

Draft Methodist Church Historic Artefact Significance Assessment Grid

Developed from the UCL Collections Review Rubric and Renaissance East Midlands Significance Assessment Toolkit.

	Historical meaning/ provenance	Missional potential/ exploitability	Rarity/ uniqueness	Visual and sensory impact
Connexional significance	<p>Of Connexional importance- making a fundamental and long term contribution to intellectual thought or the study of Methodism, and integral to the Church's collections eg. through its iconic status or outstanding historical/cultural value</p> <p>Did it contribute to the changing course of Methodist history?</p> <p>Is it associated with a particular person, family group, event, place or activity of Connexional significance?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considered a 'star' object and a (potential) focal point of interpretation. • High missional value • Deemed 'iconic ' within the Church • Strongly identified in the public's mind with the Methodist Church on a Connexional level • Regularly used in public events or teaching • Stimulates a strong personal/ associative response. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it one of a kind, unique or rare? • Is it a particularly fine example of its type? • Does it have distinguishing features? • Is it a typical/characteristic example of its type? • Is it of a quality, class or type rarely on public view? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it an excellent example of a style, design, artistic movement or iconography? • Does it show outstanding artistic design, innovation or technical accomplishment? • Has it, or objects of its type, been used as a source or inspiration by other artists/ designers/makers?
Community Significance	<p>Of general significance to the wider Methodist Community</p> <p>Has good provenance, with clear background information.</p>	Of some missional value	Commonplace within the Methodist community	is it a good example- in good, stable condition, needing no specialist conservation work?
Local significance	<p>Of wider local (not necessarily Methodist) importance.</p> <p>Does it embody or symbolise beliefs, ideas or customs that are important to the local community?</p> <p>Is it linked to an event, person, place, industry or activity of local, not necessarily Methodist significance?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No direct missional value • Could be a useful support object for interpretation in terms of 'local context' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it one of the only or best examples held locally? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it a good or outstanding example within local collections? • Do its form, colour, materials or imagery have a locally significant symbolic meaning?
Site significance	Of clear Methodist site specific importance, demonstrating a direct connection to a historical event, person, place or theme linked to your specific site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can it contribute to the wider understanding and mission of your site? • Does it help to interpret specific aspects of your site? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it one of the only or best examples held within your site? • Is it seen as iconic within the context of your site? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do its form, colour, materials or imagery have a locally significant symbolic meaning to your Methodist site?