnwood was the Old Rectory in Cossington (main picture) which was Statutorily Listed Grade II* on July 2nd, 1951. Since then, hundreds more buildings and monuments have been protected by English Heritage.

They include individual properties and groups of buildings, from timber framed cottages to large country houses, which are well recognised as the heritage of the nation.

Besides these there are other structures such as bridges, monuments and milestones including the milestone on Melton Road, Queniborough, a

Listed status designed to look after all our heritage

which only time will show as being emblematic of the lives of ordinary people in past times. Our history can be as much about the everyday as the momentous."

Buildings and monuments are listed according to three grades - I, II* and II.

Grade I is for buildings which are exceptional, II* is for particularly important buildings of more than special interest and II covers buildings which are of special interest and warrant every effort to preserve them.

Details of all the listed buildings in Charnwood are available by logging on to www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/historicandlistedbuildings.

Work is currently underway to compile a photographic record of all the listed buildings and monuments in the Borough.



HISTORIC MONUMENTS: The milestone in Melton Road, Queniborough, (above left) and the telephone box in Burton on the Wolds.



red telephone box in Burton on the Wolds and the water tank on the platform at the Great Central Railway, Loughborough.

Cllr Peter Lewis, Charnwood's Cabinet member for Leisure and Culture, said it was

important to protect the Borough's heritage. He added: "It's not always the grand and grandiose that indicate importance. Our everyday lives are made of a myriad of small and seemingly, at the time, insignificant objects