

URGENT: ACTION REQUIRED

SAVE BROGBOROUGH RINGWORK ANCIENT MONUMENT: The remains of a Medieval Castle at the Round House, Brogborough



Brogborough Round House



The Ringwork, medieval castle mound in the grounds of the Round House

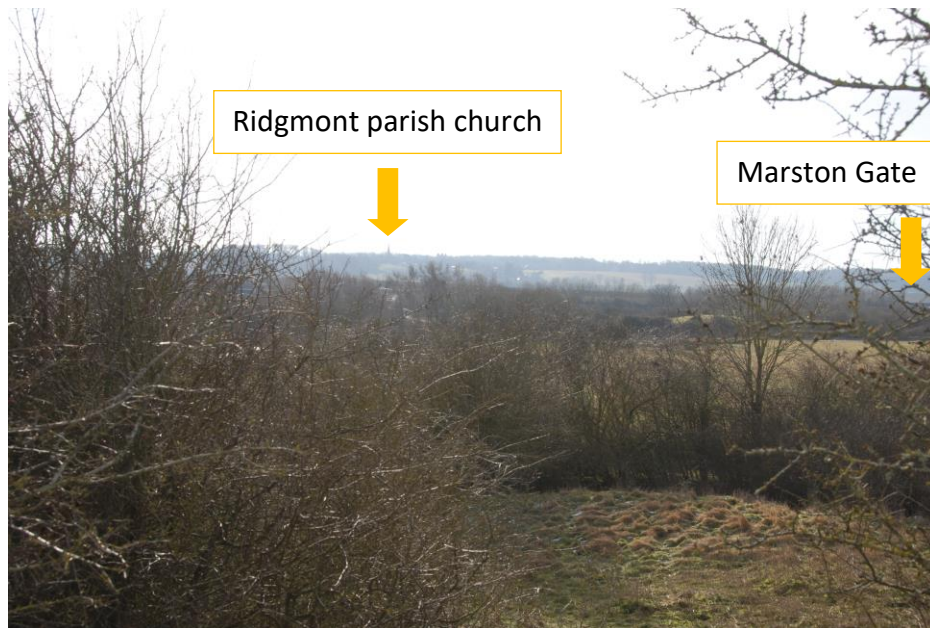
Near Brogborough and Lidlington are the remains of a very rare medieval castle, (a medieval 'Ringwork'), one of only 200 remaining in the country. In the 12th century it was called Rugemont Castle and was the fortress of the de Greys and their predecessors the Wahulls who fought alongside Richard the Lionheart.

The Ringwork, the remains of which are very large earth works, sits in the grounds of the Round House, a ruined 17th century red brick building which also has a fascinating history. It is said Cromwell visited the Round House to sign the death warrant for King Charles I. Battles plans connected to the Civil War may have been drawn up here too.

The medieval castle (Ringwork) and Round House are both situated in this location on a spur of the Greensand Ridge to take advantage of the amazing views from this site in all directions, along the Marston Vale, and over towards Ridgmont in the opposite direction. Understanding the 'setting' of these historic monuments in this commanding defensive position is a key part of their historic context.

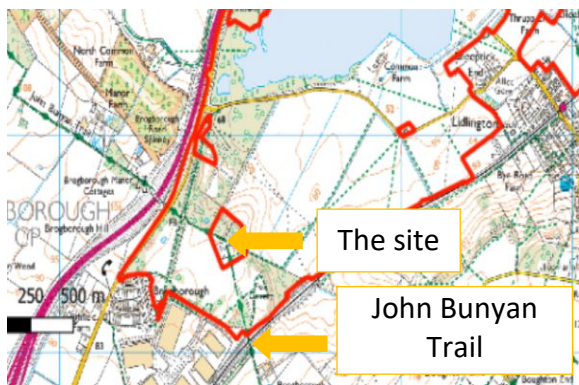


The view east along the Marston Vale from the site



The view west over to Ridgmont from the site

The Ringwork and the Round House can be reached by a short walk from Sheeptick End, Lidlington, or from the John Bunyan Trail which runs right through the site.



Unfortunately, the setting of these scheduled monuments is threatened by a proposed allocation for warehousing at Marston Gate, in Central Bedfordshire's Local Plan. (Site SE2). The warehousing will block the view over to Ridgmont, and harm the 'setting' of the ancient defensive stronghold of the medieval castle.

Ruining the view and harming the 'setting' will affect our experience and understanding of this nationally important and historic monument. It is amazing that the open view of this commanding defensive position can still be appreciated today.

We need everyone to know about this special and important site so that it can be protected and preserved. The warehousing allocation has been reduced in scale but we don't think this has gone far enough. If you are concerned/object to the harm the warehousing will do to the 'setting' of these special scheduled monuments in our community, please let the planning inspectors know by **responding to the Local Plan consultation and give your OBJECTION to the scale of warehousing at site SE2**. The consultation is open from now until **Noon on Wednesday 5th of May**. If the Inspectors appreciate there is a high level of local interest they may be persuaded to reduce the allocation and reduce the harm it causes.

More information on Central Bed's Local Plan web site – Major Modifications, site SE2

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Email your comments to: localplan@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk: by Noon on 5th MAY

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