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Historic Bidford



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Almost the whole of Barton is within the Conservation Area with a number of buildings being described as "cottages of special local interest", many of which are listed: Cottage of Content (which is also the local pub; Letterbox Cottage; Barton Manor House, Vine Cottage and Wisson Hill House.

The hamlet of Marlcliff, which is situated between a low hill and the bank of the River Avon, includes a number of well kept traditional Warwickshire cottages.

Broom (Beggarly Broom) has a number of significant buildings such as Broom Tavern and Broom Hall – both of them local pubs, and a row of cottages along the High Street and down King's Lane

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