

# Policy for Road Naming in Southwell

In April 1998, reaffirmed in 2001 and 2006, a policy of naming roads in the town. This paper reviews and revises this policy.

It is proposed that the STC Planning and Highways Committee adopts the following policy to name roads:

- after the historic name of the location of the new road, or thereabouts
- using old Southwell location names, as in old field names when known. A list from which consideration is appended in Appendix 1
- and only naming streets after individuals with long term prominence in the town, and significantly post mortem.
- adopting the policy of having no group road naming in estates, but that each road would be individually named.
- using the nouns Road and Lane as the usual epithets, but would use Street if central town and very high density. However, we would use Yard too.
- not using Avenue, unless the developer planted trees to create such an avenue. We would not use Close. We would use a range of other appellations including Gate and Chantry.
- and that Wong could be used when land being developed was in the ownership of a local family for a long period [which is how Lowes Wong was named].
- using Carr on low lying areas of the town, and may use Sart when old arable land is built over. We will utilise some of the old road names listed when appropriate.

In 2001 the Council noted that, following advice from the N&SDC, the Town Council has no power to name roads, unless the District Council receives an indication of street names from the Town Council before receiving proposals from the developer. Therefore, the Town Council agreed and it is again proposed:

- roads will be named at the same time as a discussion of the relevant plans, even if the Town Council were opposed to the development.
- this separate discussion is without prejudice to the decision on the development.
- and that this policy is promoted

**Following this policy, since 1995 the following roads have named in accordance with the policy of the Council:**

- Humberstone Road [named after two of the brothers in the Sherwood Forester Regiment killed in France in 1915 and 17, with some of the family then resident in the town]
- Adams' Row [named after the row of cottages to the east of the houses, which were demolished in the 1950's]
- Beaumont Avenue [named after Mary Beaumont previous Chairman of the Parish Council, who died in 1996 (although the trees were never planted by the developer - a lesson which we should learn from!)]
- May Hill [named after the May tree hedgerows on the site]
- Archers' Field [a well established use name - as field leased to Sherwood Archers from 1950's to 1996]
- Adams Row [after the name of the old houses close to the site]
- Wolsey Close [after the Archbishop of York who used the Bishops Palace during his tenure]
  
- The Riddings [after the first Bishop of Southwell and Betty a driving force behind the ordination of women made a Dame in 1975]
- Dudley Doy Road [after a former member of the Council and local resident]
- Palmer's Court [after Palmer's Yard in Easthorpe]
- Handford Court [after founder of Southwell WI]
- renamed Memorial Drive [after the War Memorial Recreation Ground]
- Beckett's Field [after owner of land for decades prior to development]
- and Petticoat Lane [after a lane in close proximity to the new street]

and the Halam Road estate development names

- Cedar Green [after prominent tree in land - no historic provenance]
- Tatham's Orchard [after previous field name]
- Brook Walk [no historic provenance]
- The Jubilee [after previous field name - field purchased on Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee]

Note that the correct apostrophe [above] has rarely been applied by the N&SDC Road Naming Signage dept, and this should be addressed.

Sadly, a number of developers have ignored this advice and named roads, some significantly, out of line with this policy. New developments appear to be less compliant with some taking little or no notice of the policy. Therefore, this policy is revised and revitalised so that developers are aware of the town's concerns and proposals.

## Appendix 1

### Local road names that are now no longer used:

Walk Mill	a flax mill on the Greet (cf Shilton)
Potter Gate	on the North West of the town (cf Shilton p152)
Priest Gate	"
Milne Gate	off Burgage Green (cf Shilton p152)
High Town	hill between Oxtan and Halam Roads (cf OS maps)
Osier Holt	off Lwr Kirklington Road (cf SDLHS p89)
Back Lane	off the centre of the town (cf Shilton p17)
Bar Lane	"
Moor Lane	"
Crow Lane	in Easthorpe
Chapel Dale Close	"

Radley Road	Enclosure Roads to the West
Holm Lane	"

St Catherine's Furlong	
Dockey Lands	north of Brinckley (adj to Crink Lane)
Bitch Hill	"
Yard End	off Halam Road
Newparke	off Westhorpe
Stonepits	off Stubbins Lane

### Other road names for areas with development [cf Farms and Fields of Southwell, Philip Lyth, 1988]

Cat or Carr Pasture	off Easthorpe
Pasture Butt	"
Dockey lands [off Crew Lane]	"
Willow Dale Dyke	"
Hanging Mear	"
Wheat Close Wong	now NCC Depot

Buckhill divided in to Far, Near, Upper and Lower	off Halam Road
Stenton	"
Bar Lane	continuation of Queen Street

### Additional Field and landscape Names [especially cf Farms and Fields of Southwell, Philip Lyth, 1988]

Howbecks	to the west adj to Radley on the Oxtan Road
Corborough	"
Dog Hill	west of Easthorpe
Lilley Wong	south of Westhorpe

Dumble	meadow land intersected by deep ravines - an unusual aspect of land around the town and some other areas of the East Midlands
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Wellington Wong	Adjacent to Westhorpe
Blucher Wong	"
named after the battle of Waterloo! by Robert Warrant of Westhorpe Hall [cf Warrands Close]	

### Local places not used in Southwell road names:

Hexgreave Park	4m NE of Southwell
The Combes	4m W of Southwell
Barrow Field	the Roman Station E of the town
Woodhouse Field	open field to NW (cf SDLHS p89)
West Field	open field close to the centre of Southwell to N
Buckhill	field to S of Halam Road
Cotmoor	open field to W
Holbeck Field	open field to W
Bullivant's Dyke	possibly old name of Dumble, upstream of Potwell Dyke
Court Leet	dissolved in 1774.

### Local persons names not used:

Cludd	parliamentary supporter in Civil War
Hykeling	first Warden of Grammar School in 1313
Tuck	builder of the Ideal Cinema
Lucy Osburn(1836-1891),	founder of modern nursing in Australia. born in Leeds but spent her formative years in Southwell. entry in the Australian Dictionary of National Biography known to the Nottinghamshire Nursing History Group
Catherine Heathcoat (1797-1881)	leading Evangelical, who played a key role in raising the money to build Holy Trinity Church in Southwell

### Other local names not used:

Brewery Yard	where Ideal Cinema built
Chantry	land owned by priest - much of Southwell in past
Campagne	a Southwell porridge (cf Shilton p vii)
Miche	a Southwell loaf (cf Shilton p vii)

### Other ideas:

reference to a street in	Sees Český Brod eg Sembera or Šembeře [pronounced <u>Shem</u> -ber-zha] [the river on which the town was founded] or Kouřim Gate pronounced Cor- <u>zheem</u> ] or Kouřimská [pronounced Cor- <u>zheem</u> -skar] [the main entrance to the town]
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