

**Character Area 3:  
Church Town**

This sheet summarises the comprehensive assessments of character and regeneration opportunities in Section 8 of the report.

**Character Summary**

One of the oldest parts of the town, dominated by the sixteenth century church of St Martin. Originally the site of the first market place the area developed around the medieval streets into a somewhat self-contained community including the vicarage, shops and a pub reminiscent of a churchtown. Today the area is almost entirely residential and due to its topography, set on a hill side, seems slightly cut off from the central commercial core below.

**Regeneration opportunities**

- Although many historic buildings survive they are under threat from altered use and incremental change. Traditional conservation constraints combined with grant aid schemes could halt and reverse this trend.
- Sensitive and restrained streetscape and public realm works could improve the overall environment of the area.
- Consideration should be given to compiling a town trail of medieval Liskeard to include the well, church and castle, which could complement the existing Henry Rice Trail and draw more visitors into the eastern side of the town.
- The reuse of historic shops should be encouraged specifically for low key specialist use. Such reuse would encourage further visitors reinvigorating the area without compromising its historic character.



Good quality street surfaces in the upper parts of Church Street contrast with .....



Although still retaining their essential character some of the historic integrity of these cottages has been lost through the use of modern replacement windows and doors



.... inappropriate materials and over-scale street markings in the same street – in this case outside the architecturally significant Salvation Army Citadel



Former shop now converted to domestic use in Church Street

- Character Area boundary
- Scheduled Monument
- Listed Building
- Other Significant Building
- Historic Plot
- Historic Park and Garden

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