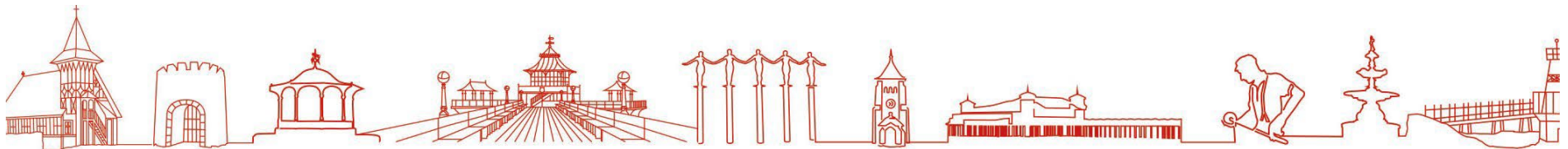


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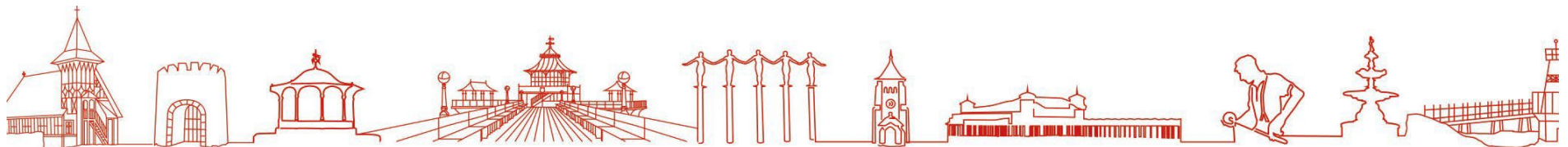
Local Green Space Background Paper

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Background Paper provides the background evidence for the proposed Local Green Space (LGS) designations in the Pre-submission (Reg 19) North Somerset Local Plan to 2039.
- 1.2 LGS are designated in the adopted Site Allocations Plan (SAP). That plan, adopted in 2018, was supported by an October 2016 Background Paper on Local Green Space which included justification for the LGS sites designated.
- 1.3 The existing LGS designations, and the interpretation of the designations, have been reviewed as part of the new Local Plan. Further sites which have been suggested for consideration for LGS in preparing the new Local Plan have also been assessed. The results of the review are documented in this Background Paper.
- 1.4 Local Green Spaces which are designated in made Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs) have been carried forward into the Local Plan because their LGS status has been established through the NDP process.
- 1.5 Guidance on LGS is set out in the 2021 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) at paragraphs 101-103:

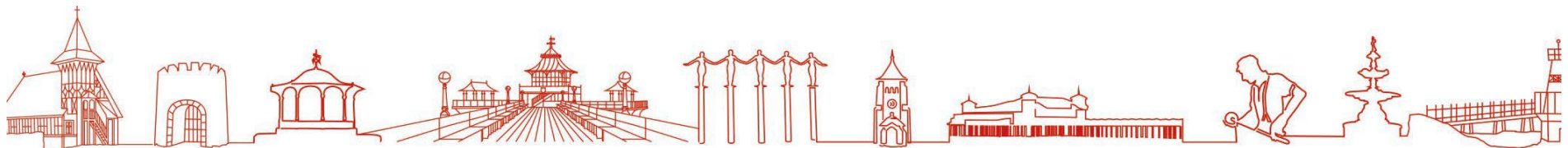
101. The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and Neighbourhood Development Plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.

102. The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:

a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;

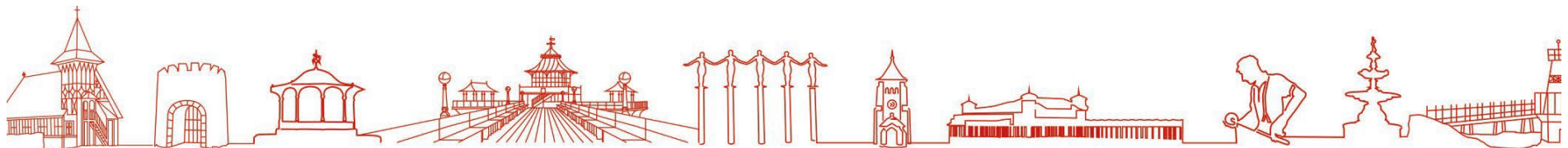
b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquility or richness of its wildlife; and

c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.



103. Policies for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with those for Green Belts.

- 1.6 National Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) includes a section on the Local Green Space designation, under ‘Open space, sports and recreation facilities, public rights of way and local green space’. The guidance (paragraph 013) states that green areas to be identified as LGS will need to meet the above NPPF criteria, but *‘whether to designate is a matter for local discretion’*. This allows local authorities to decide whether a site is designated as LGS, and to set out their own guidance and criteria to assess sites for designation.
- 1.7 The PPG (paragraph 007) states that *‘designating any Local Green Space will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. In particular, plans must identify sufficient land in suitable locations to meet identified development needs, and the Local Green Space designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making’*.

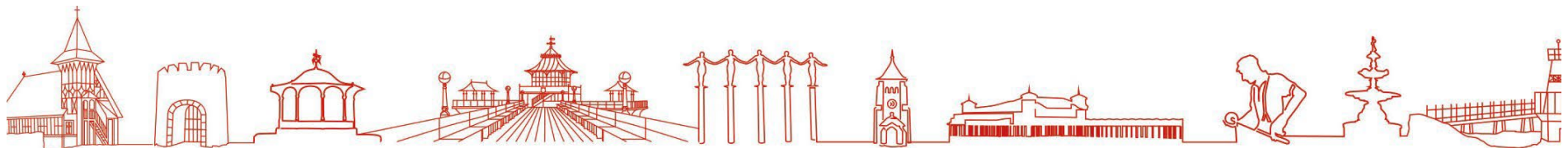


2. Interpretation of Local Green Space within North Somerset

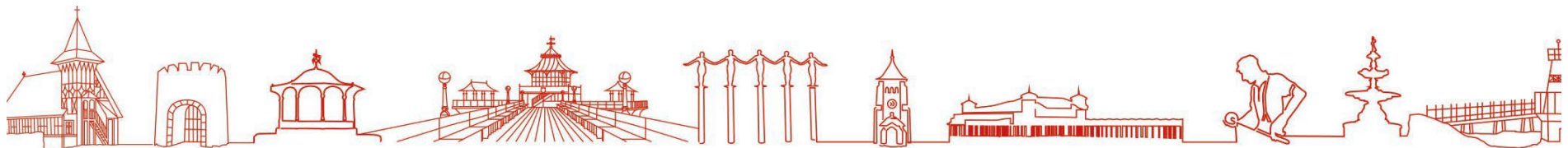
- 2.1 The NPPF and PPG are national guidance and since the language is general, further clarification is required of their interpretation regarding LGS for the North Somerset context. This Background Paper sets out that interpretation, which, with detailed justifications, explains why LGS sites are proposed for designation in the Local Plan.
- 2.2 The PPG paragraph 020 states that '*designating a green area as LGS would give it protection consistent with that in respect of Green Belt*', and this is also reflected in NPPF paragraph 103. The proposed policy LP12 on LGS in the Pre-submission Plan reflects this, in stating that development affecting a LGS will not be permitted "except in very special circumstances" (see paragraph 4.1 below).

A particular local significance.

- 2.3 The LGS designation will not be appropriate for most green spaces. Sites should have a particular local significance in terms of the NPPF criteria. A more detailed explanation of the criteria is set out below.
- 2.4 **Beauty:** This relates to the visual attractiveness of the site, and its contribution to townscape, landscape, and /or character of the settlement or area, which would normally be expected to be significant.
- 2.5 **Historical significance:** The site or elements of the site may have a historical significance. Perhaps they include part of a scheduled monument, or a park or garden of historic interest. Sites have been considered against the council's Historic Environment Record (HER) to help in this assessment.
- 2.6 It does not necessarily follow, however, that if a green space includes an archaeological site or sites, such as a monument, on the HER, that it will warrant LGS designation. The criterion is more likely to be met where the archaeological site or sites affect most of the green space, (as opposed to isolated buried finds within it), or where the archaeological site relates to a significant feature visible above ground.
- 2.7 **Recreational value:** Green space may warrant LGS designation if it is of recreational value, particularly where it supports a variety of activities and is therefore of greater value to the community.

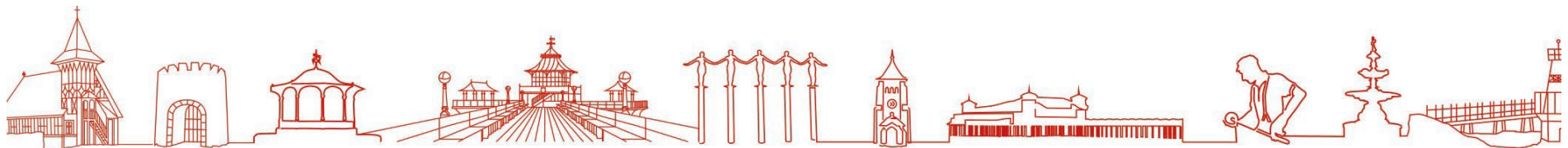


- 2.8 While the NPPF paragraph 102 refers to '*recreational value (including as a playing field)*', it is considered that this is simply an example of how green space of value to the community can be used, perhaps for informal ball games. It is not considered that formal playing fields with marked sports pitches will normally be appropriate for LGS designation. They are already covered by other protective policies; (see paragraph 2.13 below). Also they are often associated with sports clubs, schools or colleges, with restricted access to the general public.
- 2.9 Tennis courts or bowling greens will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation, particularly where they stand alone. However, exceptionally, where they are part of a wider site suitable for LGS designation, such as a public park, they may be considered appropriate for inclusion.
- 2.10 Allotments will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation, as LGS '*should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period*', (NPPF para 101). The demand for allotments varies through time, and allotments are more appropriately covered by policy DP51 on community facilities.
- 2.11 Cemeteries, gardens of rest and church yards will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation, but exceptionally, they may be designated where there is particularly strong justification. Again this might be where they are part of a wider area with particularly strong characteristics appropriate for a LGS.
- 2.12 Golf courses will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation, but exceptionally they may be designated where they are within the defined limits of a settlement and there is particularly strong justification, or they are part of a wider area with particularly strong characteristics appropriate for LGS.
- 2.13 Formal playing fields, tennis courts, and bowling greens are covered by other policies, such as policy DP52.
- 2.14 **Tranquility:** Green spaces may also provide value to the local community in terms of providing an oasis of calm, or space for quiet reflection, perhaps within a town. However LGS would not normally be designated on the basis of tranquility alone; a site would normally be expected to also meet one or more of the other criteria.
- 2.15 **Richness of wildlife:** A LGS may be of particular local significance because of its importance for wildlife, which will normally require appropriate evidence such as a designation, like a Local Wildlife Site.



Local in character and not an extensive tract of land.

- 2.16 The NPPF, paragraph 102, requires that the green space concerned is 'local in character and is not an extensive tract of land'. The PPG (paragraph 015 on LGS) adds that 'consequently, blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate'.
- 2.17 While the PPG (paragraph 016) states that there is no lower size limit for a Local Green Space provided that land can meet the criteria in the NPPF, it also states (in paragraph 015) that '*a degree of judgement will inevitably be needed*' regarding how big a LGS can be. It is considered that the LGS designation would be undervalued, and be potentially unmanageable, if numerous sites of small size were designated, like small roadside verges for example. As they are green spaces of particular local significance Local Green Spaces should be at least 0.2 hectares in size. Exceptionally, smaller spaces may not be ruled out where they are clearly shown to have particularly strong justification, but this normally requires them to be out of the ordinary.
- 2.18 However it may be that sites which are smaller than 0.2 hectares may nevertheless be afforded protection under other policies. For example Policy DP52 on open space might apply. (See para 4.3 below). However this would only be determined at the time of determining planning applications.
- 2.19 Local Green Spaces should normally have clearly defined edges.



3 Other points of interpretation

Green areas

3.1 LGS applies to 'green areas'; (NPPF para 101). Typically they will predominantly comprise grass, trees, shrubs, and other vegetation. Solely or mainly hard surfaced areas will not normally be appropriate. LGS can include some hard surfaced elements and structures, but the overall character and visual impression would normally be of a green vegetated site. However lakes, ponds and water features may be found within LGS sites.

Private land and public access

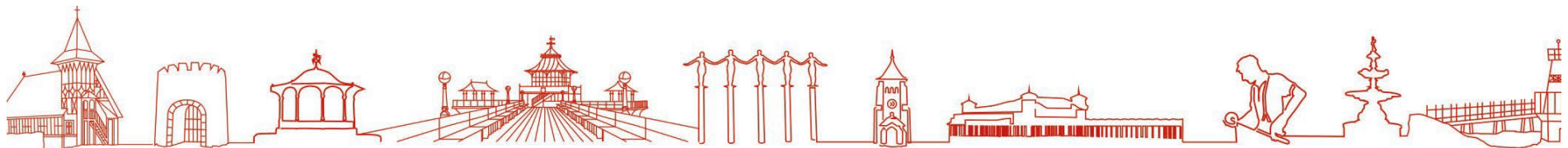
3.2 The PPG (paragraph 019) indicates that LGS does not need to be in public ownership, and (para 017) that land 'could be considered for designation even if there is no public access (eg. green areas which are valued because of their wildlife, historic significance and/or beauty)'. However LGS with public access is likely to predominate, but private land may be included where the land is considered to be particularly worthy of designation.

Small areas such as verges

3.3 LGS would not normally include highway and cycleway verges and small areas of land, open space or landscaping left over from development.

Agricultural land and orchards

3.4 LGS would not normally include agricultural land or orchards. Only exceptionally would this be included, in particular special circumstances where there is particularly strong justification, it clearly meets the criteria, and there is strong evidence that it holds a particular local significance and that the local community considers it to be demonstrably special, which must be satisfactorily explained. Established community orchards regularly used for community events like wassailing, might be an example. General countryside which does not meet this exception will not be appropriate for designation.



Reasonably close proximity to the community it serves

3.5 The PPG (paragraph 014 on LGS) states that *'the proximity of a LGS to the community it serves will depend on local circumstances, including why the green area is seen as special, but it must be reasonably close. For example, if public access is a key factor, then the site would normally be within easy walking distance of the community served'*. This has been considered in preparing this document.

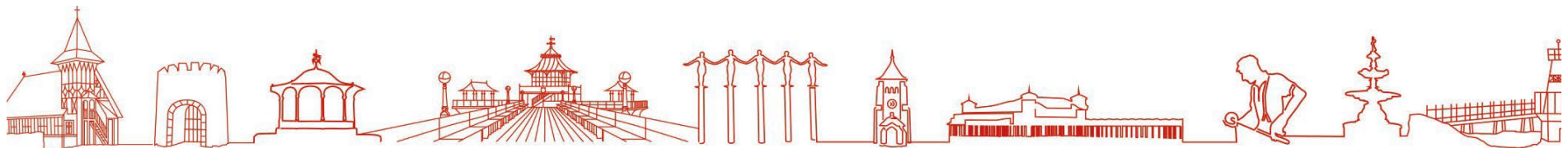
Demonstrably special to a local community

3.6 Evidence of how and why the site is demonstrably special to a local community, and holds a particular local significance, will be needed. The expectation is that this would relate to the criteria in the NPPF: beauty, historic importance, recreational value, tranquility, richness of wildlife. Evidence of Town or Parish Council support for designation of the site will normally be expected.

3.7 Requests for LGS designation should reflect a desire to protect demonstrably special, specific green spaces, in recognition of their particular local significance having regard to the criteria, rather than a desire to resist development pressure generally in the locality. The LGS designation should not be seen or used, for example, as a means to try to prevent development on the edge of a settlement. The PPG, paragraph 007 states that *'designating any Local Green Space will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. In particular plans must identify sufficient land in suitable locations to meet identified development needs, and the LGS designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making'*. Paragraph 015 states that *'blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. In particular designation should not be proposed as a back door way to try to achieve what would amount to a new area of Green Belt by another name'*.

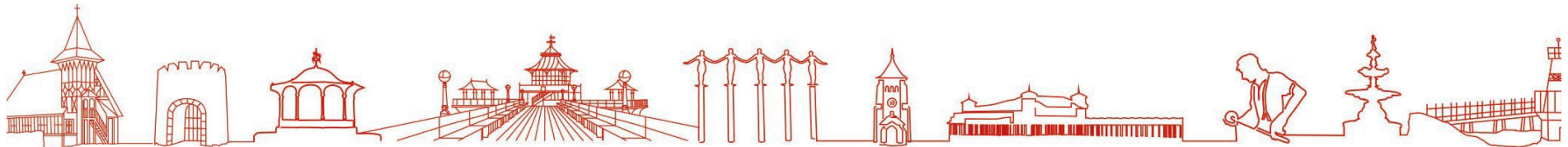
Land with planning permission for development and allocations in Development Plans

3.8 Land with planning permission for development will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation. That is consistent with paragraph 008 of the PPG's section on LGS. Similarly, the same will apply to land allocated or proposed for development in adopted or emerging local plans or made NDPs. Again that is consistent with the PPG (paragraph 007).



Other land uses

- 3.9 School and college playing fields and grounds, residential gardens, and the land forming part of minerals, recycled aggregate, or waste management sites which are being worked or have been recently worked and not yet fully restored, will not normally be appropriate for LGS designation.



4 Policy on Local Green Space

4.1 Policy LP12 is the policy on LGS in the Reg 19 Local Plan. It uses similar policy wording to that in the SAP.

Policy LP12: Local Green Space

Planning permission will not be granted except in very special circumstances for development which adversely affects a designated Local Green Space as shown on the Policies Map and set out in Schedule 3 which forms part of this policy, particularly regarding the characteristics underpinning its designation, such as beauty, historic importance, recreational value, tranquility or richness of wildlife.

4.2 The SAP also included a policy protecting undesignated areas of green space meeting certain criteria, recognising that the LGS designation will not be appropriate for many green areas or open spaces, such as small ones of under 0.2 ha not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for LGS designation.

4.3 However in the new Local Plan protection for undesignated areas of green space is now included in policy DP52 on “protection of open space and recreation”. It states ‘**Development proposals affecting other green and blue spaces will only be permitted provided they do not adversely affect areas which make a worthwhile contribution to the amenity and/or the character, setting and visual attractiveness of an area**’.

4.4 Engagement on the local plan, including public consultation on the Preferred Options (Reg 18) version, produced some suggestions for further sites for consideration for LGS. These have been assessed, taking account of the guidelines above, as documented in Table 1 below.

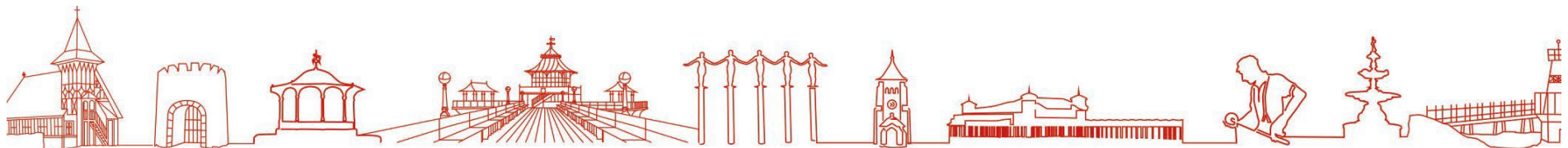
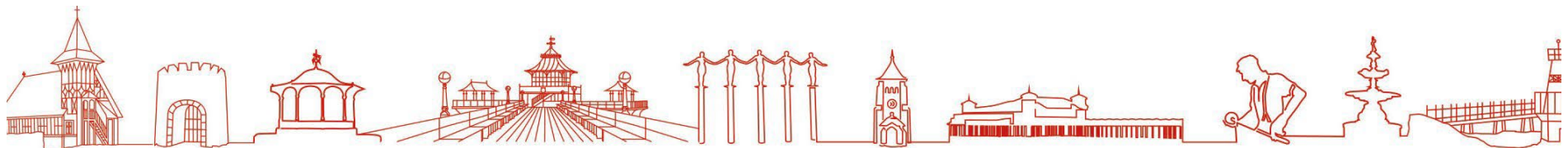
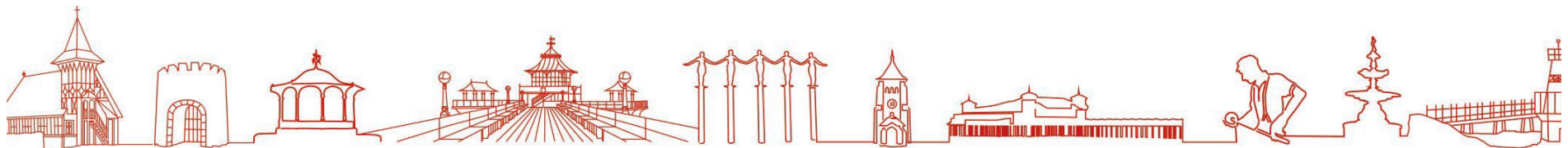


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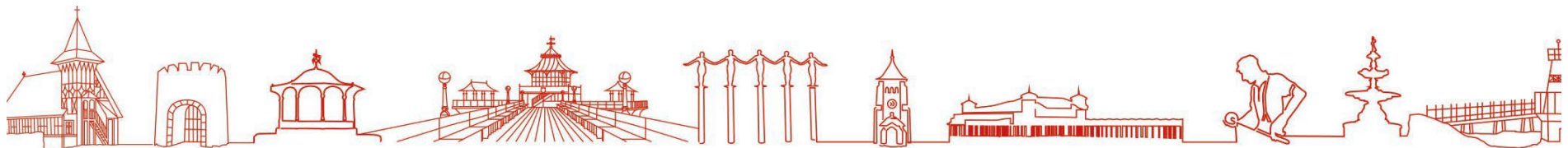
Site as described by promoter	Grid Ref (ST)	Beauty	Historic	Recreation	Tranquillity	Wildlife	Site Area (ha)	Assessment and justification
Field east of West Leigh Infant School, Backwell	481 686						0.636	No, not appropriate for LGS. Agricultural field. Not considered to have the exceptional special circumstances required for such sites (see paragraph 3.4 of Background Paper).
Park adjacent to West Leigh Infants School, Backwell	479 687	x		x			1.17	Yes, public open space including children's play area, with some trees, integral footpaths.
Open space at Old Surgery car park, off Station Rd, Wrington	468 626						0.042	No. This site is under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.17 of Background Paper).



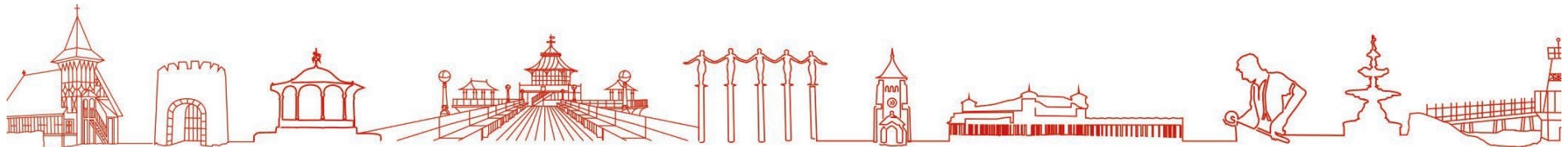
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Wrighton village green, High Street, in front of The Plough pub.	469 628						0.024	No. This site is under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.17 of Background Paper).
Mike Bush paddock off Wrighton Hill, Wrighton	475 633						0.13	No. This site is under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.17 of Background Paper).
Wrighton recreation ground, Silver Street	472 625						2.23	No, not appropriate for LGS. it is not considered that formal playing fields, including recreation grounds used for marked sports pitches, will normally be appropriate for LGS designation. (See paragraph 2.8 of Background Paper).



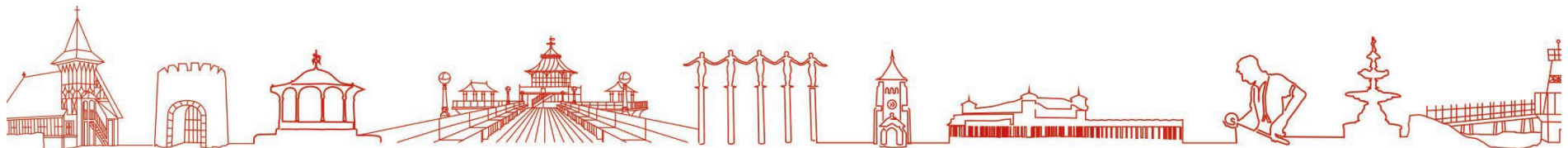
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Recreation ground next to village hall, Redhill	497 633			x			0.54	Yes, informal recreation area.
Land at Shrubbery, Weston super Mare, West Park, managed as nature reserve.	314 621						0.1	No. This site is under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.17 of Background Paper).
Land at Shrubbery Road, Weston super Mare. East Park, with wildflower border and planted hedge for wildlife.	316 622						0.124	No. This site is under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.17 of Background Paper).



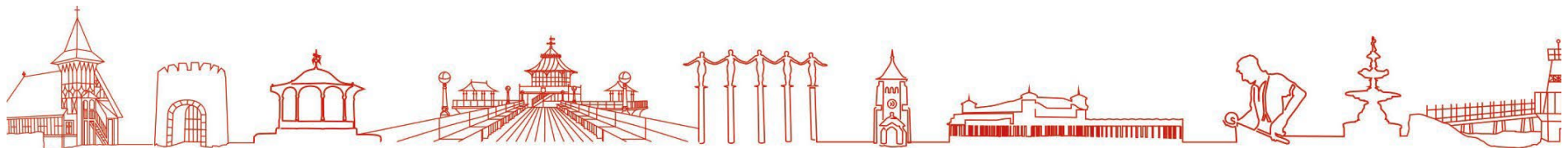
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Land adjacent to 19 Crossman Walk, Clevedon	416 710						0.072	No. This site is under 0.2 hectares and not considered to have the particularly strong justification required for such sites (see paragraph 2.17 of Background Paper).



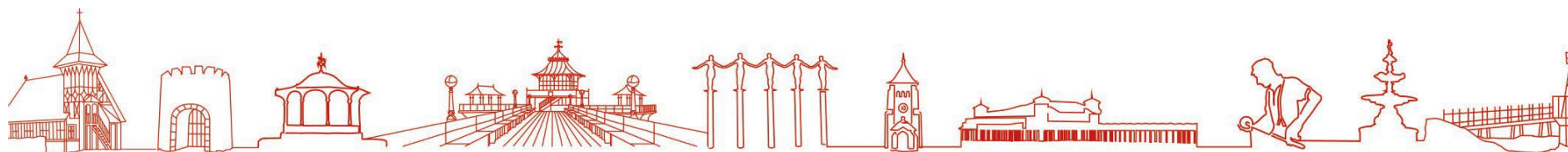
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Ashton Hill Plantation, Long Ashton (including Cook's Wood, Shipley Brake and George's Hill Plantation).	524 705	x		x		x	61 ha	<p>Yes, Local Wildlife Site (Ashton Hill Plantation). Attractive woodland. Crossed by public footpath (PROW.) Area of value to nature or landscape in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>Parish Council state <i>this is beautiful mature open access woodland including ancient woodland (Cook's Wood) loved for its bluebells and wild garlic, close to the village and an important recreational space for the people of Long Ashton and Failand. Has Giant Sequoias and evidence of an Iron Age fort. Owned by Forestry England.</i></p>



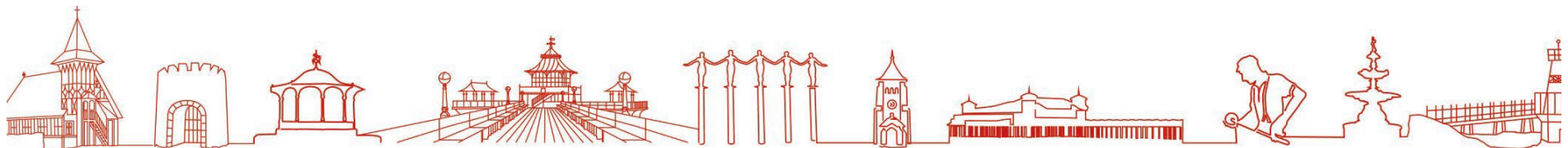
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Fenn's Wood, Long Ashton.	530 705	x		x		x	2.5ha	<p>Yes, Local Wildlife Site (Fenn's Wood). Attractive with numerous trees. No PROW but Parish Council indicate informal recreational use. Area of value to nature or landscape in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>Parish Council state <i>this is valued for its proximity to Long Ashton, linking the Ashton Hill Plantation and the Ironwood to provide a much loved environment for walking, running, and active enjoyment of the countryside</i></p>
Coombe plantation, Long Ashton.	540 710						3.8ha	No, part of golf course, and considered contrary to para 2.12 of Background Paper.



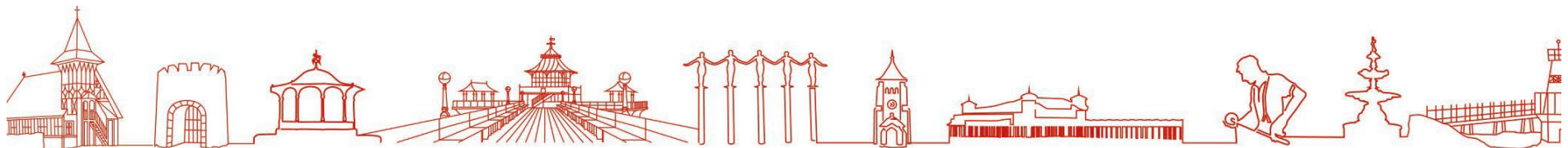
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Ashton Hill, Long Ashton.	545 711						5.7ha	No, part of golf course, and considered contrary to para 2.12 of Background Paper.
By the Folly, Long Ashton.	547 709						9.9ha	No, part of golf course, and considered contrary to para 2.12 of Background Paper.



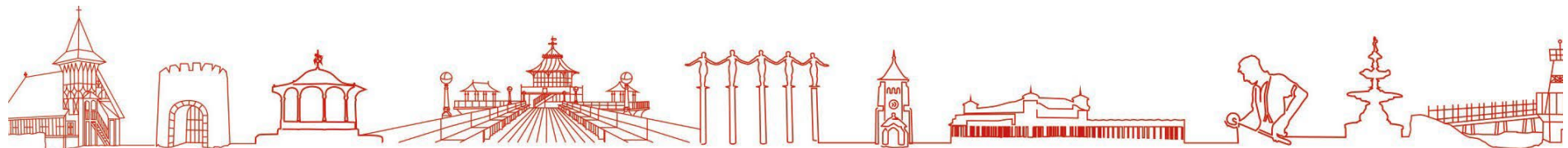
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The Ironwood.	534 707	x		x			17.7ha	<p>Yes. An area of woodland crossed by PROW. Area of value to nature or landscape in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>On HER includes unscheduled monuments (points) such as ironstone mine and rabbit buries at Keeds Wood.</p> <p>Parish Council state: “A Regionally Important Geographical Site with historical remains of the Providence Iron Ore Mine which gives its name to the local area and the Miners Rest Public House.”.</p>



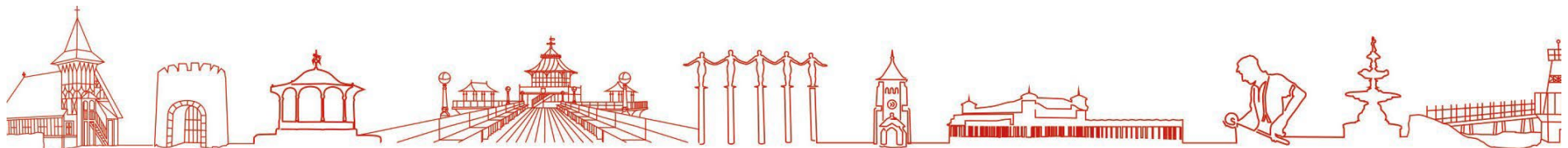
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Hanging Hill Wood (west of A4174)	556 694	x		x		x	5.49ha	Yes. Local Wildlife Site (Hanging Hill Wood.) Crossed by public footpath (PROW). Attractive woodland. Area of value to nature or landscape in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.
Linear woodland east of A4174	559 696	x		x			1.45ha	Yes. Attractive linear woodland with brook and public footpath (PROW). Area of value to nature or landscape in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan. <i>Parish Council state: "Historically significant rare fragment of woodland through which Colliters Brook runs, and a popular recreational space for local people from Long Ashton, Yanley and South Bristol".</i>



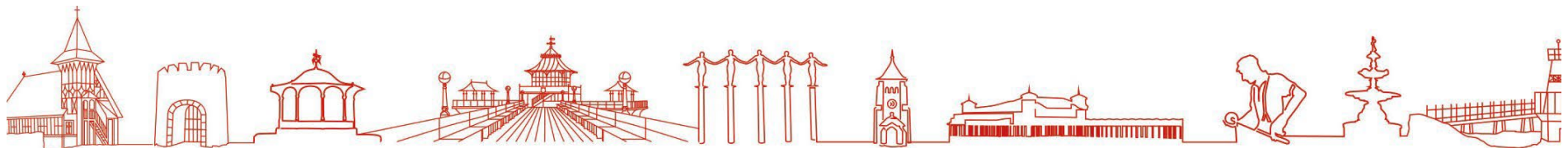
<p>Leigh Woods north to Long Ashton parish boundary.</p>	<p>558 733</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>		<p>x</p>	<p>39.72ha</p>	<p>Yes. The site is part of a Local Wildlife Site (Avon Gorge and Leigh Woods) and part of Avon Gorge SSSI and Avon Gorge Woodlands SAC, which is of international importance. Comprises attractive woodland crossed by PROW. Area of value to nature or landscape in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>HER shows area to include Stokeleigh Camp scheduled monument, a promontory fort in Leigh Woods. Also a number of unscheduled monuments (points) such as an old quarry.</p> <p>Parish Council state:</p> <p><i>“Owned by the National Trust and part of the nationally famous Leigh Woods, a stretch of woodland with a history going back to the last Ice Age..... a national nature reserve and a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and Stokeleigh Camp, an Iron Age promontory fort”.</i></p>
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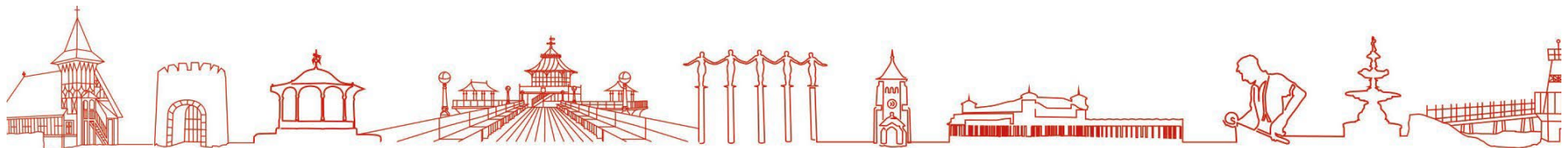
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West of Longwood Lane; Durnford Quarry. Site of open space value in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.	534 713						8.1ha	No. Site is part of a recycled aggregate site, within wider minerals site of Durnford Quarry, not yet restored, and not considered appropriate for LGS; (see para 3.9 of Background Paper).



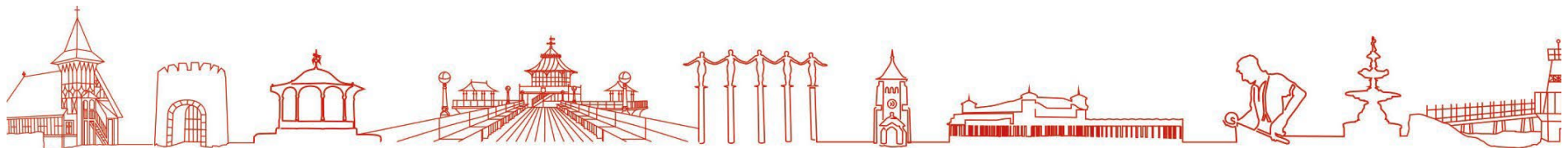
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Dawson's Walk	543 700	x		x		x	5.07ha	<p>Yes. Local Wildlife Site: Dawsons Walk and Lye Brook. Area of mainly trees, some grass, crossed by footpaths. Includes pond and streams. Attractive, used for informal recreation. Site of open space value in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>On HER includes monuments: site near Dawsons Walk by railway line, of WW2 unexploded bomb.</p>



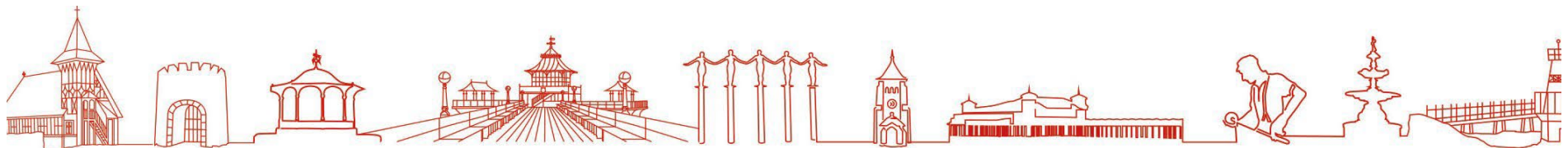
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South of Theynes Croft Long Ashton.	544 701	x		x		x	1.23ha	<p>Yes. Area of grass, trees, shrubs crossed by footpaths. Includes pond and streams. Attractive, used for recreation. Includes part of Local Wildlife Site: Dawsons Walk and Lye Brook. Site of open space value in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>On HER includes monuments: Site of Brook Farm (or Mill Farm); Mill Ashton Brook; Medieval to Victorian Mill cottages.</p> <p>One of areas for which Long Ashton Parish Council state: <i>“Provide valuable and much loved play space for local children close to a primary school and in a woodland setting with pond and streams”.</i></p>



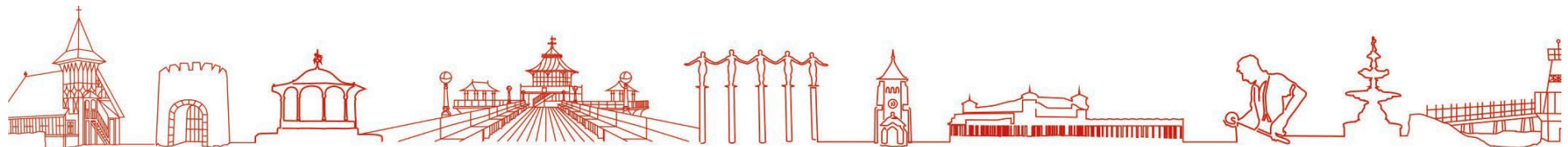
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West of Well Close, (north of Theynes Croft), Long Ashton.	544 702	x		x			0.32ha	Yes. Area of grass and trees, crossed by footpaths. Attractive, used for informal recreation. Site of open space value in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.
South of Gardeners Walk, Long Ashton.	546 702	x		x			0.20ha	Yes. Area of grass, trees, shrubs crossed by footpaths. Attractive, used for recreation. Includes “natural” wooden play equipment. Site of open space value in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan. On HER part of a deserted medieval village, north of Lower Court Farm



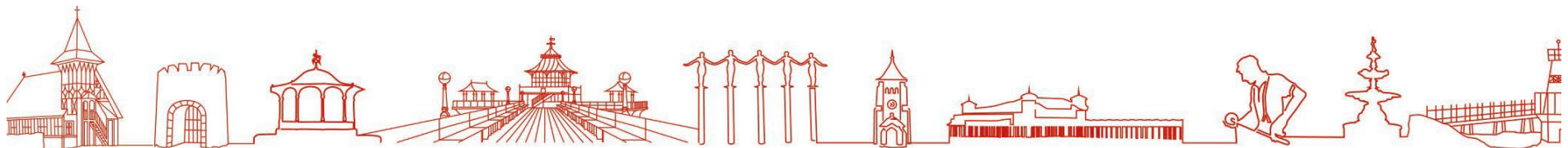
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Reservoir by Ashton Brook, south of Long Ashton.	542 695	x				x	2.02ha	<p>Yes. Reservoir fringed by attractive trees, with footpath (non-PROW) adjoining. Reservoir is fenced off by a mesh fence. However trees and the limited views of reservoir are attractive. Local Wildlife Site (A370 (Long Ashton By-pass site) and Ashton Brook.)</p> <p>Site of open space value in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>Nothing on HER. Parish Council state: <i>Historically part of the old long Ashton Research Centre, a tranquil space that attracts local wildlife.</i></p>



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South of Cruikshank Grove and McCrae Road, Parklands Village	368 599	x	x	x			2.13ha	<p>Yes. North west part by Cruikshank Grove includes fairly open flat grass areas separated by attractive belt of tall trees. South east part is attractive flat grass area with mature trees, separated from A371 by fairly tall hedge. Potential for informal recreational use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some monuments on HER: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Barracks; nissen hut; covered way; military building; blast wall; spoil heap; practice trench; path; road; operations block; officers mess, at former RAF Locking Second World War. · Site of Guardroom, 20th century. · CSEC church, 20th century. · Site of “gate guardian aircraft” in November 1971. · Pillbox, Cold War. · Site of RAF Locking Station HQ to c.1965



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South of Post Office Road, Parklands Village	369 600	x	x	x			1.33ha	<p>Yes. Attractive flat grass area with tall mature trees, including horsechestnuts. Use for informal recreation. Includes attractive ground level memorial to former RAF camp</p> <p>Some monuments on HER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Barracks; nissen hut; covered way; military building; blast wall; spoil heap; practice trench; path; road; operations block; officers mess at former RAF Locking Second World War. · War memorial, RAF Locking, 20th century.



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South east corner of Parklands Village. (South east of Bowen Road, south of Mannock Gardens and south of Farnborough Road)	374 598	x	x	x			7.78	<p>Yes. Very attractive area including some woodland crossed by rough paths, and more open areas broken up by groups of attractive trees. Used for informal recreation including dog walking, but areas large enough for informal kickabouts. View of attractive former water tower. Mainly flat but some interesting slight changes of level.</p> <p>Some monuments on HER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Barracks; nissen hut; covered way; military building; blast wall; spoil heap; practice trench; path; road; operations block; officers mess at former RAF Locking, Second World War. · Site of display aircraft plinth (Spitfire, Gnat, etc) 1962-1996, Second World War to late 20th century. · Pillbox, Second World War. · Officers' mess. RAF Locking, site, early 20th century to 21st century.

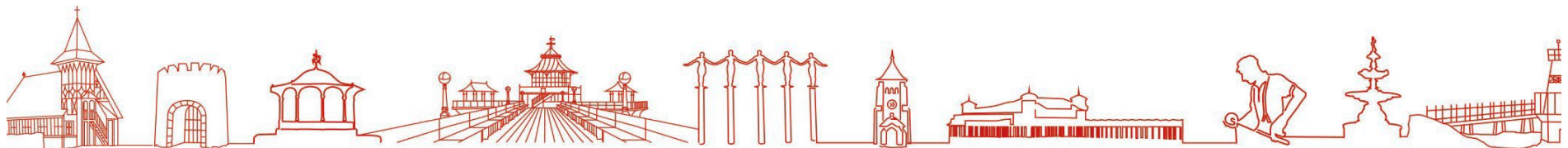


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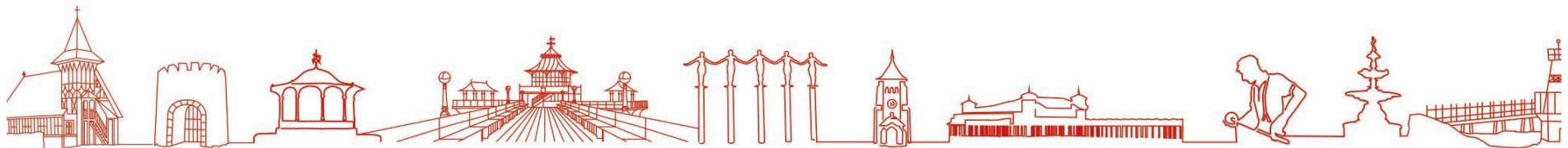
(Includes the new sites assessed as being appropriate for LGS designation in Table 1 above)

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Please note that the HER on the council’s web site is regularly updated which means that where LGS sites have been carried forward from the adopted SAP the descriptions in the Justification relating to the HER may differ a little from those currently on the web. However in no cases have the differences been found to be so significant that they have affected the decision to carry the sites forward.

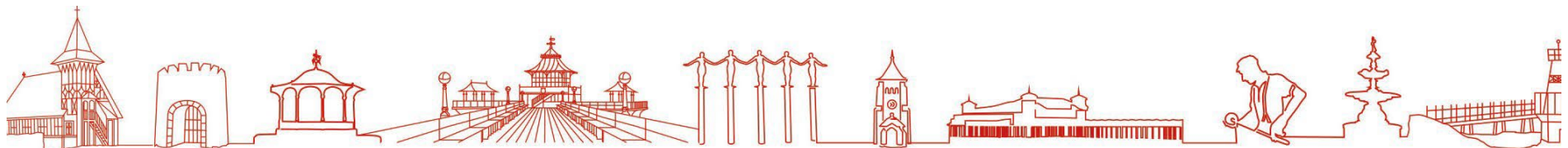
Abbots Leigh

Site	Grid Ref (ST)	Beauty	Historic	Recreation	Tranquility	Wildlife	Site Area (ha)	Justification
Abbots Pool, Abbots Leigh	536 731	x	x	x		x	3.91	Area with lake amidst woodland, with bridleway and footpaths. Used for informal recreation. Wildlife Site. HER: archaeological site: Abbots Pool and 2 pools to north medieval; C20 fishponds.

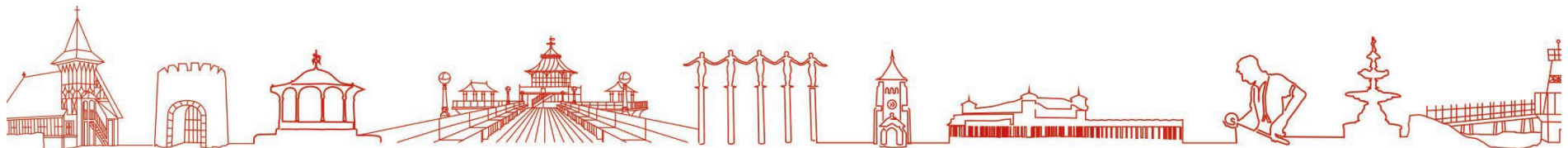


Backwell

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Farleigh Fields, Backwell	493 685	x					8.85	<p>Two fields meeting in a T shape near St Andrew's Church. Pasture, but considered to exceptionally warrant LGS designation because of the site's particular importance in terms of the setting of the grade 1 listed St Andrew's Church, being high lying, prominent and visible from a significant distance to the south. The fields are also crossed by public rights of way, which lead towards and afford views of the church.</p> <p>On HER, there is an archaeological site within the northern field (Neolithic stone slab).</p>
Backwell Lake	476 694	x		x		x	5.42	<p>Attractive area with lake and surrounding grass and trees. Wildlife Site and Local Nature Reserve recognised by Natural England. No records on HER.</p>

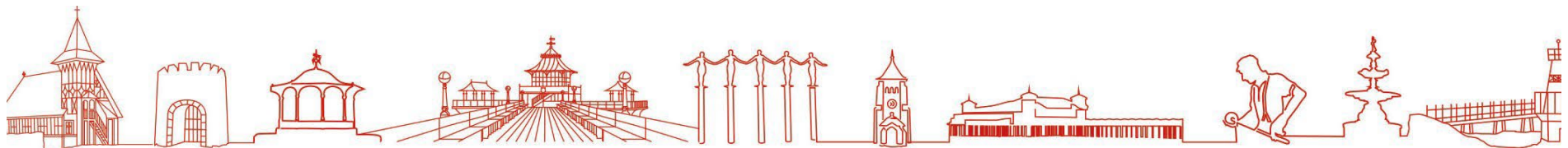


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Park adjacent to West Leigh Infants School, Backwell	481 686	x		x			1.17	Public open space including children's play area, with some trees, integral footpaths. HER shows some monuments: marl pits and cropmark of possible prehistoric building.
Banwell recreation ground, Westfield Road, Banwell	393 591			x			1.22	Recreation ground, with boundary trees. No record on HER.
Riverside Green, Banwell	399 595	x		x			0.53	Grass open space, some trees, play area. Used for informal recreation. HER shows archaeological site: site of Daniel Day's House, Riverside, 1815.



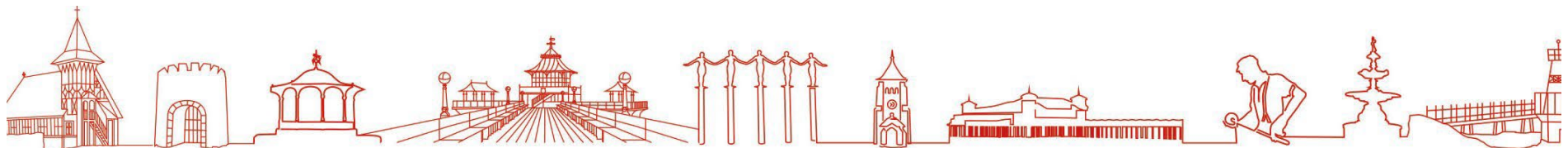
Blagdon

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The Rocks common land, Blagdon	498 586			x			0.36	<p>Fairly high lying area of grass and trees above rocks, with woodland to south, crossed by footpath (PROW), and used for informal recreation. Includes seats and picnic area.</p> <p>HER shows archaeological site, old quarry at Street End, post-medieval quarry.</p>



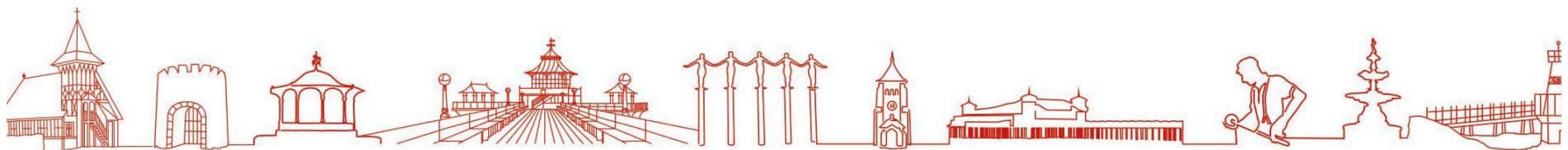
Churchill

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Land west of Rowan Way Churchill	451 603	x		x			1.51	Grass space with trees, used for informal recreation. No records on HER.

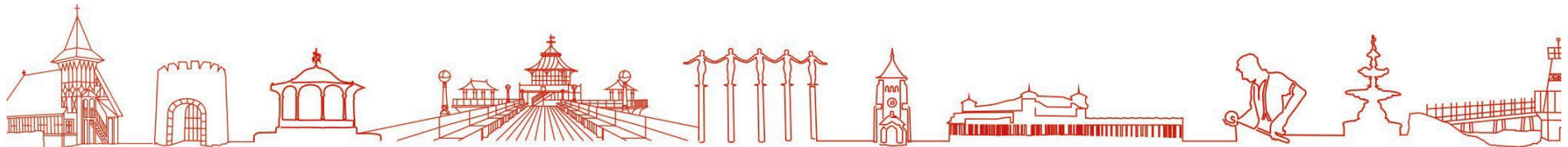


Clevedon

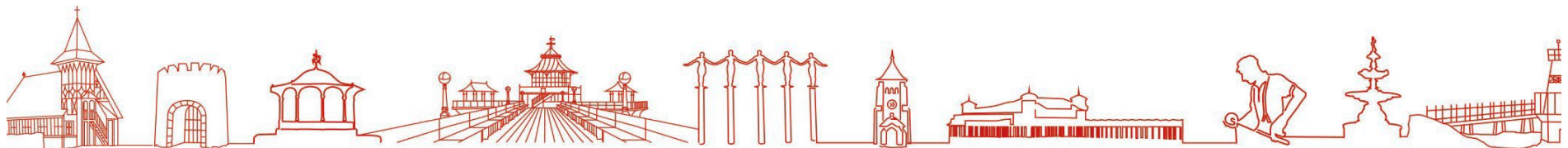
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Salthouse Fields	398 710	x		x			3.89	Iconic grass space, used for recreation, alongside Marine Lake and Severn estuary. HER: Includes archaeological site: site of C17 saltworks, also Victorian promenade sea defences, C19.
Church Hill	395 708	x		x		x	4.4	Attractive hill, grass and treed areas, near Severn estuary. Used for informal recreation, (walking etc). Local Nature Reserve recognized by Natural England, and Wildlife Site. HER: Includes archaeological sites (points) ridge and furrow, Church Hill; post medieval mining on south side of Church Hill; C19 Lookout tower, Church Hill.



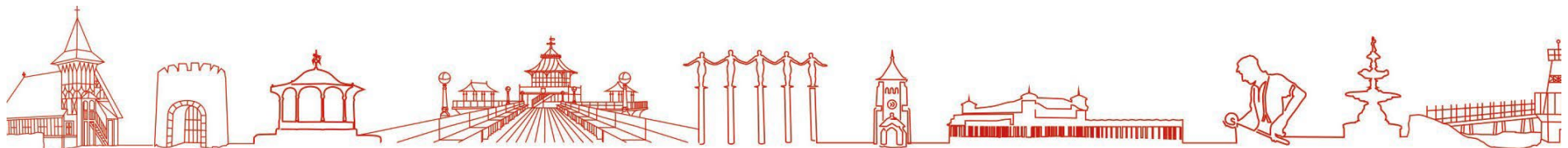
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Wains Hill (Poets Walk)	394 709	x	x	x		x	4.55	<p>Attractive hill, grass with some treed areas, near Severn estuary. Used for informal recreation, (walking etc). Local Nature Reserve recognised by Natural England, and Wildlife Site.</p> <p>HER shows site is a scheduled monument, with some archaeological sites (points); eg. slight univallate hillfort, and Wains Hill hillfort (Iron Age).</p>
Alexandra Gardens	404 718	x	x	x			0.81	<p>Attractive well treed area with more open grassed part to south. Crossed by footpaths.</p> <p>HER: Unregistered park or garden; archaeological site, C19 municipal park.</p>
Pier Copse	403 718	x	x	x			0.44	<p>Attractive grassed but well treed area. HER: Unregistered park or garden.</p>
Herbert Gardens, East of Herbert Road	406 716	x	x	x			1.21	<p>Attractive area well treed on boundaries. HER: Unregistered park or garden; archaeological site, C19 municipal park.</p>



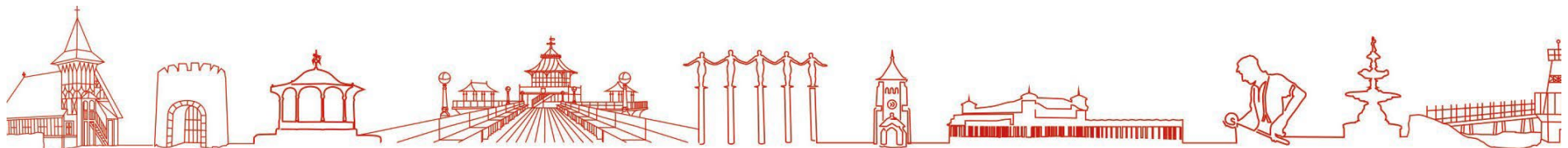
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Dial Hill	408 719	x		x			4.64	Hill including wooded slopes crossed by footpaths, more open at top. HER: number of archaeological sites, (points) including old C19 quarries, late prehistoric lynchets, Iron Age, site of C19 reservoir, site of C19 limekiln, etc
Strawberry Hill	414 716	x		x		x	11.86	Long area of woodland crossed by public footpaths. Wildlife Site. HER: some archaeological sites, including stone macehead, a flint knife, Neolithic/Bronze Age, etc.
Land at Old Park Road	409 720	x					0.3	Attractive woodland in residential area. No records on HER.
Land at Green Beach	399 713	x	x	x			0.75	Attractive grassed area with some trees and ornamental gardens overlooking Severn estuary. HER: unregistered park and garden; includes archaeological sites: late C19 municipal park; Golden jubilee bandstand, 1887.



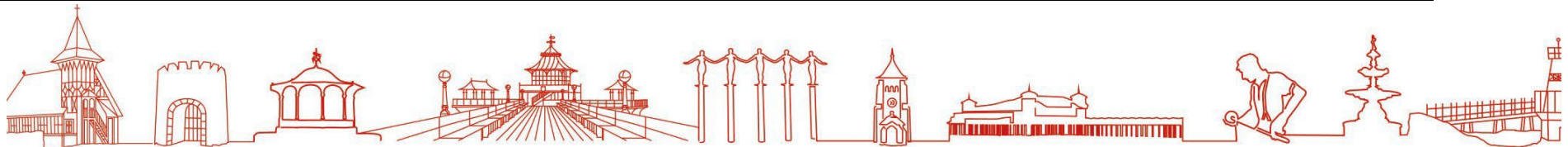
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Sunhill Park, Sunnyside Road	404 714	x	x	x			0.56	Area of dense trees with more open central area next to community centre. Attractive. HER: Unregistered park or garden; archaeological site; early C20 garden, now municipal park.
Highdale Hill	409 713	x		x			1.16	Attractive area with woodland and some more open areas to west, crossed/bounded by public footpath. HER shows archaeological site: Christ Church and Highdale Farm.
Land near M5 and River Blind Yeo, along south east and southern edge of Clevedon	414 701	x		x			7.01	Largely linear open space with trees alongside M5 and River Blind Yeo. Used for informal recreation. Also contributes to townscape. Includes play area near Hazell Close. No record on HER.
Land at Crabtree Path	402 699	x		x			0.21	Grassed area with some boundary trees. No records on HER.



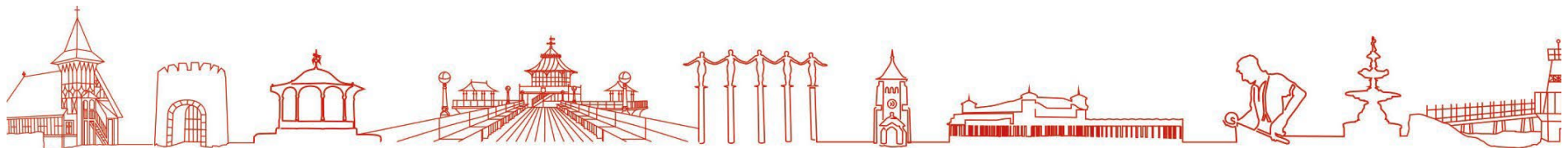
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Land at Brookfield Walk	418 710			x			1.88	Grass area on east edge of Clevedon used for informal recreation. Boundary hedges. No records on HER.
Land at Teignmouth Road/Beaconsfield Road junction with play area.	412 711			x			0.35	Grass area with trees and play area, for informal recreation. No records on HER.
Cherry Avenue play area	413 709			x			0.22	Grass open space for informal recreation. No records on HER.
Land at Walton Road in front of Conygar Close	419 724	x		x			0.27	Attractive grass area with trees, for informal recreation. HER: archaeological site: site of Walton Park station c1907-1940.



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Westbourne Housing Estate open spaces	399 707	x		x			Various areas of 0.2hectares or more	Grass areas with trees amidst housing estate. Visual amenity and informal recreation. No records on HER.
Land, including walk, north of former Hangstone Quarry, running from junction of Victoria Road with Old Church Road.	404 711	x		x			0.24	Attractive area including ornamental garden, with grass and treed areas as part of walk. The route rises and falls at each end, and the high lying central grassed part affords attractive views over the town. HER shows archaeological sites bordering site, but in Hangstone quarry: Pleistocene bone deposits and Roman pottery from cave.
Marshalls Field, Clevedon	393 704	x		x			3.49	Grass open space part bounded by River Land Yeo, with some boundary trees. Part bounded by a raised cycle/walkway to west. No record on HER. A “Neighbourhood open space” on the Council’s Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the Council.

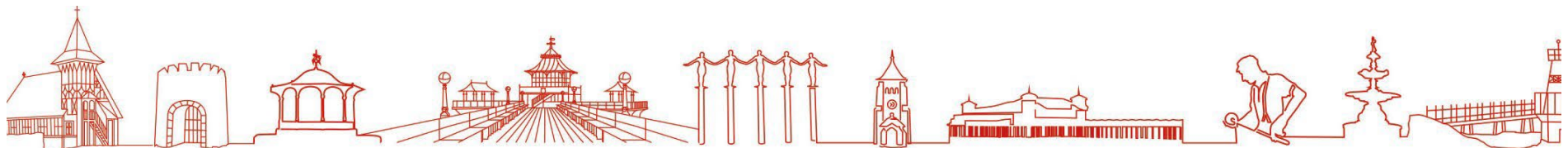


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Land north east of Walton Park Hotel, Clevedon	407 725	x	x	x			2.27	Grassed area with woodland, overlooking Bristol Channel. On HER: unregistered park or garden (Walton gardens and park, late C19 park.) HER also shows archaeological site: old quarries and tramway at cliff top, Walton St Mary, C19 quarry).
Millennium Orchard, Clevedon	418 709			x			0.3	While orchards are not normally appropriate for LGS designation, it is considered that an exception is appropriate here. That is because this is a community orchard which is accessible to the public for informal recreation. Clevedon Town Council have indicated that the orchard is used for community events like apple picking and wassailing. No record on HER.

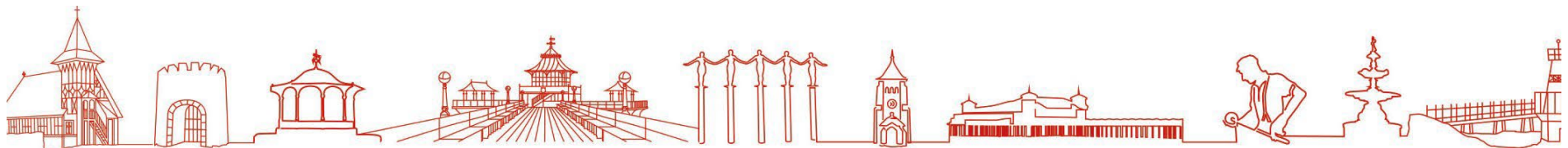


Congresbury

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Congresbury Millennium Green	438 638	x		x		x	2.63	<p>Comprises attractive grass spaces either side of river. Larger northern area has some mature trees on boundary and includes public footpaths and play area. Used for informal recreation.</p> <p>Southern area includes community orchard.</p> <p>While orchards are not normally appropriate for LGS designation, it is considered that an exception is appropriate here. That is because this is a community orchard which is accessible to the public for informal recreation.</p> <p>Part of the site fringing the river is within the Wildlife Site associated with that.</p> <p>HER: Archaeological site: site of tannery east of the Ship and Castle C18.</p>

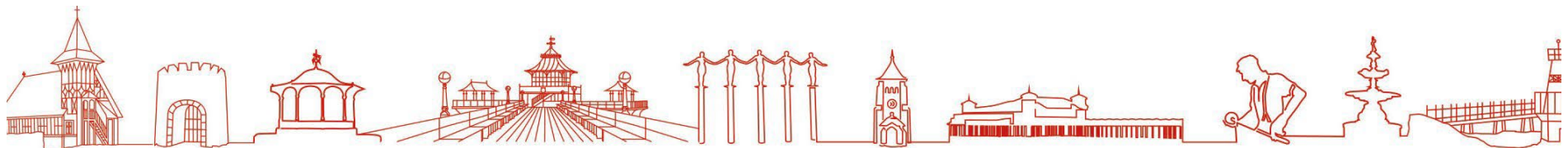


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Land at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury	436 637	x	x				0.8	<p>Attractive grass area with trees, and the adjoining historic church yard, adjacent to and important to the setting of the grade 1 listed church.</p> <p>While cemeteries are not normally appropriate for LGS designation, the historic importance of the site, with listed walls and monuments, together with its importance to the setting of the church, is considered to warrant an exception.</p>
Recreation area adjoining King George V Jubilee playing field, Congresbury	438 634			x			0.47	Grass recreation area with play equipment. No record on HER.

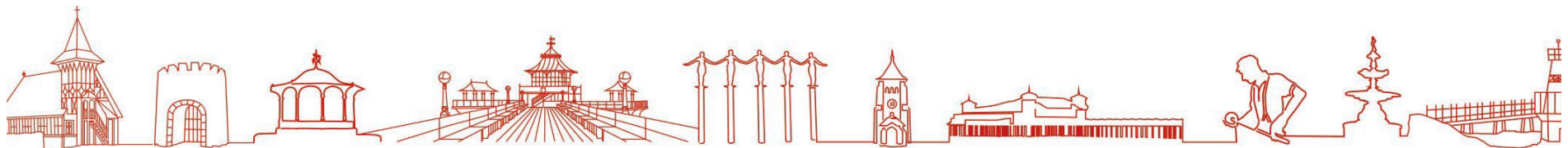


Easton in Gordano/Pill

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Yew Tree Gardens, Easton in Gordano/Pill	521 759	x		x			0.38	Grassed open space, bounded by hedgerows and trees. Used for recreation. Includes play area. No records on HER.
Crockern Pill, Easton in Gordano/Pill	525 759	x	x				0.29	Grassed open space, adjoining the historic pill leading to the River Avon, (which has been used by mariners since before the C15th). HER: some archaeological sites including site of C19 dry dock, Pill, and site of C19 boat breakers yard, Pill, etc.

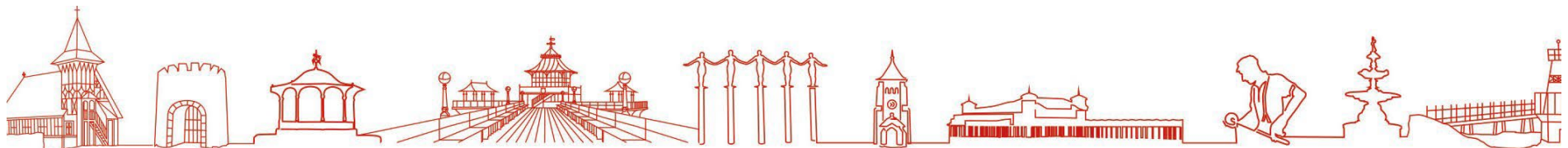


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Watchhouse Hill, Easton in Gordano/Pill	527 759	x	x	x			10.94	<p>Hill area of grassland and woodland, adjacent to the River Avon. Crossed by paths (including Public Right of Way), Listed under “open space” on the Council’s Parks and play areas web site. Owned and managed by North Somerset Council as public open space.</p> <p>HER: includes part of an unregistered park and garden (late C18 pleasure grounds and park, Ham Green Hospital); also some archaeological sites; eg. boundary stone; site of Ham Green Farm, palaeolithic flint flake, Ham Green Farm.</p>
Victoria Park, Easton in Gordano/Pill	525 758	x	x	x			0.22	Grass area with trees. HER: archaeological site: Victoria Park, Pill, C19 park.

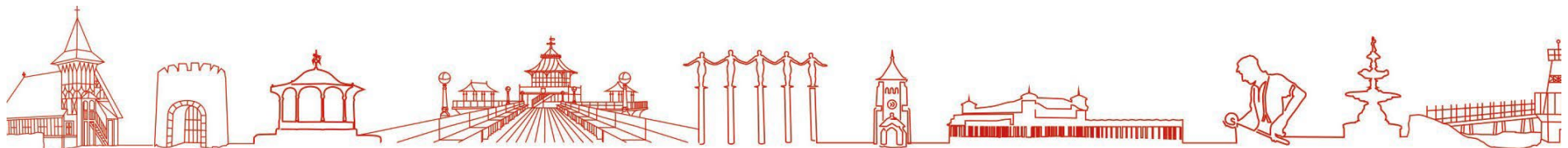


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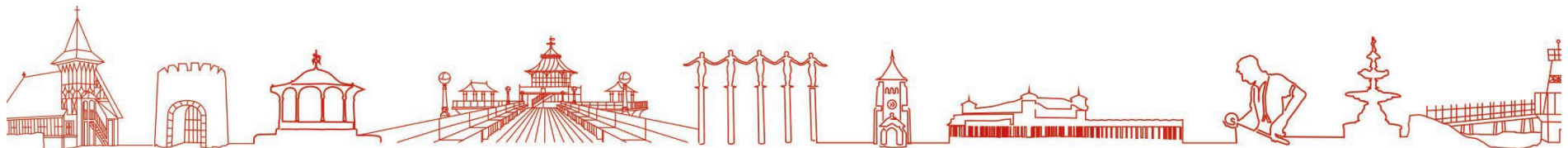
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Locking Green, Locking	364 598			x			0.74	Grassed open space including and bounded by trees. Includes play area. HER: within broad archaeological site for core settlement of Locking.
Open space / play area south of Anson Road, near Parklands Village, Locking parish.	364 606			x			1.38	Grass open space with boundary trees. Includes play area. No record on HER



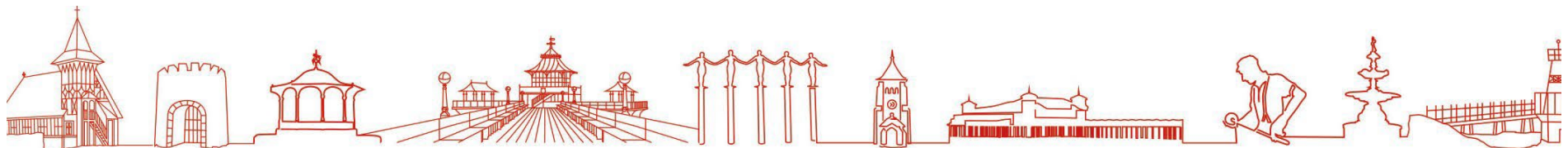
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South of Cruikshank Grove and McCrae Road, Parklands Village	368 599	x	x	x			2.13ha	<p>North west part by Cruikshank Grove includes fairly open flat grass areas separated by attractive belt of tall trees. South east part is attractive flat grass area with mature trees, separated from A371 by fairly tall hedge. Potential for informal recreational use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some monuments on HER: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Barracks; nissen hut; covered way; military building; blast wall; spoil heap; practice trench; path; road; operations block; officers mess, at former RAF Locking Second World War. · Site of Guardroom, 20th century. · CSEC church, 20th century. · Site of “gate guardian aircraft” in November 1971. · Pillbox, Cold War. · Site of RAF Locking Station HQ to c.1965



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South of Post Office Road, Parklands Village	369 600	x	x	x			1.33ha	<p>Attractive flat grass area with tall mature trees, including horsechestnuts. Use for informal recreation. Includes attractive ground level memorial to former RAF camp.</p> <p>Some monuments on HER: · Barracks; nissen hut; covered way; military building; blast wall; spoil heap; practice trench; path; road; operations block; officers mess at former RAF Locking Second World War. · War memorial, RAF Locking, 20th century</p>

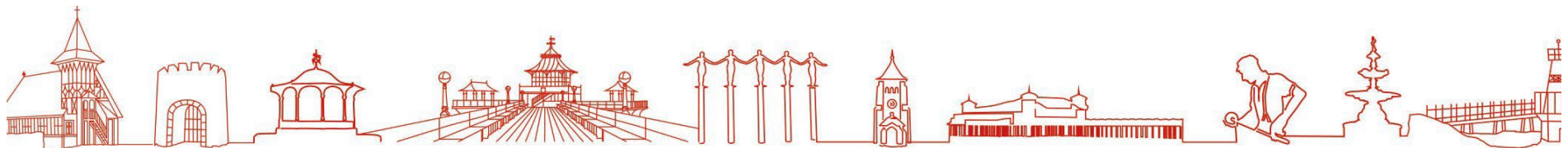


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South east corner of Parklands Village. (South east of Bowen Road, south of Mannock Gardens and south of Farnborough Road)	374 598	x	x	x			7.78	<p>Very attractive area including some woodland crossed by rough paths, and more open areas broken up by groups of attractive trees. Used for informal recreation including dog walking, but areas large enough for informal kickabouts. View of attractive former water tower. Mainly flat but some interesting slight changes of level.</p> <p>Some monuments on HER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Barracks; nissen hut; covered way; military building; blast wall; spoil heap; practice trench; path; road; operations block; officers mess at former RAF Locking, Second World War. · Site of display aircraft plinth (Spitfire, Gnat, etc) 1962-1996, Second World War to late 20th century. · Pillbox, Second World War. · Officers' mess. RAF Locking, site, early 20th century to 21st century.

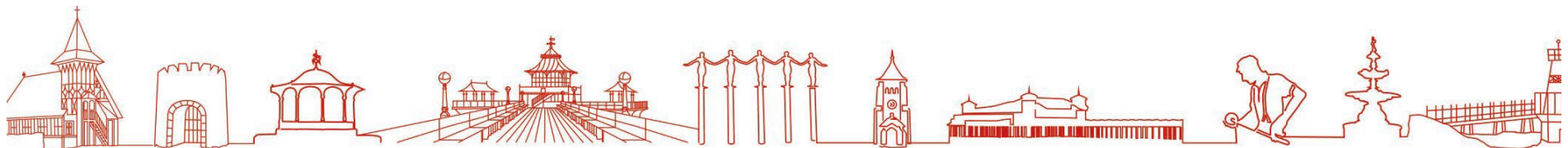


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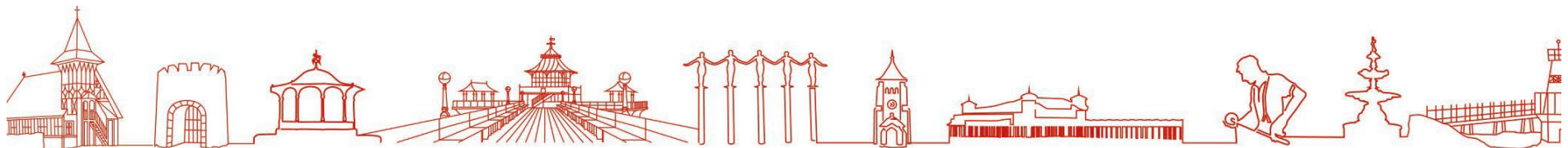
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Land north east of Long Ashton	550 720						298.01	While this is a very large site, partly comprising the Ashton Court Estate , it was suggested for LGS in the Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014-2033, dated August 2014, submitted to North Somerset Council. This LGS proposal was accepted by the Inspector to the examination. The plan has now been made. Therefore no assessment has been done here.
Land at village hall, Keeps Lane, Long Ashton	536 703						2.01	Open space used for recreation. Includes play area. No records on HER. Was proposed as LGS in the Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan, which the Inspector to the Examination accepted, and that plan has now been made. Therefore no assessment has been done here.



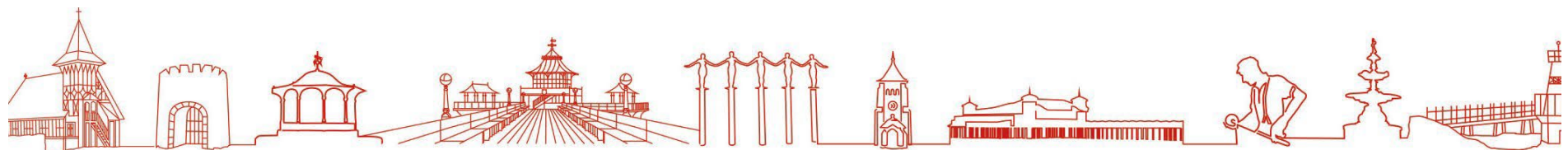
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Birdwell Recreation Ground (Lampton Road), Long Ashton	540 700						0.21	<p>Grass open space.</p> <p>No records on HER.</p> <p>Was proposed for LGS in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014-2033, dated August 2014, submitted to North Somerset Council. This LGS proposal was accepted by the Inspector to the examination. The plan has now been made. Therefore no assessment has been done here.</p>
Peel Park, Long Ashton	534 703						2.55	<p>Was proposed for LGS in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014-2033, dated August 2014, submitted to North Somerset Council. This LGS proposal was accepted by the Inspector to the examination. The plan has now been made. Therefore no assessment has been done here.</p>



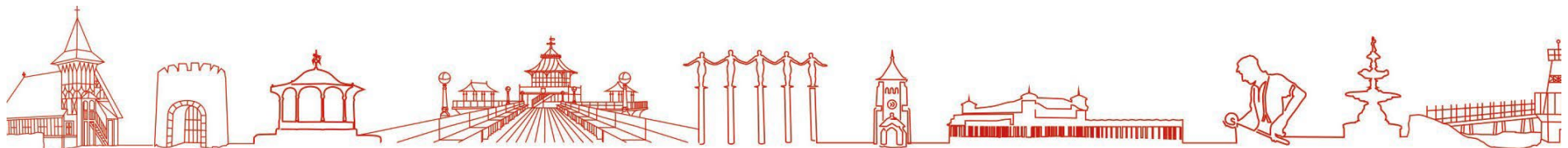
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Long Ashton cricket ground	552 703						1.50	Was proposed for LGS in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014-2033, dated August 2014, submitted to North Somerset Council. This LGS proposal was accepted by the Inspector to the examination. The plan has now been made. Therefore no assessment has been done here.



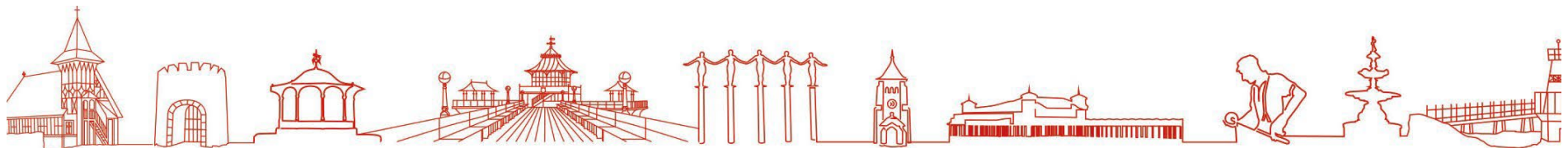
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Ashton Hill Plantation, Long Ashton (including Cook's Wood, Shipley Brake and George's Hill Plantation)	524 705	x		x		x	61	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local wildlife site (Ashton Hill Plantation). Attractive woodland. Crossed by public footpath (PROW). HER includes some monuments, including Site of Kencot Cross, and old limekiln and small quarries, George's Hill <p>Area of value to nature or landscape in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>Parish Council state <i>this is beautiful mature open access woodland including ancient woodland (Cook's Wood) loved for its bluebells and wild garlic, close to the village and an important recreational space for the people of Long Ashton and Failand. Has Giant Sequoias and evidence of an Iron Age fort. Owned by Forestry England.</i></p>



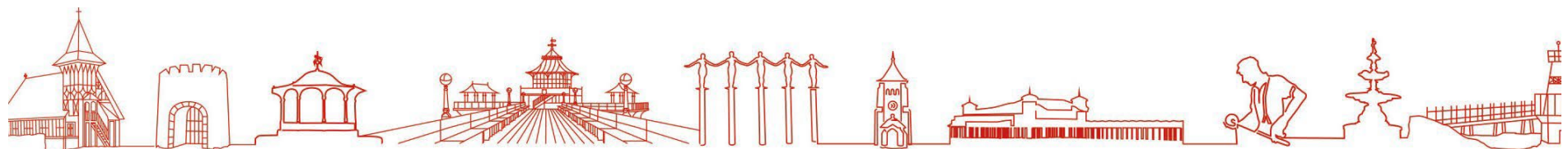
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Fenn's Wood, Long Ashton	530 705	x		x		x	2.5	<p>Local wildlife site (Fenn's Wood). Attractive woodland.</p> <p>No PROW but parish council indicate informal recreational use.</p> <p>Area of value to nature or landscape in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p>
The Ironwood.	534 707	x		x			17.7	<p>An area of woodland crossed by PROW. Area of value to nature or landscape in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>On HER includes unscheduled monuments (points) such as ironstone mine and rabbit buries at Keeds Wood.</p> <p>Parish Council state: <i>"A Regionally Important Geographical Site with historical remains of the Providence Iron Ore Mine which gives its name to the local area and the Miners Rest Public House."</i></p>



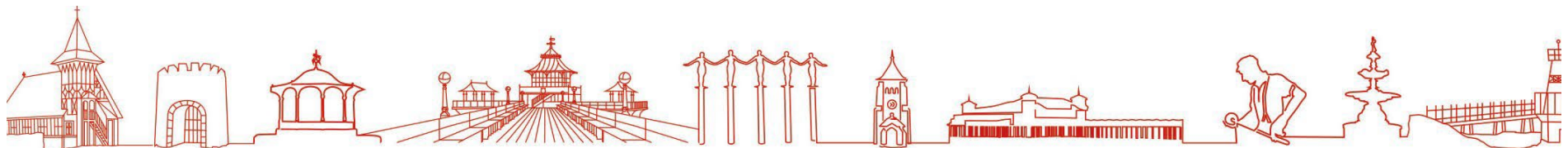
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Hanging Hill Wood (west of A4174)	556 694	x				x	5.49	Local Wildlife Site (Hanging Hill Wood.) Crossed by public footpath (PROW). Attractive woodland. Area of value to nature or landscape in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.
Linear woodland east of A4174	559 696	x		x			1.45ha	Attractive linear woodland with brook and public footpath (PROW). Area of value to nature or landscape in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan. <i>Parish Council state: "Historically significant rare fragment of woodland through which Colliters Brook runs, and a popular recreational space for local people from long Ashton, Yanley and South Bristol".</i>



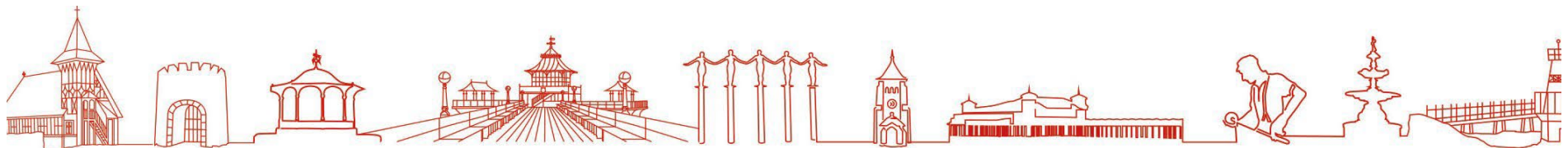
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Leigh Woods north to edge of Long Ashton parish boundary.	558 733	x		x		x	39.72	<p>The site is part of a wildlife site (Avon Gorge and Leigh Woods) and part of Avon Gorge SSSI and Avon Gorge Woodland SAC, which is of international importance. Comprises attractive woodland crossed by PROW. Area of value to nature or landscape in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>HER shows area to include Stokeleigh Camp: a promontory fort in Leigh Woods, and a number of unscheduled monuments (points) such as an old quarry.</p> <p>Parish Council state:</p> <p><i>“Owned by the National Trust and part of the nationally famous Leigh Woods, a stretch of woodland with a history going back to the last Ice Age... a national nature reserve and a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and Stokeleigh Camp, an Iron Age promontory fort”.</i></p>



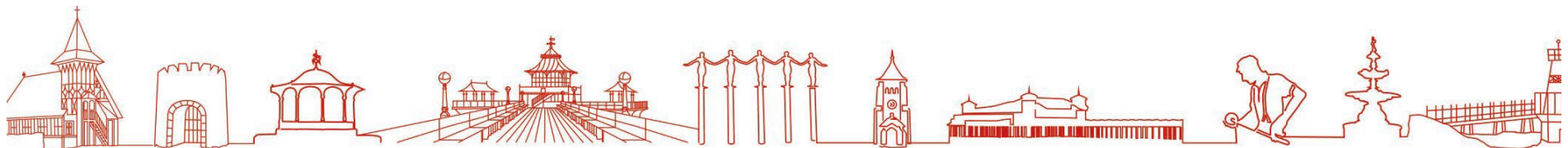
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Dawson's Walk	543 700	x		x		x	5.07	<p>Wildlife Site: Dawsons Walk and Lye Brook. Area of mainly trees, some grass, crossed by footpaths. Includes pond and streams. Attractive, used for informal recreation. Site of open space value in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>On HER includes monuments: site near Dawsons Walk by railway line, of WW2 unexploded bomb.</p>



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South of Theynes Croft Long Ashton.	544 701	x		x		x	1.23	<p>Area of grass, trees, shrubs crossed by footpaths. Includes pond and streams. Attractive, used for recreation. Includes part of wildlife site: Dawsons Walk and Lye Brook. Site of open space value in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>On HER includes monuments: Site of Brook Farm (or Mill Farm); Mill Ashton Brook; Medieval to Victorian Mill cottages.</p> <p>One of areas for which Long Ashton Parish Council state: <i>“Provide valuable and much loved play space for local children close to a primary school and in a woodland setting with pond and streams”</i>.</p>
West of Well Close, (north of Theynes Croft), Long Ashton.	544 702	x		x			0.32	<p>Area of grass and trees, crossed by footpaths. Attractive, used for informal recreation. Site of open space value in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p>

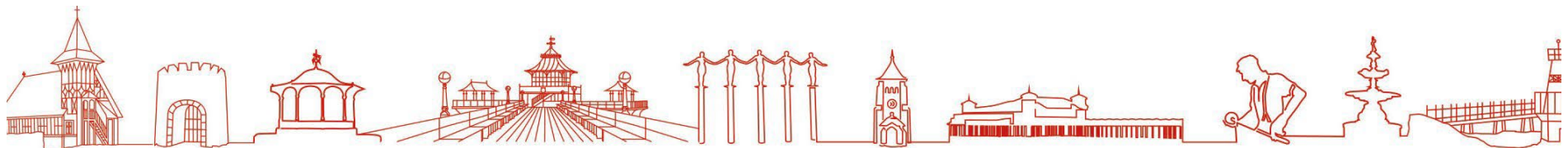


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South of Gardeners Walk, Long Ashton.	546 702	x		x			0.20	<p>Area of grass, trees, shrubs crossed by footpaths. Attractive, used for recreation. Includes “natural” wooden play equipment. Site of open space value in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>On HER part of a deserted medieval village, north of Lower Court Farm</p>
Reservoir by Ashton Brook, south of Long Ashton.	542 695	x				x	2.02	<p>Reservoir fringed by attractive trees, with footpath (non-PROW) adjoining. Reservoir is fenced off by a mesh fence. However trees and the limited views of reservoir are attractive. Wildlife site (A370 (Long Ashton By-pass site) and Ashton Brook.)</p> <p>Site of open space value in Long Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>Nothing on HER. Parish Council state: <i>Historically part of the old long Ashton Research Centre, a tranquil space that attracts local wildlife</i></p>

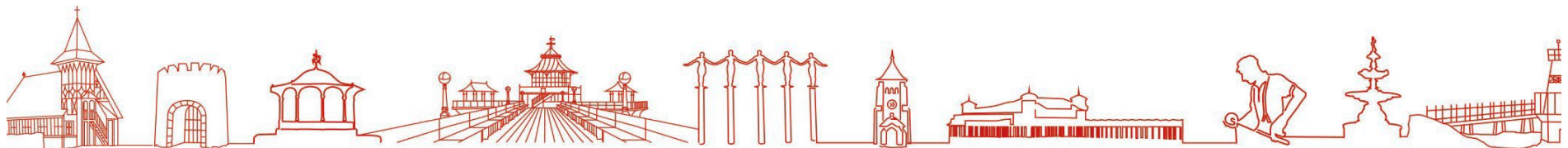


Nailsea

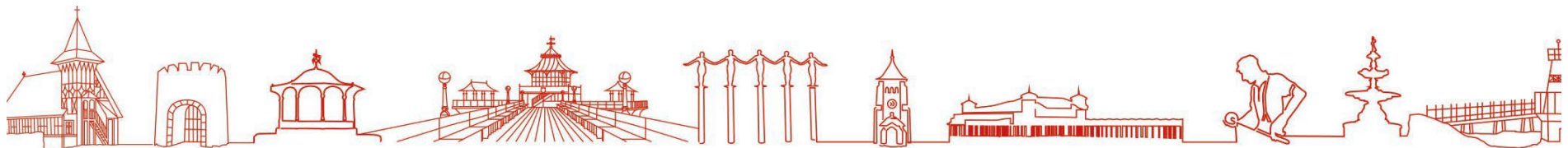
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Scotch Horn (Millennium) Park	478 707	x		x			3.7	Attractive park with landscaped grounds. Includes play area. On HER the Nailsea glassworks Scheduled Monument just extends far enough south to include a very small area on north edge of park.
Land south of Bibury Close, west of Trendlewood Way.	480 700	x		x			0.35	Rectangular grass area with some trees. Used for informal recreation. No records on HER. Part of Trendlewood Community Park
Nowhere Wood, land west of Bibury Close, and land north of Avening Close.	479 701	x	x	x			3.1	Includes (north part) a wooded area with public access and the site of a former Pennant sandstone quarry. Grassed area to south. Used for recreation. HER shows the site of the quarry as an archaeological site (site of C19 quarry) Part of Trendlewood Community Park



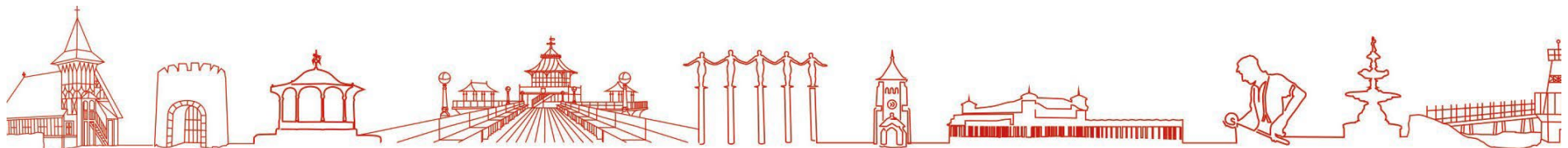
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Land at junction of Blackthorn Way and Nailsea Park, west of Hawthorn Way	480 708	x		x			1.04	Grass area south of Blackthorn Way, with scattered trees and tree group. HER: 4 archaeological sites: 1. tented camp for British troops in WW2 pre 1941, Nailsea Park; 2. site of WW2 hutted camp, c1941-43, Nailsea; 3. site of WW2 USA coloured troops camp, 1943-5, Nailsea Park; 4. coal mine shaft and spoil heap, Nailsea Park, post medieval coal mine.
Land to the west of Trendlewood Way, east of Hawthorn Way, opposite Cedar Way.	481 708	x		x			0.94	Elongated area of grass with scattered trees and tree group.



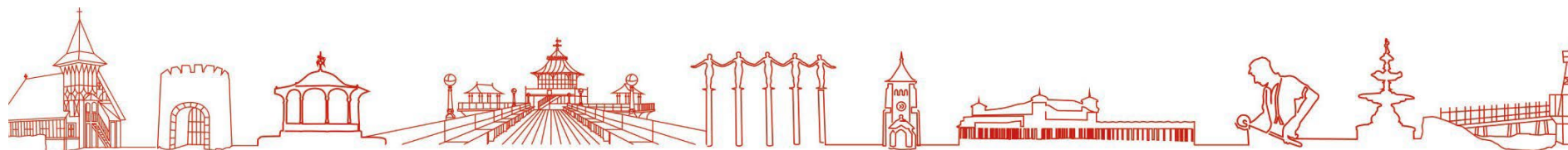
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Land south of Turnbury Avenue and land south of Fowey Close	484 701	x		x			1.93	Linear space on south east edge of Nailsea used for informal recreation. No records on HER. Part of Trendlewood Community Park
Land east of Trendlewood Way, north of Chelvey Rise	481 700	x		x			0.38	Long shaped area of grass and trees. No records on HER. Part of Trendlewood Community Park
Land at Moorend Spout; (Nailsea Environment and Wildlife Trust's nature reserve)	466 715	x		x		x	2.39	Nature reserve owned by Nailsea Environment and Wildlife Trust. Managed for benefit of wildlife and as a public amenity. Partly a designated Wildlife Site. Attractive, includes small area of carr woodland and a pond. Low lying, with adjacent rhynes. Crossed by public footpath. No records on HER.



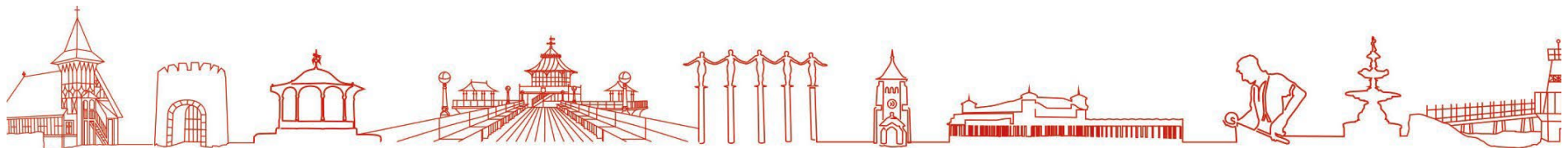
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Nightingale Gardens	466 710	x		x			2.44	Open space used for recreation, crossed by paths. Partly bounded by trees.
Hannah More Park	460 699			x			1.12	Grassed open space with trees and play area.
Rhyne View open space	456 702			x			0.49	Grassed area used for informal recreation. No record on HER.
Stockway North nature reserve Nailsea.	471 708	x		x			0.27	Attractive area with woodland, and public access at advertised opening times. Though called a nature reserve it is not a designated Wildlife Site, but provides opportunities for informal recreation. No record on HER.



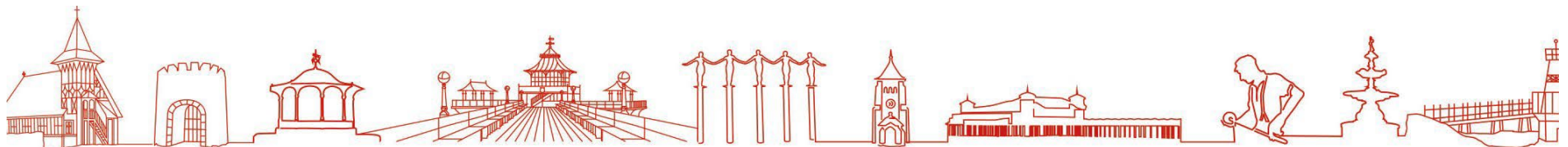
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Glassworks site, east of garage to Royal Oak inn.	476 708		x				0.39	Historic interest as scheduled monument, (Nailsea glassworks).
Middle Engine Pit, Caversham Drive, Nailsea	482 705		x				0.37	Historic interest, as scheduled ancient monument (remains of former Elms Colliery), and site of listed building (Engine House and associated buildings from Middle Engine Pit).
Nowhere Lane (East End Pit) Nailsea	482 701	x	x				0.25	Includes former coal tip (“tump”) of historic interest, well treed. Site is important for setting of and views towards this feature. On HER as archaeological site: site of East End Pit, Trendlewood Way, post medieval coal mine .



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The Perrings open space, Nailsea	474 696	x		x			1.78	Grassed open space used for informal recreation. Includes play area. HER shows site of old quarry, post medieval in SE corner.
Netcott's Meadow, north of Backwell Lake, west of Bucklands End, Nailsea	475 695	x		x		x	0.99	A designated Wildlife Site, managed by Avon Wildlife Trust and accessible to the public. Includes grassland, a pond, higher land and trees. Includes footpaths and seat. HER shows archaeological site: site of WW2 home guard trench and post on north boundary.
West of Sedgemoor Close, Nailsea	468 697	x		x			1.80	Open space with trees, used for informal recreation. No records on HER.

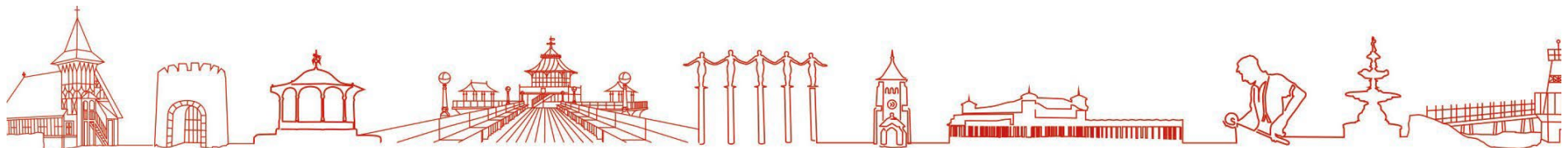


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Land north of Vowles Close, bordering north east edge of Nailsea, but in Wraxhall and Failand parish	483 712	x		x			5.39	<p>Grass area, crossed by footpaths. Attractive, with some wooded areas and trees. Owned and managed by North Somerset Council as public open space, Used for informal recreation.</p> <p>HER shows archaeological site: coal workings at Lodge Lane/High Street, post medieval coalmine.</p>



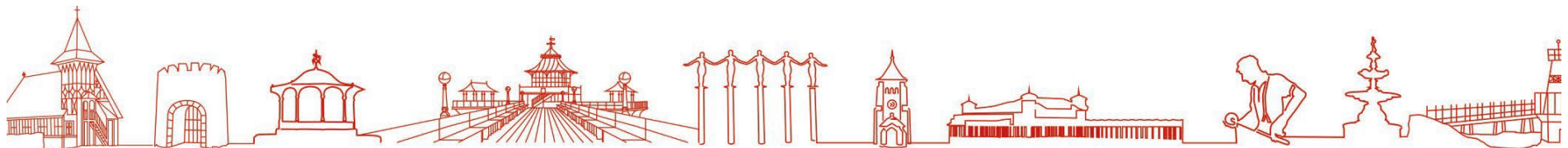
Pill and Easton in Gordano

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Land north of Macrae Road, Ham Green, Pill and Easton in Gordano parish.	530 755	x		x			1.16	Grass open space with avenue of trees. Suitable for informal recreation. No record on HER.



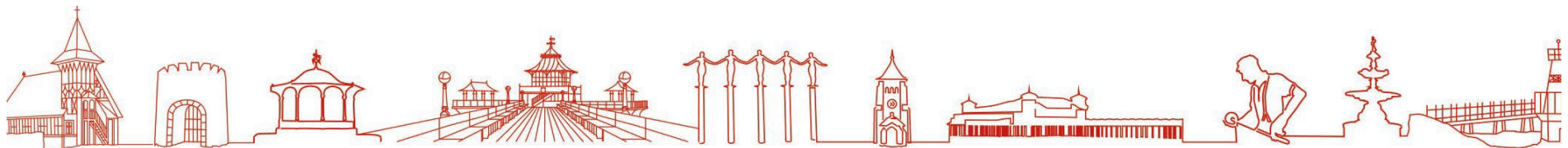
Portbury

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Conygar Hill, Portbury	498 750	x	x			x	2.13	Hill of historic interest (scheduled monument) adjoining settlement of Portbury. Wildlife Site. HER: Includes scheduled monument (slight univallate hillfort on Conygar Hill.) Also includes archaeological sites like core settlement (Portbury enclosure).

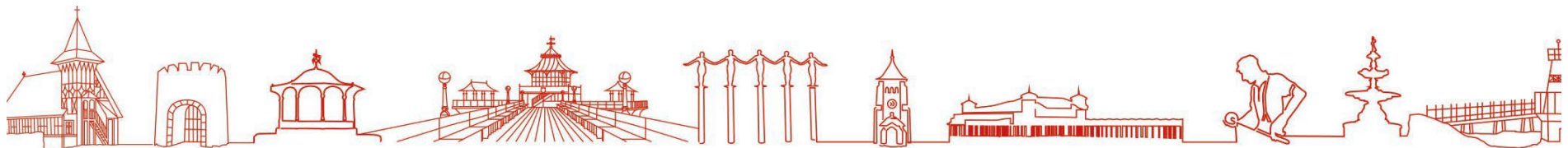


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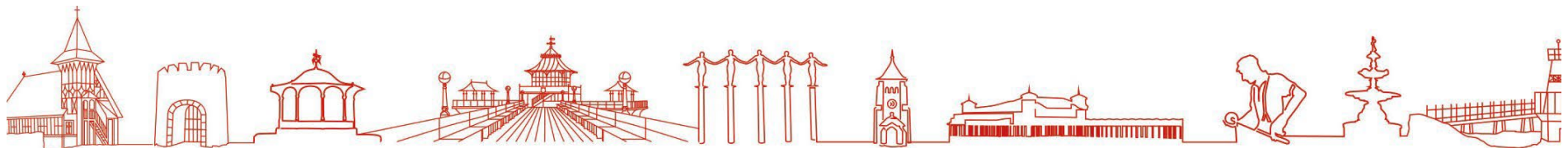
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Lake Grounds	464 770		x	x			10.96	Grassed area with lake and trees, adjacent to Severn Estuary. HER: Unregistered park or garden; C20 municipal park dominated by Marine Lake; also archaeological site: Lake Grounds c1905-10 Park.
Eastwood and Battery Point	467 775	x	x			x	10.92	Battery Point is an attractive grass area adjoining Severn Estuary. Eastwood is the adjoining woodland to east, crossed by public footpaths. Local Nature Reserve recognised by Natural England, and Wildlife Site. HER: Battery Point has a number of archaeological sites, eg. Gun battery at Portishead fort rebuilt 1864, dismantled 1914, WW2 observation platform, 1940, etc. Eastwood has some too, such as Iron Age hillfort; old limekiln C19, etc.



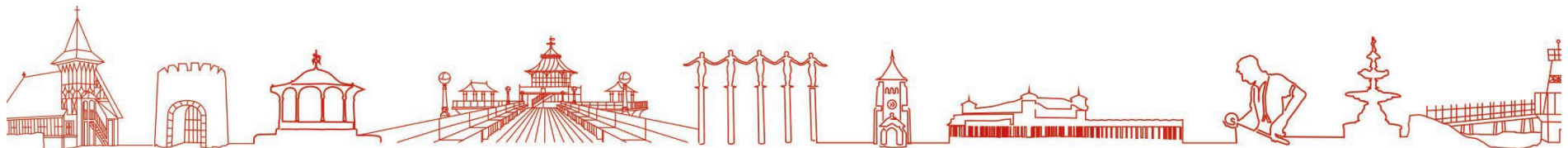
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Central Park, Port Marine	472 771	x		x			0.94	Attractive landscaped grassed area with ornamental gardens, including statues. HER: includes archaeological site on periphery: site of Baileys Mill Portishead Dock, 1890s-1950s, cattle field mill.
Land at Newhaven Road	439 756	x		x			1.21	Area of grass open space and woodland to north. Includes small play area, with linking path. No records on HER.
Woodhill between Pier Road and Woodhill Park	468 773	x					0.64	Wooded area. Attractive, helps break up urban fabric. HER: 2 archaeological sites both on peripheral locations: post medieval stone, and site of light AA Portishead VP 508 (4) (1 Bofurs gun).
Welly Bottom	463 765	x		x			1.48	Long area of woodland and grassed open space, crossed by public footpath. No records on HER.



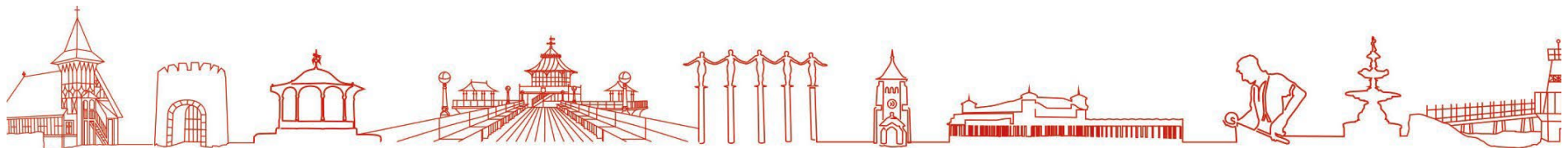
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Land at Fedden Village, north of Nore Road, west of Glenwood Rise	446 762	x	x				5.36	Includes attractive open space associated with grade 2 listed Portishead Nautical National School, overlooking Severn estuary. Also includes woodland. HER shows the listed building.



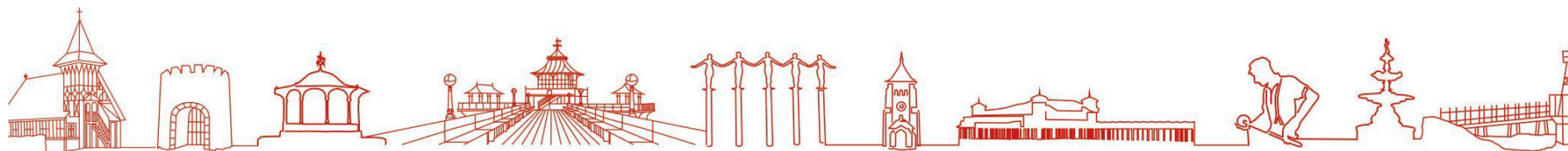
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Portishead Golf Course	455 766	x		x			11.44	<p>Golf course sloping down towards Severn Estuary. There are attractive views looking down across the site from Nore Road. No records on HER.</p> <p>While golf courses are normally not appropriate for LGS (see paragraph 2.12 of this Background Paper) it is considered that this site, within the settlement, warrants an exception. The importance to townscape of this open land within the settlement, affording views down from Nore Road to the sea, is considered to be particularly strong justification for designation.</p>
Kilkenny Fields	460 768	x		x			8.39	<p>Open space sloping down towards Severn Estuary, used for informal recreation. There are attractive views looking down across the site from Nore Road to the sea. Bordered by public footpaths.</p> <p>A “Neighbourhood open space” on the Council’s Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the Council.</p>



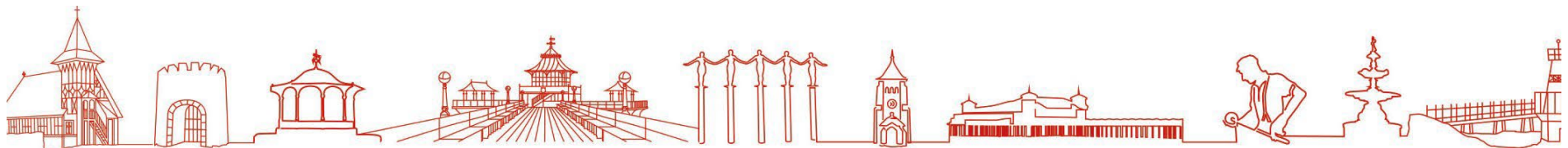
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Land at Blackdown Road	455 763	x		x			2.7	<p>Long grassed area, high lying, between residential areas. Crossed by public footpath. Used for recreation.</p> <p>HER: 2 archaeological sites (points): site of postmedieval stone; flint scatter at Nore Road, Neolithic/Bronze Age.</p> <p>A “Neighbourhood open space” on the Council’s Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the Council.</p>
Land at St Peter’s Church	466 759	x	x				0.92	<p>Graveyard to the grade 1 listed church, and adjoining land, including the Millennium Garden, important to the setting of the church, and attractively laid out, with seating. While cemeteries are not normally appropriate for LGS designation, an exception is considered to be warranted, notably in view of the particular importance of the land in townscape and historic terms.</p> <p>HER refers to listed tomb of John Hobbes to west of Medieval Churchyard Cross, and archaeological site: the site of a post medieval dwelling house 40m south of the church.</p>



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Land at The Vale	475 761	x		x			1.85	Landscaped grassed open space with trees, pond, play area etc. No records on HER.
Land at the Russets	477 758	x		x			0.23	Grass area with trees crossed by footpaths, used for informal recreation. No records on HER.
Linnet Gardens, The Finches, Ashlands, Portishead	479 766	x		x			0.68	Open space, with trees. No records on HER.
Land at Stonechat Green, Ashlands, Portishead	480 768	x		x			0.70	Open space, with trees and playground. No records on HER.
Merlin Park	451 756			x			4.28	Recreational space with play area, boundary trees. No record on HER.

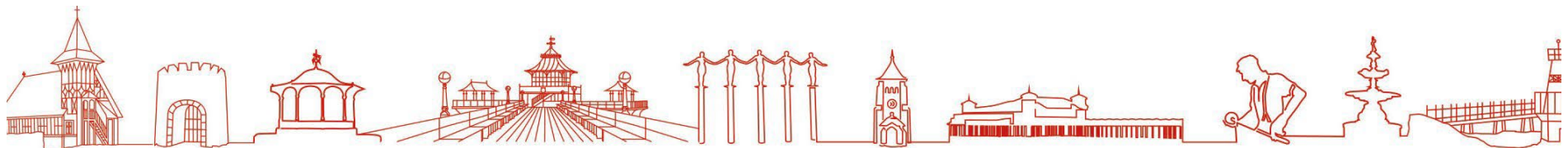


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Land north of Hawthorn Close	448 761	x					2.49	Woodland visible from footpath off Hawthorn Close and from roads to north. Contributes to townscape. Crossed by public footpath. HER shows archaeological site (point): site of hydraulic ram, C19.
Land north of Denny View	451 763	x					1.3	Woodland visible from roads. Contributes to townscape. HER shows archaeological site (point): and remains of landscape garden of Bruton Manor C19.



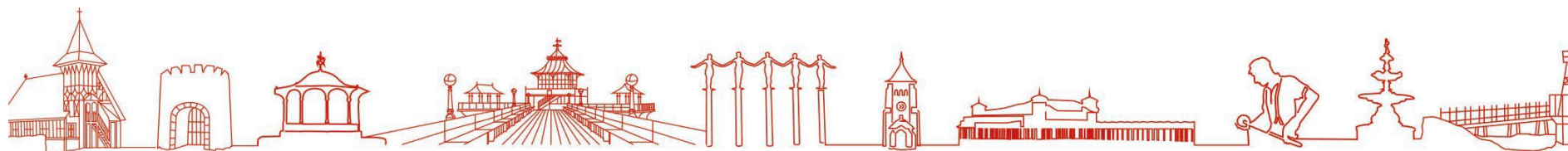
Tickenham

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Village recreation area by village hall, Tickenham	451 719			x			0.5	Recreation area including grass area and area with play equipment. No record on HER.

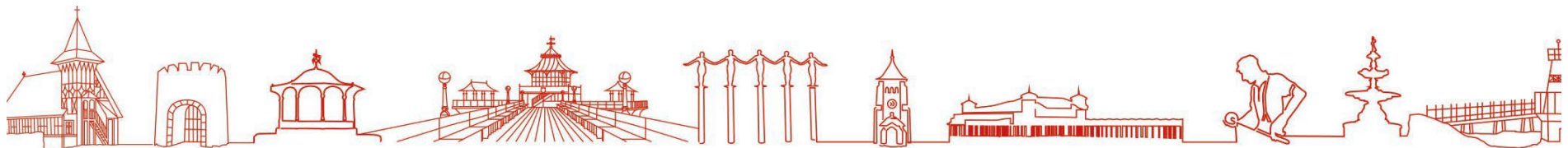


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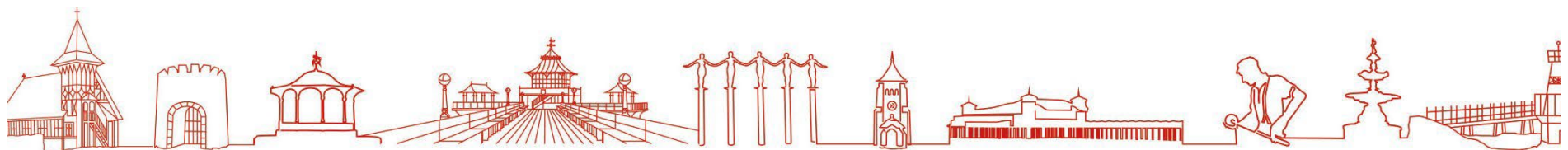
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Grove Park	318 619	x	x	x			3.15	Visually attractive, with landscaped grounds, gardens, fountain, bandstand, war memorial, trees, etc. Includes play area. Important for recreation, historic interest. On HER: Registered historic park and garden, several archaeological sites, including C19 Grove Park. Listed structure (band stand).
Ashcombe Park	336 620	x	x	x			13.46	Visually attractive, important for recreation, historic interest. On HER: Registered historic park and garden, several archaeological sites, including Ashcombe Park, c1912.
Ellenborough Park West	319 618	x	x	x		x	1.85	Visually attractive with trees. Wildlife interest (SSSI and Wildlife Site). HER refers to Ellenborough Park archaeological site, 1855.



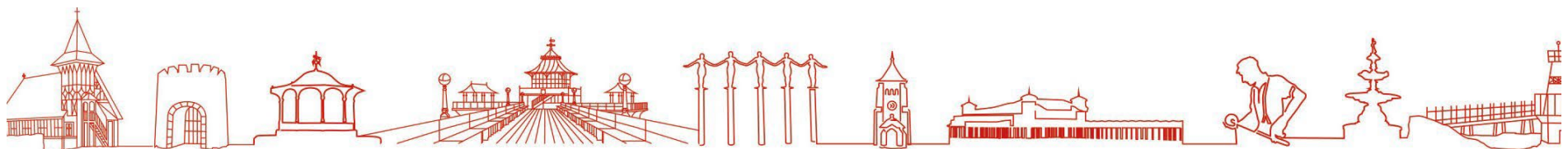
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Ellenborough Park East	320 608	x	x	x		x	1.17	Visually attractive with trees. Wildlife interest (Wildlife Site). HER refers to Ellenborough Park archaeological site, 1855.
Clarence Park West	318 601	x	x	x			3.73	Attractive park with landscaped grounds and trees. HER: Unregistered park or garden; archaeological site, Clarence Park, late C19 park.
Clarence Park East	319 601	x	x	x			2.76	Attractive grass space with boundary trees. HER: Unregistered park or garden, archaeological site, late C19 municipal park.
Beach Lawns	Various eg. 317 603	x	x	x		x	5.48	Long grass areas along sea front. Attractive and important in townscape. Also important for recreation, including use for events. Wildlife Site. HER: unregistered park or garden.



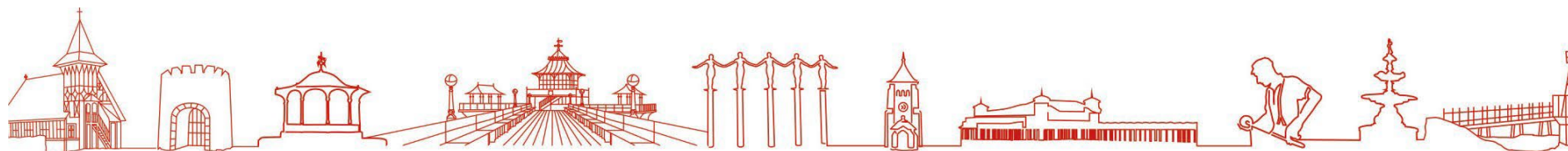
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Prince Consort Gardens	309 623	x	x	x			0.73	Ornamental gardens, with grass space, some trees and seating. Attractive, overlooking Severn Estuary. HER: unregistered park or garden; municipal gardens created 1870s.
Walford Avenue	371 634	x		x			10.89	Area of mainly open grass with some trees, crossed by cycleways. Includes playground. HER: some archaeological points; eg. Roman occupation NE of Priory School, site of dwelling, Banwell 1815. A “Neighbourhood open space” on the Council’s Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the Council.
Castle Batch	361 635	x	x	x			8.21	Grassed area, with numerous boundary trees and some trees on scheduled monument. Crossed by public footpaths. HER: includes motte in north centre, a scheduled monument. A “Neighbourhood open space” on the Council’s Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the Council.



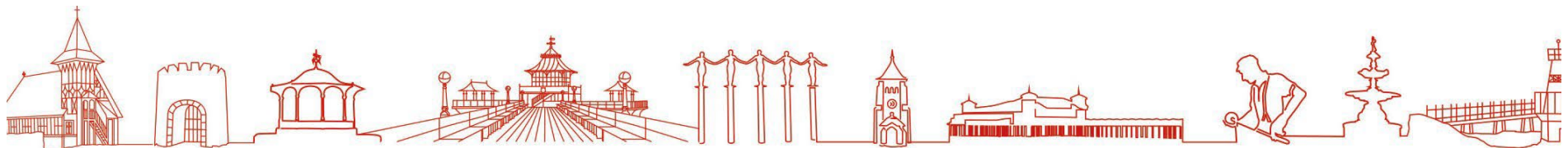
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Land north of St Andrews Bowls Club, south east of Ullswater Close, east of Baildon Crescent	331 598			x			1.03	Grassed area Used for recreation. Includes play area. A few trees. Crossed by paths. No records on HER.
Land at The Tips, Broadway	327 585	x		x			1.34	Grass play area surrounded by woodland. Attractive area. HER: archaeological site: The Tips railway spoil heap, 1840s.
Coronation Estate play area	326 592			x			0.35	Grassed play area amidst area of housing. No records on HER
Land at Shrubbery Terrace/ Shrubbery Avenue.	315 622	x	x	x			0.34	Attractive grass space with well treed area towards south. Includes play area. Called "Shrubbery Park". HER: unregistered park or garden.



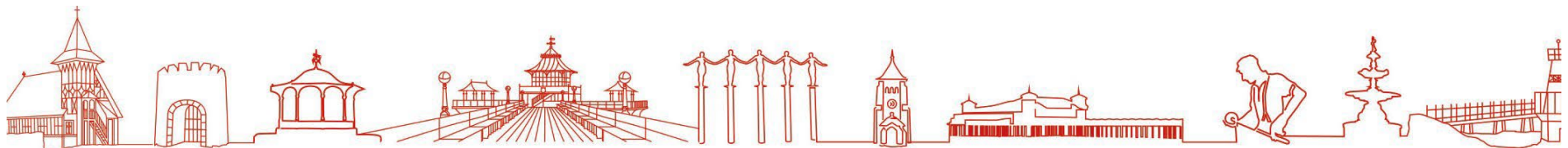
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Eastfield Park	325 621	x	x	x			0.66	Attractive park, grass and well treed area. HER: unregistered park or garden; archaeological site:1870s park.
Land at Spring Terrace	344 626	x		x			0.59	Grass area with some boundary trees. No records on HER. Used for informal recreation.
Land at Old Bristol Road	363 626	x					0.25	Attractive well treed grass space, clearly visible from adjoining roads. No records on HER
Land at Almond Close	362 622	x		x			0.4	Grass area. Used for recreation. No records on HER.



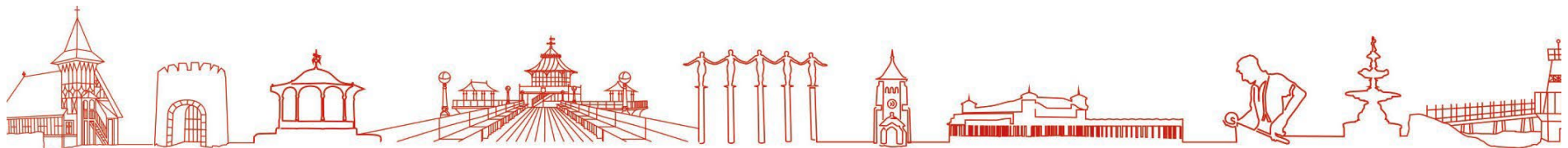
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Land to the rear of Willow Gardens, St Georges	375 628	x		x			0.28	Grass open space with play area. Used for recreation. Some boundary trees. No records on HER
Lynch Farm near Savernake Road	355 633	x		x			4.22	Grass area, fairly high lying, with numerous trees on boundary. Includes play area. Crossed by public right of way. No records on HER. A "Neighbourhood open space" on the Council's Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the Council.



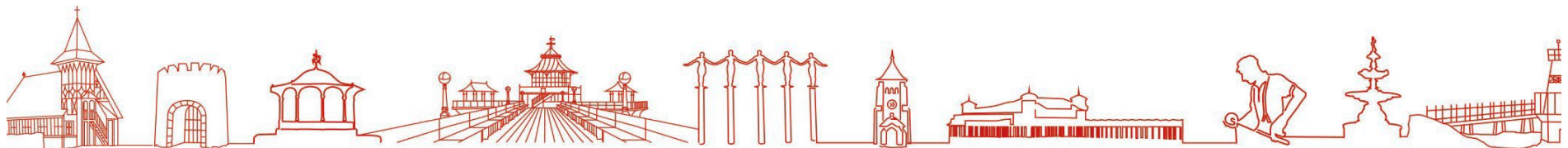
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Land west of Beechmount Drive	329 584	x					0.91	Largely sloping area, much of it well treed, particularly visible from Broadway and Beechmount Close. Important for townscape. Helps break up urban fabric and enhances street scene. No records on HER.
Jubilee Park, including land at Windwhistle Lane	323 591	x		x			4.17	Grass area subdivided by footpaths, used for recreation. Includes tree groups especially on boundary. No records on HER.
The Potteries Millennium Green	332 609			x			0.49	Grassed open space partly bounded by trees, with seats. Crossed by footpaths. Includes play area. Used for recreation. No records on HER.



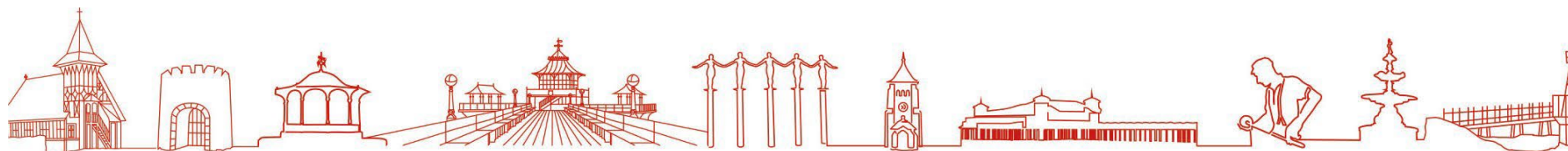
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West of Summer Lane, Locking Castle, (west to Moor Lane)	362 621	x		x		x	6.14	<p>Attractive area alongside railway which includes lake for fishing with lakeside trees and footpaths. Includes Wildlife Site.</p> <p>HER: archaeological site: Railway borrow pit at Banwell Road bridge, 1840s (north east end of site).</p> <p>A “Neighbourhood open space” on the Council’s Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the Council.</p>
Ebdon Grounds, south of Buttercup Crescent	360 639	x		x			0.29	<p>Grass open space fringed by trees. Used for informal recreation. No records on HER.</p>
Land at Railway Triangle (Worle Moor) Locking Castle	348 613	x		x			3.16	<p>Attractive grassed area, including trees, particularly alongside paths. Includes play area and pond.</p>



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Silverberry Road	363 624	x		x			1.51	Grass area used for recreation. Numerous trees on boundary. No records on HER.
Cemetery, south of Bristol Road Lower	327 618	x	x				7.1	Historic cemetery with grass and trees. Attractive. War memorial, listed cemetery chapel. HER: archaeological sites, including Milton Road cemetery, 1856, and Bronze age cremations; pottery. Though a cemetery, normally not appropriate for LGS designation, the particular qualities of this site are considered to warrant an exception. These include the fact it is a historic cemetery on the HER. The site has a path through it.
Land at Bransby Way, Locking Castle	362 618	x		x			0.58	Open space south west of the local centre, Locking Castle, Weston super Mare. No records on HER.

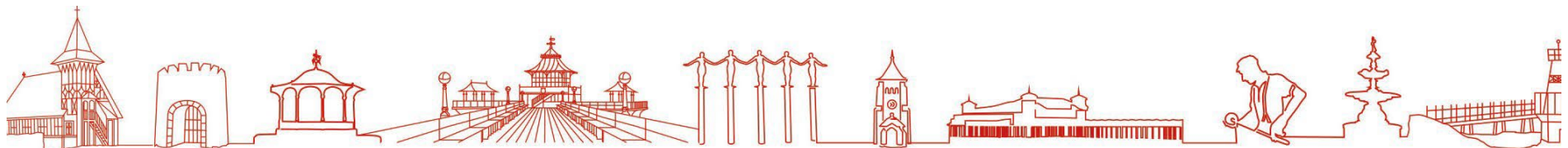


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Plumley Park, Locking Castle (SW of Moor Lane railway bridge)	357 617	x		x		x	5.74	Open space alongside railway with footpath. Includes small lake, a Wildlife Site. No records on HER.
Land at Lynchmead Farm, adjoining Bluebell Road.	363 643	x		x			1.33	Grass open space with footpath around. Surrounded by housing. Used for recreation. No records on HER. A “Neighbourhood open space” on the Council’s Parks and play areas web site, maintained by the Council.



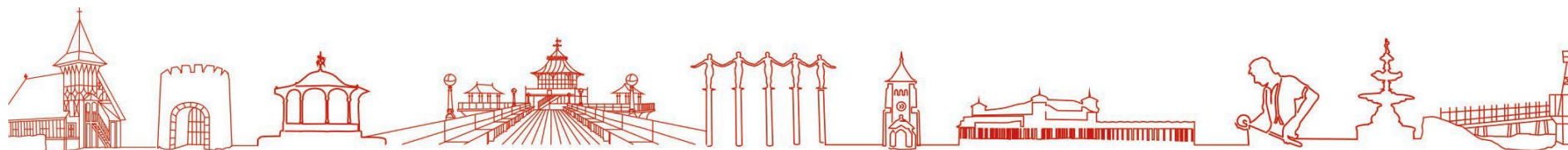
Winscombe

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Winscombe Millennium Green	418 578	x	x	x			1.89	Grass space flanked by trees, used for community events, informal recreation. Historic interest by association with former station and railway walk; (line of railway opened 1869 but rail use discontinued in 1963 following Beeching report). HER: archaeological site: site of Winscombe station, 1869.

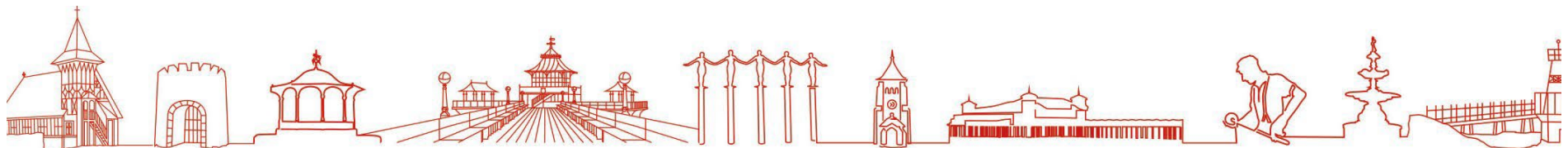


Wrington

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Land at Church Road/Redhill (A38) junction, Redhill, Wrington parish	498 632	x		x			0.28	An attractive area with grass and trees, crossed by footpaths, used for informal recreation. Maintained by and on behalf of the community. No record on HER
Play area and Glebe Field off Church Walk, Wrington	469 626	x		x			0.3	Grass space with tree groups, play area. HER: site is within broad archaeological site of Wrington core settlement.
The Old Quarry off Wrington Hill, Wrington	475 631		x	x		x	1.3	Woodland with site of former quarry, used for informal recreation. Wildlife Site. HER: includes archaeological sites: disused post medieval quarry in Prestow Wood, and C19 limekiln at Wrington Hill.

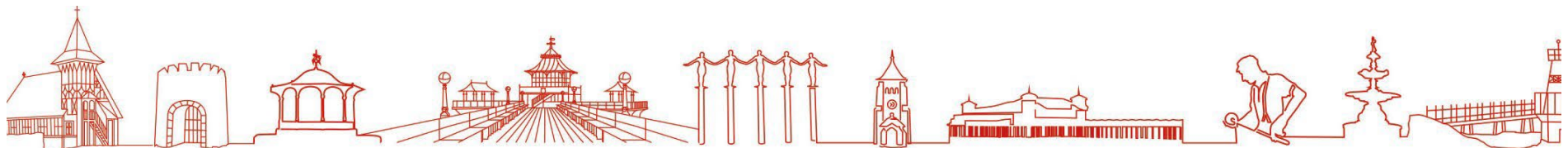


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Land at the junction of Alburys with West Hay Road, Wrington	467 631	x					0.25	Attractive area of grass and trees. Wrington Parish Council states that it provides an open but valued green approach to the settlement. No records on HER.
Playing field next to village hall, Redhill	497 633			x			0.54	Informal recreation area.



Yatton

Site	Grid Ref (ST)	Beauty	Historic	Recreation	Tranquillity	Wildlife	Site Area (ha)	Justification
Claverham Playground, Broadcroft Close, Claverham	445 660			x			0.28	Grass space with play area, some boundary trees. Used for recreation. No records on HER.
Area adjacent to Claverham village hall used for May Day celebrations	448 661	x		x			0.63	Grass area adjacent to village hall, with area of trees to west. This is described as the “May Day Field” in the made Neighbourhood Plan for Claverham. According to the Chairman of the Steering Group for the Claverham Neighbourhood Plan, the site is used for May Day celebrations, open air theatre, beer festival and other events. No records on HER.



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Village green off Church Road, Yatton	432 654	x		x			0.23	<p>Comprises attractive grass areas subdivided by paths, with trees and ornamental planted borders. Includes seats. Partly bounded by stone walls.</p> <p>HER: 3 archaeological sites: site of two tenements, The Causeway, circa 19th century; site of cottages opposite Causeway House circa 18th century; site of row of six tenements, High Street, 18th century.</p>
St Mary's church yard, Yatton.	431 653	x	x				1.1	<p>Attractive church yard, important to the setting of the grade 1 listed church.</p> <p>While cemeteries are not normally appropriate for LGS designation, the historic importance of the site, with listed monuments, together with its importance to the setting of the church, is considered to warrant an exception.</p> <p>HER: Listed buildings: Church of St Mary; churchyard cross 6m south of church porch.</p>

