

# Application for Scheduled Monument Consent

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Act 1979 (as amended) Section 2  
To be completed by or on behalf of the applicant in BLOCK CAPITALS or typescript

## 1. Applicant details

Full Name	Helen Nathanson (Town Clerk)		
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Address	Totnes Town Council		
The Guildhall Offices			
5, Ramparts Walk, Totnes			
Postcode	TQ9 5QH	Telephone No.	01803 862 147

## 2. Owner/Occupier of the Monument (if not the applicant)

Full Name	Hester Pelley (part owner, see section 6)		
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Address	Westhill House, 10 Leechwell Street		
Totnes			
Postcode	TQ9 5SY	Telephone No.	01803 840 566

## 3. Monument to which this application relates

Name (if any) of the Monument	The Leechwell Holy Well		
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Address	Footpath leading from Leechwell Street, Totnes		
Or			
Location	350 metres SW of St Mary's Church		

County / National Monument No.	UID 34875	National Grid Ref.	SX 80025 61075
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## 4. Description of the proposed works

Leechwell Holy Well Totnes (Scheduled Ancient Monument, List Entry No 1020170, UID 43875, Grid Reference SX 80024 60175)

Totnes Town Council and the Leechwell Garden Association (LGA) are applying for Scheduled Monument Consent to:

- Re-puddle the inner chamber of the Leechwell (last done in 1996)
- Clear away plant growth from the outer walls of the Well and repair if necessary
- Erect a new information board to replace that lost sometime after 1950

The Leechwell is a much-visited site in Totnes but at the moment it is looking very neglected. Water is seeping away through the floor of the inner chamber, radically reducing the water supply feeding the outer troughs. The outer basin is silted up and clogged with weeds. Ivy and other foliage is growing on the outer walls. This will be cleared and re-pointed if necessary.

Ideally, the inner chamber of the well (behind the retaining wall and grill) should be re-puddled every 5-10 years. The clay lining supports the inner water level, directing the water out through pipes in the retaining wall where it falls into three granite troughs in the outer chamber. We present a comprehensive Schedule of Works for bringing the Leechwell back to its traditional level of functioning.

Various signs have been put up in the well over the years. The wording is known for at least one. Drawing upon this and a consensus of available knowledge, a new sign is proposed. It will be placed on a side wall where it does not dominate the eye and high enough to deter the casual graffiti which sometimes appears in this area.

Totnes Town Council and the LGA are collaborating to repair the Well. Ownership of the **outer well chamber** cannot be established, but, by historic precedent, it has always been cared for by the town council. The **inner well chamber** lies beneath the garden of Westhill House and is owned by Hester Pelley (see Par 2(1)(b)). The LGA are responsible for the Scheduled Immersion Pool in the Leechwell Garden, which is fed by water from the Well, and were asked by English Heritage to co-ordinate this application.

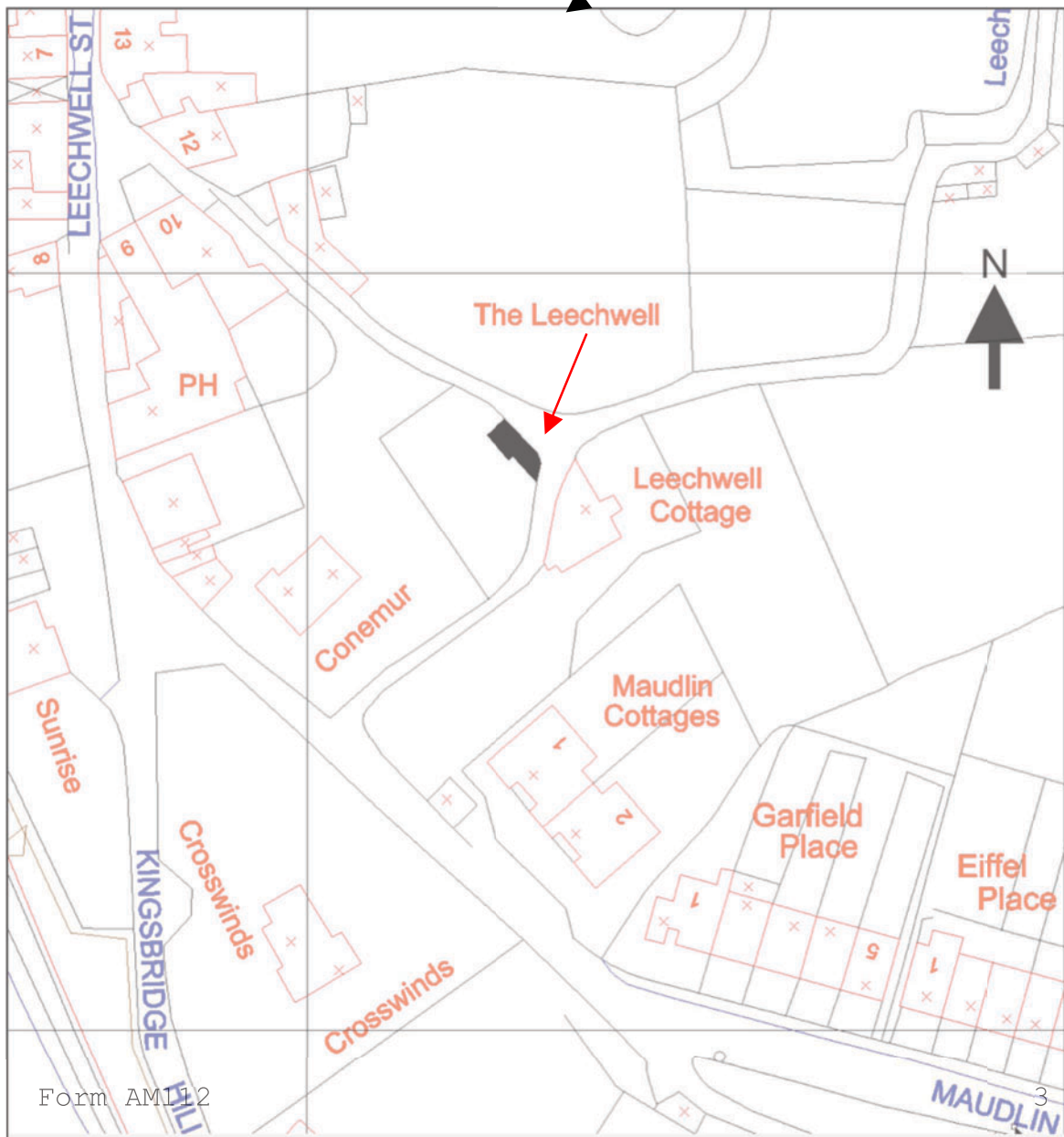
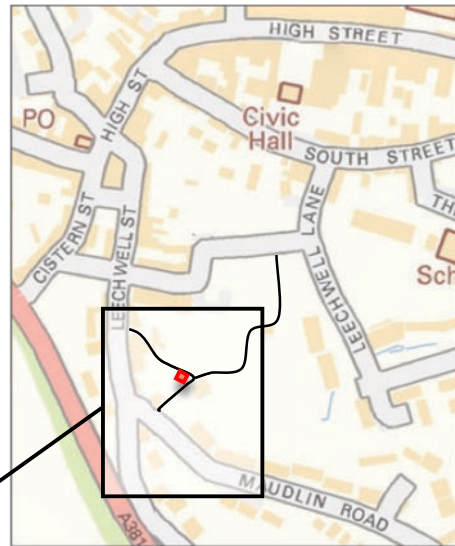
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## 5. List of plans and drawings accompanying the application

### 5.1 Map showing location of the Leechwell

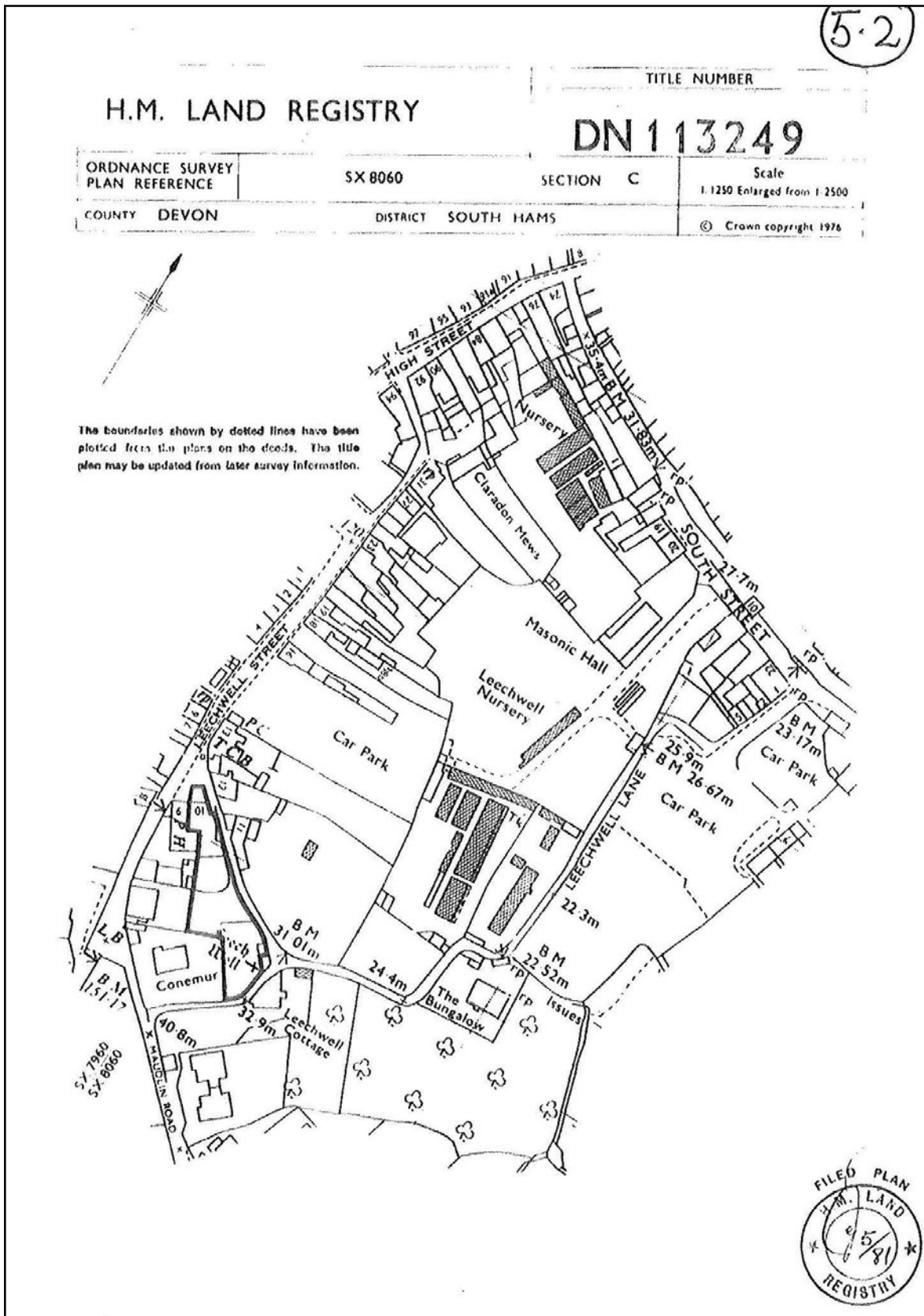
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5.2 Copy of Land Registry Title DN13249 showing the inner chamber of the well lying beneath the garden of 10 Leechwell Street, Totnes



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## 5.3 Schedule of Works for proposed works to the well

See separate document

## 5.4 Photograph of Old sign (no longer in existence) showing its location



The text on the large white board read as follows:

“Wardens of the Lychewylle were appointed in the Middle Ages and the names of wardens between 1405 and 1475 are known. The water that feeds the troughs was believed to have healing properties. The three troughs were known locally as Snake, Toad and Long Crippler (Grass Snake) and purported to alleviate eye and skin diseases and snake bites”.

In addition the large white and the black board also carried the town crest.

There may have also been another board (now lost) at the well which read:

“In 1405 the Town Council appointed two wardens of the Leechwell, Hugo Welwode and Waltens Nyatt. The office of Warden of the Leechwell continues to the present day”.

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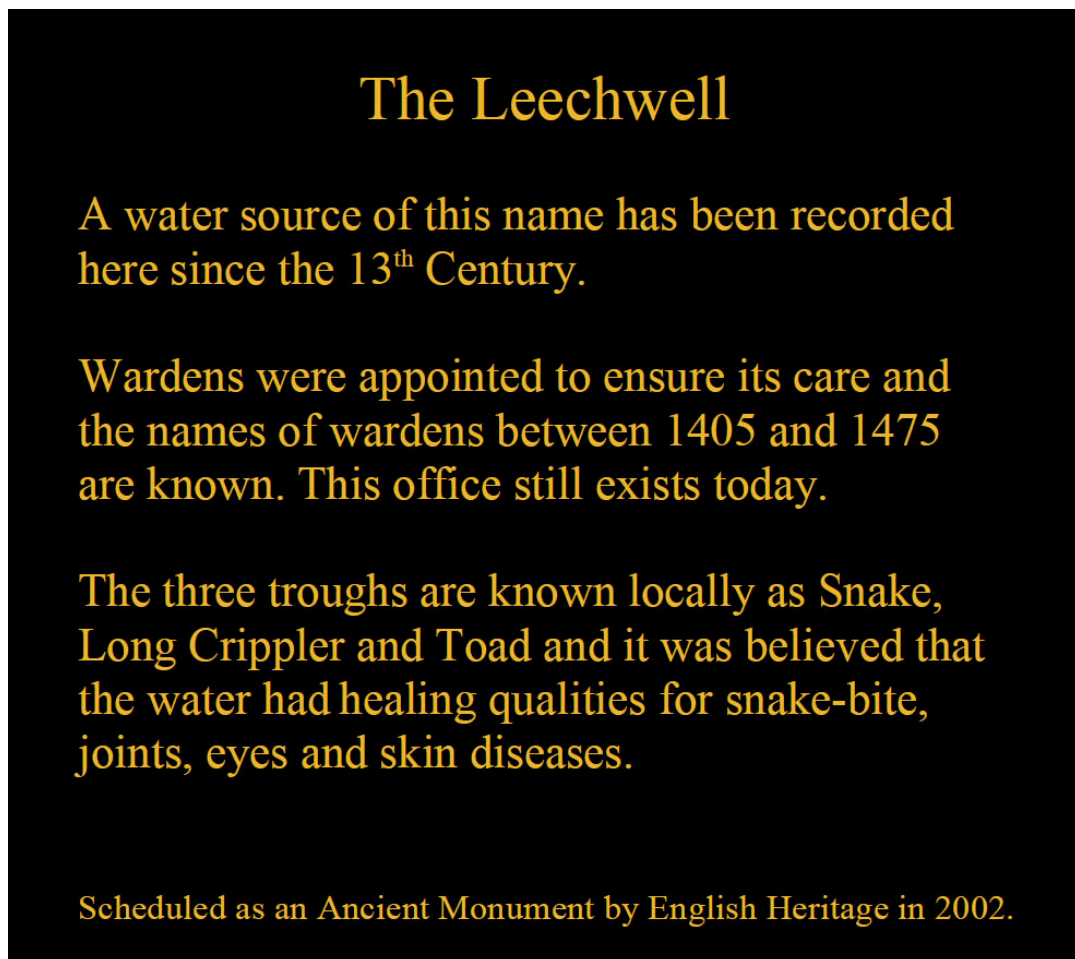
## 5.5 New sign showing its proposed location



The new information board will have gold lettering on a black background and will be approximately 67cm x 47 cm in size.

It will be positioned on the right-hand side wall where it does not dominate the eye and placed high enough to deter casual graffiti.

## 5.6 Design and text of new sign




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## 6. Any other information relevant to the application

Ownership of the Leechwell can only identified for the *inner well chamber* (see + marked Leechwell on document 5.2) which lies beneath the garden of 10 Leechwell Street (Westhill House). This document *specifically excludes the outer well area*. Despite intensive searches, ownership of the outer area cannot be traced beyond 1889. However, by historic precedent, Totnes Town Council have appointed Wardens for the well and taken responsibility for its upkeep- it was last repaired by them in 1996. It is on this basis that this application is made.

I hereby apply for scheduled monument consent for the works described in this application and shown on the accompanying plans and drawings

Signature  \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 4/9/14

(Please print name          Helen Nathanson  
here) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Note – the Secretary of State may refuse to entertain an application for scheduled monument consent unless it is accompanied by one or more of the following certificates signed by or on behalf of the applicant.*

## Forms of Certificate for the Purposes of Paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 to the Act

Certificate in accordance with paragraph 2(1)(b)

It is hereby certified that the applicant has given the requisite notice (w) of the accompanying application to all the persons other than the applicant who, at the beginning of the period of twenty-one days which ended on the date of the application, were owners (x) of the monument to which the application relates, namely (y):

Name

Address

Hester Pelley

Westhill House  
10 Leechwell Street  
Totns TQ9 5SY

Signature



Date 4/9/14



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## Form of notice for the purposes of Paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979:

Note: This notice should be served by the applicant on all those who own or have an interest in the monument. The names and addresses of those on whom it has been served should be listed on the paragraph 2(1)(b) or 2(1)(c) certificates and should accompany the application form.

### Notice of application for Scheduled Monument Consent

Delete the words in square brackets, as appropriate, and omit the brackets

This notice relates to the ancient monument at (x)

The Leechwell
50 metres down footpath leading from Leechwell Street, Totnes

An application is to be made [by] or [on behalf of] (y)

Totnes Town Council
Leechwell Garden Association

To the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport for Scheduled Monument Consent under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 to carry out the following works: (z)

1. Re-puddle inner chamber of well
2. Clear foliage and vegetation and re-point outer area walls as necessary
3. Erect replacement Information Board on wall of outer area

An opportunity to make representations with respect to the application will be offered by the Secretary of State before the application is determined.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_