

Thanks for getting involved!

Before starting this form, please read the [guidance on how to nominate a site](#) for the Local Heritage List and use the checklist to make sure you have all the information you need to hand.

This form takes about 10 minutes to complete.

Section 1: Tell us about the heritage site you want to nominate.

Try to complete as much as you can to help our research.

Please complete all the questions marked *. Continue on another page if you need to.

What is the name and address of your site? *

(Please include the postcode and map coordinates where possible)

The Bloxwich Showman pub 156 High Street, Bloxwich Walsall WS3 3JT

Please tell us a bit about the site you are nominating *

It is a pub in an earlier cinema building, located in the centre of Bloxwich.

Can you tell us more? Pick a heritage category from the following list and go to that section:

Building or structure > go to 1A

Park or garden > go to 1B

Archaeological site > go to 1C

Site of geological interest > go to 1D

Public work of art > go to 1E

Section 1A: Buildings and Structures

You don't have to fill all these questions in for your nomination to be considered for local listing.

Do you know when it was built, or the architect, builder or designer?

There was an earlier cinema on this site, which was replaced by the current building (also a cinema) which opened in 1922. It was called The Grosvenor and the architects were Hickton and Farmer, who were based in Walsall.

Does it have particular historic interest, or close historical links with famous local people or past events?

The cinema was owned by Pat Collins, who is famous for being the 'King of the Showmen' and 'The Bloxwich showman'. He was heavily involved in the funfair industry, and was an early presenter of 'moving pictures' in travelling shows and cinemas. He was involved with setting up the Showmen's Guild, and was at times a councillor, alderman, MP and mayor for Walsall. He is one of Bloxwich's most famous residents. A memorial clock was erected by the Bloxwich Carnival Committee in 1955 in King George V Memorial Playing Fields, and unveiled by the Mayor of Walsall.

Does it have an unusual or an innovative building design, or is it a rare survivor of a type of building or structure that was once common in the area?

The building is a neo-classical design with Art Deco, which is unusual architecture in this area. It was renovated in 2015 and turned into a Wetherspoons pub.

Is it part of a group of related buildings or structures?

Section 2: Please provide any supporting information that would help us review your nomination

Can you tell us about any sources (books, newspapers, leaflets etc) or websites where we could find more information?

Please provide links to webpages or page number references if possible.

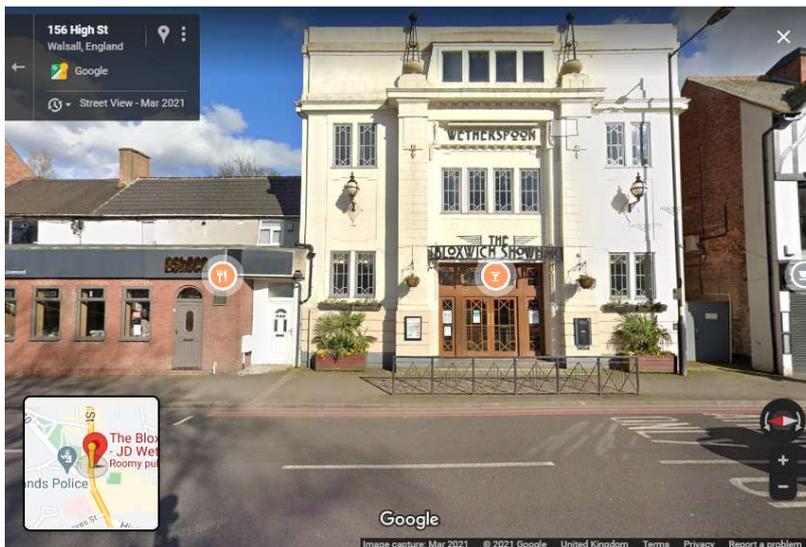
<http://www.historywebsite.co.uk/articles/Walsall/PatCollins.htm>

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/2015/01/29/cheers-as-new-1-9m-walsall-pub-opens-its-doors-at-former-cinema-site/>

<https://www.jdwetherspoon.com/pub-histories/england/west-midlands/the-bloxwich-showman-bloxwich>

<http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/38656>

Please attach copies (or email us) an image of your site and any other photographs or documents that would help us to assess the nomination.



If you have provided an original photograph that you have taken, do you give permission for a copy to be held by the local Historic Environment Record, where it may be viewed by local authority staff and members of the public?

Not applicable, I have not provided an original photograph

If yes, please give the name of the individual or organisation that the photo should be credited to.

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Please tell us about anything else that you think may be relevant to the nomination.