

Greater Manchester Local Heritage List

Carrington Moss

Status

Pre-candidate

A newly recorded Asset awaiting acceptance by an Editor or Publisher

Location/Address

Carrington Moss, Trafford.

Type

Other site, structure or landscape

Assets that cannot fit any of the other categories. This category includes sites of archaeological interest, where the original form and function may not be apparent without the use of archaeological techniques and interpretation.

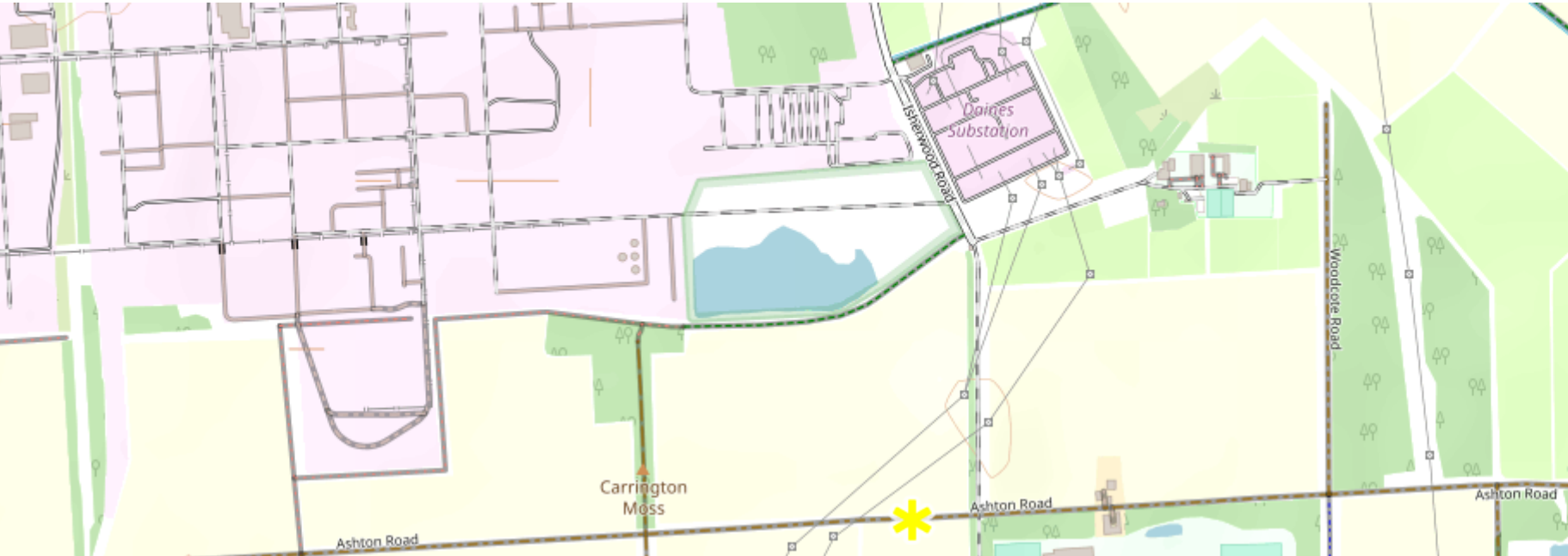
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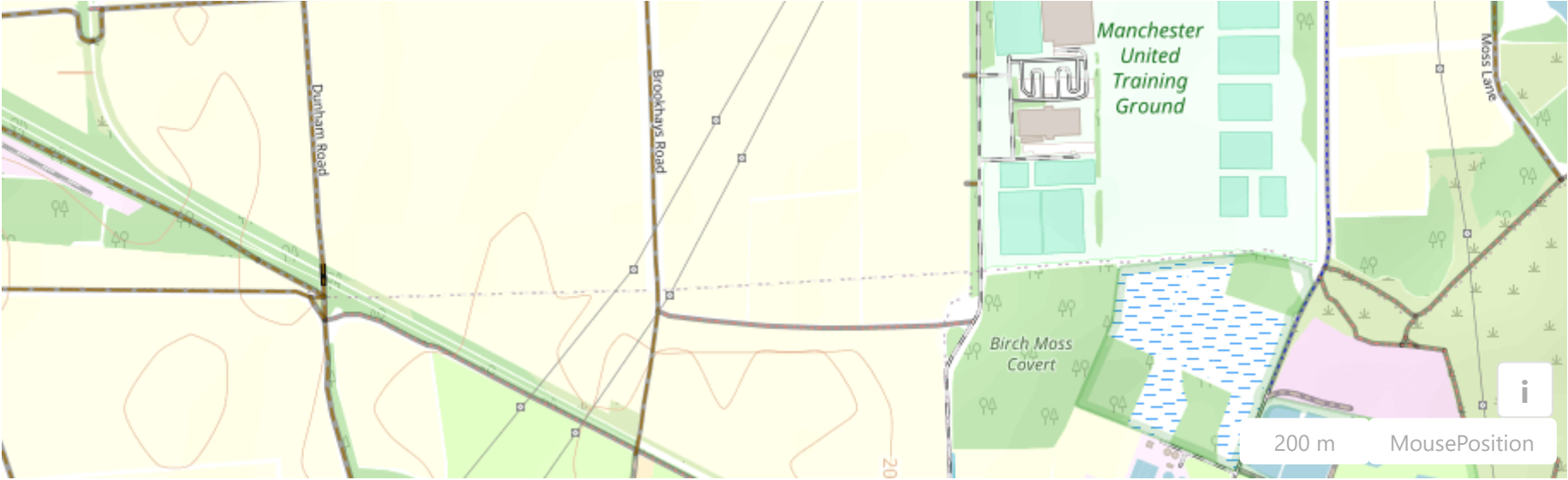
Carrington Moss is the second largest peat moss in Greater Manchester. It is the breeding and feeding grounds of over 20 red listed birds (including the willow tit) and a number of endangered wildlife creatures (including the water vole). It has a number of historical features, including the Carrington Rides, the former railway/tram lines and the debris remaining from its use as a Victorian "tip".

Many users have recognised just how important Carrington Moss is for both their mental and their physical health, and it is used extensively to provide safe walking, cycling and horse riding routes for people of all ages and abilities.

The area features open landscape views (today the hills over 20 miles away can be seen from Ashton Lane, which cuts across the Moss), peatland (albeit degraded), extensive woodland habitats and agricultural areas, along with a number of reserves (some of which are sites of biological importance/sites of special scientific interest). Some of the land is flooded for over 6 months of every year, creating another attribute, known locally as Carrington Lake.

Map





Statement of Significance

Asset type

The land hosts many (particularly 19th c features) such as the former routes of railway/tram lines (used to bring night soil and, later, refuse). Given the significant amount of peat that was identified in the 1995 academic study (over 325 hectares), archaeological remains may be preserved. In addition, the landscape features and the open views make a very positive contribution to this area.

Age

Clearly the areas of peat (which Trafford confirm in their recent documentation are over 3m in depth) have developed over many centuries.

Rarity

GM no longer has extensive areas of peat moss. This is the second largest area of lowland raised bog in GM and should be preserved and restored for future generations.

Architectural and Artistic Interest

From an artistic perspective, Carrington Moss can be described as very attractive and it does make a very positive contribution to the area. There are some excellent photographs on the Friends of Carrington Moss website <https://friendsofcarringtonmoss.com/>

Group Value

Carrington Moss can be linked with Warburton Moss and the other areas of GM's Wetland habitat. See the Alternative Transformation Strategy on our youtube channel at this link <https://youtu.be/cLOmqKvNB0U>

Historic Interest

Among many other areas of historical interest, in addition to the former railway lines mentioned above, the site was used in the Second World War as bombing decoy site, commissioned in December 1940 as a 'Permanent Starfish' site to deflect enemy bombing from the city of Manchester. There is a painting by David Cox, called On Carrington Moss, dated 1851.

Archaeological Interest


Given the peat soils, the area could potentially be of extensive archaeological interest.

Landmark Status

Carrington Moss is a local landmark. It is extensively used by the local communities for walking, cycling and horseriding. It is a destination for photographers, artists and nature lovers. It is a place of peace and tranquility, with clean air, little noise and no light pollution. See our communities singing the Carrington Moss song on our youtube channel at this link https://youtu.be/KUVJ2ur_oMQ (with the full words to the song available at this link https://youtu.be/LQiAG_xc8c0).

Images and Documents

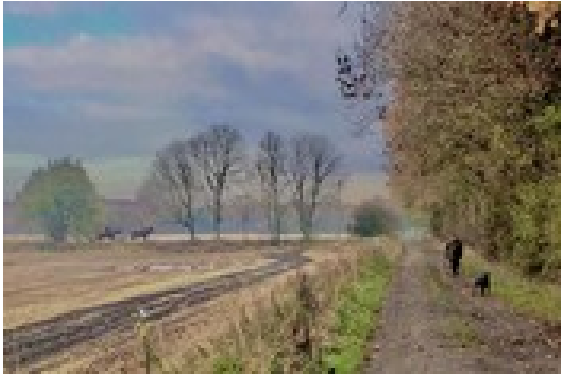
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Carrington Moss Landscape

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Carrington Moss landscape

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A summary of the habitats on Carrington Moss

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Added

19 Nov 2021, 10:15 by Marj Powner

Blossom on Carrington Moss

Last updated

19 Nov 2021, 11:26 by Marj Powner

Recorded on behalf of

Friends of Carrington Moss
I am the Chair of the Friends of Carrington Moss and submit this application on behalf of our group.

External/HER references

None recorded

Action log

Date	User	Type	Comment
19 Nov 2021 11:28	Marj Powner	System Event	Changed status from 'In preparation' to 'Pre-candidate'. User comment: Thank you for the opportunity to nominate Carrington Moss
19 Nov 2021 11:26	Marj Powner	System Event	Updated asset's StatementOfSignificance.
19 Nov 2021 11:21	Marj Powner	System Event	Updated asset's StatementOfSignificance.
19 Nov 2021 11:12	Marj Powner	System Event	Updated asset's Description.
19 Nov 2021 11:02	Marj Powner	System Event	Updated asset's RecordedOnBehalfOf, RecordedOnBehalfOfComment.
19 Nov 2021 11:02	Marj Powner	System Event	Uploaded a file resource (#924) with caption 'Carrington Moss Landscape'

19 Nov 2021 10:59	Marj Powner	System Event	Uploaded a file resource (#923) with caption 'Carrington Moss landscape'
19 Nov 2021 10:55	Marj Powner	System Event	Uploaded a file resource (#922) with caption 'A summary of the habitats on Carrington Moss'
19 Nov 2021 10:54	Marj Powner	System Event	Uploaded a file resource (#921) with caption 'Blossom on Carrington Moss'
19 Nov 2021 10:48	Marj Powner	System Event	Updated asset's StatementOfSignificance.
19 Nov 2021 10:23	Marj Powner	System Event	Updated asset's Description.
19 Nov 2021 10:15	Marj Powner	System Event	Added asset 'Carrington Moss'.

Comments and Feedback

Do you have any questions or more information about this record?