

Prestwich Village Neighbourhood Plan

Local Open Space Assessment

March 2025

Prestwich Environmental Forum (PEF) have completed a survey of open spaces within the Neighbourhood Plan boundary area. As a local community group, PEF has worked with its members and local stakeholders to identify the sites. As a volunteer organisation the survey is not exhaustive and relies on the local knowledge of volunteers in both PEF and other environmentally minded local groups, supplemented by use of mapping tools such as Google Maps and What3Words.

All identified spaces were assessed to identify properties of significant beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or wildlife properties. These sites have been **proposed for designation as Local Green Space (LGS)**. These sites are presented in **Section 1** below.

Working on the basis that all green and open spaces offer benefits to the community by way of supporting biodiversity, air quality and a sense of space, the remaining sites are **proposed as Sites of Community Amenity (SCA)**. These sites are presented in **Section 2** below.

For all sites, PEF has considered both the current benefits the space provides and where improvement opportunities can be considered. PEF has only provided an overview of the basic and generic principles for sites such as these. For any improvements to be undertaken, PEF believes it is crucial that there is first engagement with residents & stakeholders who have the best understanding of the space and may already be maintaining or improving a site. As such, in almost all cases, PEF has recommended that a potential improvement opportunity includes facilitating community ownership so that local residents, businesses and others can actively be engaged in considering, planning and, where applicable, supporting any proposed developments.

1. Sites proposed as Local Green Space (LGS)

This is a full list of sites proposed as Local Green Space (LGS).

Details of each site, and the reasons for proposal (in terms of the criteria established in the NPPF), are presented in the tables on the following pages.

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1.1.1 Suggested LGS site 1

Site details:		
Site name:	St Mary's Park	
Location/address	Access from Bury New Rd, St Mary's Rd, Rectory Ln & Park View Rd	
what3words location	///attend.nurse.slurs (entrance from Bury New Road)	
Description of site:	Popular park with playing fields, playground, tennis courts, multi-ball play area, bowling green, youth & community club, raised community planting beds, outdoor gym.	
Quality and condition of site:	St Mary's Park is a well-used and well-maintained public green space featuring a play area, sports facilities, and open recreational areas. It regularly hosts community events such as Festwich and the Prestwich Carnival. Recent path improvements have enhanced access and durability during large gatherings.	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space considered demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	St Mary's Park features formal landscaping, mature trees, and seasonal planting, offering an attractive and well-kept green space in the heart of Prestwich.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The park forms part of the St Mary's Conservation Area and has longstanding community associations through traditional events and its proximity to historic sites such as St Mary's Church.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The park provides diverse recreational opportunities, including a large play area, tennis courts, bowling greens, and open spaces for informal games and community events.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Despite its central location, the park includes quiet areas for relaxation, particularly around its gardens and shaded seating spots, offering respite from urban life.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The mix of trees, hedges, and grassland supports urban wildlife, including birds and pollinators, particularly along its boundaries and more naturalised corners.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	St Mary's Park is a key venue for local events like Festwich and Prestwich Carnival, acting as a cultural hub and fostering strong community identity and participation.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



1.1.2 Suggested LGS site 2

Site details:		
Site name:	St Mary's Flower Garden	
Location/address	Main entrance from Bury New Rd, leads onto Prestwich Clough.	
what3words location	///slam.asleep.slide (entrance from Bury New Road)	
Description of site:	Popular flower garden with fields, flowers, benches. Often used for activities, events and fairs including annual Clough Day.	
Quality and condition of site:	St Mary's Flower Garden is a formal, well-maintained green space with historic character, forming part of the St Mary's Conservation Area. A £200,000 improvement scheme completed in 2025 upgraded paths, fencing, seating, and signage. The site benefits from strong community involvement, with local volunteers helping to maintain its planting and appearance	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space considered demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	St Mary's Flower Garden features formal beds and mature planting, offering a visually appealing and tranquil environment. Recent enhancements, including upgraded footpaths and seating, have further improved its aesthetic appeal.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Established in the late 1920s, the garden retains original horticultural features and is part of the St Mary's Conservation Area, reflecting its historical value within Prestwich.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	While primarily a space for quiet reflection, the garden serves as a starting point for walks into Prestwich Clough and is utilized by local community groups for various activities.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The garden offers a peaceful retreat with its formal layout and seating areas, providing a serene atmosphere for visitors.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Bordering Prestwich Clough, the garden supports local biodiversity, attracting various bird species and pollinators.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	The garden benefits from active community involvement, with local groups participating in its maintenance and enhancement, fostering a sense of ownership and pride among residents.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



1.1.3 Suggested LGS site 3

Site details:		
Site name:	St Mary's Ponds	
Location/address	Runs alongside Bury New Rd with access from this road, St Mary's Flower Garden & Prestwich Clough.	
what3words location	///chin.danger.helps (entrance from Bury New Rd)	
Description of site:	Sunken area with planting, mature blossom trees, yearly flowering daffodils and two ponds recently installed by volunteers.	
Quality and condition of site:	Newly maintained in the last two years by volunteers.	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	This modest green space offers natural charm through its ponds, wetland plants, and informal landscaping, adding visual interest and ecological variety to the wider park area. The border with Bury New Road includes a line of cherry blossom trees and spring flowers, adding significant beauty to the main road.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	While not of formal historic designation, the site's integration with the historic St Mary's Flower Garden contributes to its contextual value within the Conservation Area.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The area provides an educational and observational opportunity for visitors, particularly families and schools exploring local ecology.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The ponds and surrounding planting create a calm, contemplative environment, ideal for quiet visits and nature watching.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Two volunteer-created ponds now support diverse wildlife, including aquatic plants, frogs, newts, and birds, making the area a small but valuable biodiversity hotspot.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	The site is maintained by local volunteers, reflecting strong community stewardship and engagement in conservation and environmental education.
Supporting comments:		

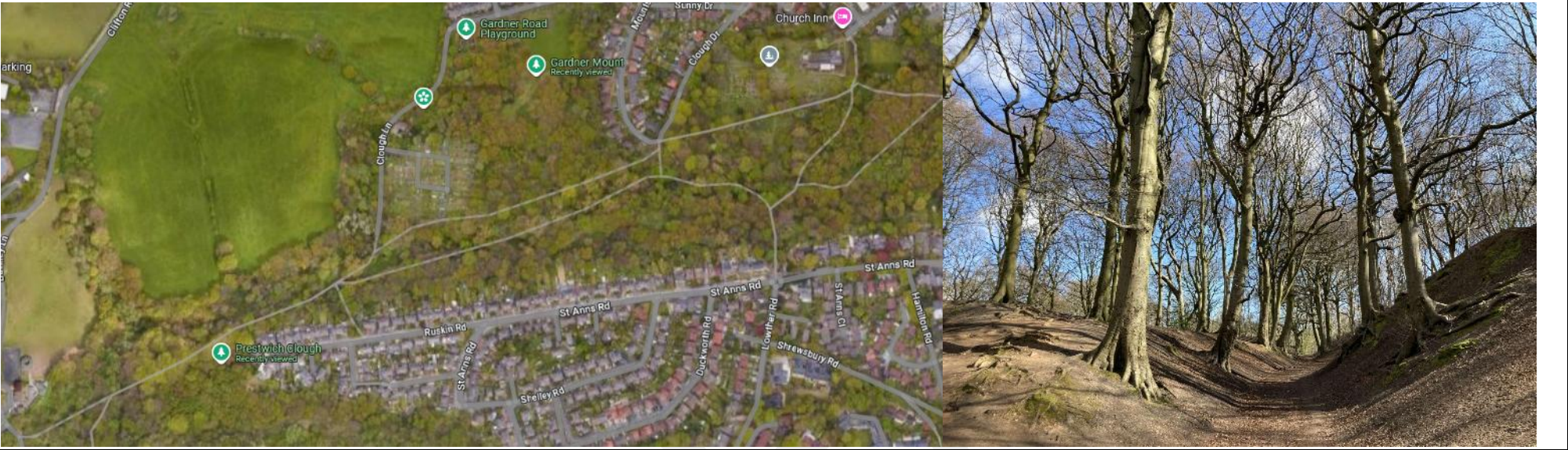
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1.1.4 Suggested LGS site 4

Site details:		
Site name:	Prestwich Clough	
Location/address	Access from St Mary's Flower Garden, Church Ln, St Ann's Rd, Clough Dr, Gardener Rd & Buckley Ln. Leads to Gardener Mount and Drinkwater Park..	
what3words location	///sofa.smug.think (entrance from St Mary's Flower Garden)	
Description of site:	Ancient Woodland with walking routes, mountain biking routes, allotments, sculptures and St Mary's Churchyard. Popular with families, dog walkers, cyclists and runners.	
Quality and condition of site:	Prestwich Clough is a valued ancient woodland and green corridor forming part of Prestwich Forest Park and designated as a Site of Biological Importance. A £200,000 improvement scheme completed in 2025 enhanced paths, drainage, and safety, with diseased trees removed and native species replanted. The site remains a well-used natural asset, supported by community involvement	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space considered demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Prestwich Clough is a scenic wooded valley with natural footpaths, mature trees, and seasonal woodland flora, offering striking views and a sense of immersion in nature, close to the town centre.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The Clough has been a valued public space since the 19th century and forms part of the historic Prestwich Forest Park, reflecting the area's longstanding relationship with natural heritage and public access.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Extensively used for walking, running, and family outings, the Clough forms part of a larger green network connecting with surrounding parks and woodlands, offering both local and regional recreational routes.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The wooded environment and flowing stream provide a peaceful atmosphere, away from traffic and urban noise, making it a popular retreat for quiet reflection.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Prestwich Clough is designated a Site of Biological Importance, supporting diverse habitats for birds, insects, bats, and native woodland plants. Recent tree management and replanting have enhanced its ecological value.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	The site is supported by active community groups and hosts seasonal events and guided walks, helping connect residents to nature and environmental stewardship.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



1.1.5 Suggested LGS site 5

Site details:		
Site name:	Gardner Mount	
Location/address	Entry from Gardener Rd and Prestwich Clough.	
what3words location	///press.certified.fuel (entrance)	
Description of site:	Enclosed area with green, football goal, hill, playground planting & woodland. Often used for sports and community events. Popular with families and dog walkers. During winter, provides a popular sledding spot. Leads onto Prestwich Clough.	
Quality and condition of site:	Gardner Mount is a small, well-maintained green space adjacent to Prestwich Clough, featuring woodland, grassland, and a children's play area. It is regularly maintained and supported by community group Friends of Gardner Mount.	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space considered demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Gardner Mount offers natural charm through its woodland, grassland, and informal landscaping, providing a picturesque setting for visitors.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Historically known as 'Spion Kop', the area once featured a war memorial, reflecting its past community importance.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The site includes a children's play area and open spaces, catering to families and individuals seeking informal recreation.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The wooded environment and natural features create a peaceful atmosphere, offering a quiet retreat within the urban setting.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Gardner Mount supports diverse habitats, including woodland and grassland, attracting various bird species and pollinators.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	The area benefits from care from Friends of Gardner Mount, who engage in maintenance activities and community events, fostering local involvement and pride.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



1.1.6 Suggested LGS site 6

Site details:		
Site name:	Eagles Nest Wood (Red Rose Forest)	
Location/address	Entry from Butterstile Ln and Shrewsbury Rd	
what3words location	///resort.courier.pumps (entrance from Butterstile Ln)	
Description of site:	Wooded area off Butterstile Lane.	
Quality and condition of site:	Eagles Nest Wood is a small, elevated woodland area forming part of the St Mary's Conservation Area. It comprises mature oak and beech trees with a dense holly understory, supporting local biodiversity. Access is via an informal track (Shrewsbury Road), which is currently in poor condition. The area offers limited views due to dense vegetation and would benefit from improved path surfacing and vegetation management to enhance accessibility and visitor experience.	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space considered demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Eagles Nest Wood offers natural charm through its mature woodland and informal landscaping, providing a picturesque setting for visitors.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	While not formally designated as a historic site, its proximity to the St Mary's Conservation Area adds contextual value, contributing to the area's historical landscape.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The wood provides informal walking paths and opportunities for nature observation, serving as a local green space for passive recreation.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The dense vegetation and secluded setting create a peaceful atmosphere, offering a quiet retreat within the urban environment.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Eagles Nest Wood supports diverse habitats, including mature trees and undergrowth, attracting various bird species and other wildlife.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	The area benefits from community care and maintenance, reflecting local appreciation and involvement in maintaining the natural environment.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



1.7 Suggested LGS site 7

Site details:		
Site name:	Ostrich Park	
Location/address	Entry from Ostrich Ln	
what3words location	///paint.tanks.enable	
Description of site:	Small park with playground off Ostrich Ln.	
Quality and condition of site:	Well maintained.	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Modest green space offering open grassy areas and some tree cover, providing a simple but pleasant setting within a residential area.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The site has no known historic features or designations.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The park provides informal recreational space for local residents, particularly for dog walking, play, and casual use.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	While close to residential housing, the park offers some quietude and green relief in an otherwise built-up area.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The open grass and scattered trees offer some habitat for common birds and pollinators, though overall biodiversity could be improved.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	The space serves as a local amenity for nearby residents, offering a valued patch of green in a densely developed neighbourhood.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



1.8 Suggested LGS site 8

Site details:		
Site name:		The Rec & Bailey Street Bowling Green
Location/address		Kenyon Ln./Recreation St./Heaton St/Bailey St.
what3words location		///sank.scar.spring
Description of site:		Recreation ground with playground facilities, with adjoining bowling green.
Quality and condition of site:		Playground and bowling green are well maintained..
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?		Yes
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space considered demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Modest green space, providing a simple but pleasant setting within a residential area.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The site has no known historic features or designations.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The park provides informal recreational space for local residents, particularly for dog walking, play, and casual use. The bowling green provides an additional intergenerational sports facility.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	While close to residential housing, the park offers some quietude and green relief in an otherwise built-up area.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The open grass and scattered trees offer some habitat for common birds and pollinators, though overall biodiversity could be improved.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	The space serves as a local amenity for nearby residents, offering a valued patch of green in a densely developed neighbourhood. The bowling green also serves as a venue for sports and fosters intergenerational social interaction.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



1.9 Suggested LGS site 9

Site details:		
Site name:	Sparks field	
Location/address	Access from Clifton Rd, Pinfold Dr & Woodland View.	
what3words location	///strong.unable.spout (entrance from Woodland View)	
Description of site:	Large open field with dense tree lining, with adjoining path with rewilded areas either side. Used as sports pitch	
Quality and condition of site:	Regularly mowed.	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Sparks Field offers open grassy areas bordered by mature trees, providing a pleasant and accessible green space within the urban landscape. The rewilded areas offer additional visual benefits.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	There are no known historic features or designations associated with Sparks Field.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The field serves as an informal recreational area for local residents, accommodating activities such as walking, casual sports, and community gatherings.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Despite its proximity to residential areas, Sparks Field offers a peaceful environment for relaxation and leisure.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The combination of open grassland and surrounding trees provides habitat for common urban wildlife, including birds and pollinators.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	Sparks Field functions as a communal green space, fostering social interactions and contributing to the well-being of the local community.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



1.10 Suggested LGS site 10

Site details:		
Site name:	Heys playing field	
Location/address	Access from Heys Rd and backs of resident's gardens.	
what3words location	///shell.pram.porch	
Description of site:	Green opposite Heys School. Used for sports and school activities. Borders Prestwich Cricket, Tennis & Bowling Club.	
Quality and condition of site:	Well maintained.	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Heys Playing Fields offer expansive open green spaces with well-maintained grass pitches, providing a visually pleasing environment within the urban setting.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	While not formally designated as a historic site, the fields have long served the community, contributing to the area's social history through sports and recreational activities.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The fields are actively used for various sports, including football and rugby, and serve as a venue for school and community events, making them a vital recreational asset for Prestwich residents.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Despite their recreational use, the open spaces provide a sense of openness and relief from the surrounding urban environment, offering moments of tranquillity during non-peak hours.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The maintained grass areas and surrounding trees offer limited habitats for common urban wildlife, such as birds and small mammals.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	Heys Playing Fields serve as a communal gathering space, fostering community engagement through sports and events, and promoting health and well-being among residents.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



1.11 Suggested LGS site 11

Site details:		
Site name:	Venwood park	
Location/address	Access from Butterstile Ln & Venwood Dr.	
what3words location	///closed.ballots.dish	
Description of site:	Park with basketball court.	
Quality and condition of site:	Well maintained.	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Venwood Park offers open grassy areas bordered by mature trees, providing a pleasant and accessible green space within the urban landscape.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The site has no known historic features or designations.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The park serves as an informal recreational area for local residents, accommodating activities such as walking, casual sports, and community gatherings.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Despite its proximity to residential areas, Venwood Park offers a peaceful environment for relaxation and leisure.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The open grass and scattered trees offer some habitat for common birds and pollinators, though overall biodiversity could be improved.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	Venwood Park functions as a communal green space, fostering social interactions and contributing to the well-being of the local community.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



1.12 Suggested LGS site 12

Site details:		
Site name:	Warwick Street Green	
Location/address	Between Greengate Ln and Warwick St	
what3words location	///layers.agenda.lonely	
Description of site:	Triangle green with mature trees, planting, path, bench, sculpture bat and bird boxes. Cared for by a community group.	
Quality and condition of site:	Grass mowed regularly by the Council. Local community group Friends of Warwick Street Green regularly organise community action days for maintenance, weeding, tidying and planting.	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Warwick Street Green has been transformed from a neglected plot into a vibrant community space featuring new planting, a formal path, seating, and a wooden fox sculpture, enhancing its visual appeal.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	While not formally designated as a historic site, the green's preservation from development reflects the community's commitment to maintaining local heritage and green spaces
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The green serves as an informal recreational area for local residents, providing a space for relaxation, social interaction, and community events.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The green is within minutes walk from the heart of the bustling Prestwich Village and busy Bury New Road and offers a peaceful environment with its greenery and seating areas, providing a quiet retreat for all.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The mature tress will support a variety of species, whilst the addition of bird and bat boxes, along with diverse planting, supports local biodiversity, attracting various bird species and pollinators.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	The green is a testament to community collaboration, with local residents, Clean Team Prestwich, and the Prestwich Environmental Forum actively involved in its development and upkeep.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



1.13 Suggested LGS site 13

Site details:		
Site name:	Prestwich Cricket, Tennis & Bowling Club	
Location/address	Off Heys Rd	
what3words location	///letter.share.couches (entrance)	
Description of site:	Club with cricket green, tennis courts and Bowling Green, offering senior and junior sports and coaching, with adjoining clubhouse/bar.	
Quality and condition of site:	Well maintained.	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The club's well-maintained grounds, including cricket pitches, tennis courts, and a bowling green, contribute to the area's visual appeal and offer a pleasant environment for both participants and spectators.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Established in 1840, the club is one of the oldest multi-sport institutions in the region, reflecting over 180 years of local sporting heritage. Its longstanding presence underscores its significance in Prestwich's history.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The club offers facilities for cricket, tennis, bowling, and football, supporting a wide range of amateur teams and age groups. This diversity promotes active lifestyles and community engagement through sport.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	While primarily a hub for sporting activities, the club's green spaces provide moments of calm and relaxation for members and visitors, especially during non-event times.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The club's green areas, including mature trees and grassed spaces, offer limited habitats for urban wildlife, contributing modestly to local biodiversity.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	Beyond sports, the club serves as a social centre, hosting events, functions, and community gatherings. Its function room and clubhouse facilities are utilized for various local events, strengthening community ties.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



1.14 Suggested LGS site 14

Site details:		
Site name:	Conservative Club Bowling Green	
Location/address	Off Church Ln	
what3words location	///engage.weeks.spark (entrance)	
Description of site:	Cricket green adjoined to Prestwich Conservative Club bar.	
Quality and condition of site:	Well maintained.	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space considered demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The bowling green, established in 1902, is a well-maintained and visually appealing feature within the club's grounds, offering a verdant space that enhances the local streetscape. There is dense tree planting around the site borders.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The bowling green is part of the Prestwich Conservative Club's long-standing presence in the area, reflecting over a century of social and recreational history since the club's founding in 1874.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The green serves as a venue for lawn bowling, providing opportunities for both competitive play and casual recreation, contributing to the community's sporting life.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Despite its location within a social club setting, the bowling green offers a peaceful environment for participants and spectators alike, within very close proximity to the busy and built-up Village Centre.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	With such close proximity to the urban Village Centre, the site provides a significant enhancement to urban ecological networks by providing valuable habitat for bird & reptile species and pollinators. Situated adjacent to St Mary's Ponds, it forms a contiguous connection to ecologically significant sites such as St Mary's Park and Prestwich Clough, which subsequently link to Drinkwater and Philips Country Parks. Consequently, the site is poised to serve as a critical node within broader habitat corridors, facilitating species dispersal, migration, and reproductive success.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	The bowling green is integral to the club's role as a community hub, hosting events and fostering social connections among residents.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



1.15 Suggested LGS site 15

Site details:		
Site name:	Liberal Club Bowling Green	
Location/address	Bury New Rd/Chester St	
what3words location	///songs.venues.thank	
Description of site:	Cricket green adjoined to Prestwich Liberal Club and bar.	
Quality and condition of site:	Well maintained.	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The bowling green is a well-maintained and attractive green space within the club's grounds, offering a pleasant environment for members and enhancing the local streetscape.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The bowling green is part of the Prestwich Liberal Club, which has been a fixture in the community for many years, contributing to the area's social and recreational history.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The green serves as a venue for crown green bowling, hosting various competitions throughout the summer and providing opportunities for both competitive play and casual recreation among club members.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Despite its location within a social club setting, the bowling green offers a peaceful environment for participants and spectators alike.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Very limited biodiversity benefits.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	The bowling green is integral to the club's role as a community hub, hosting events and fostering social connections among residents.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



1.16 Suggested LGS site 16

Site details:		
Site name:	Village Centre Green (1)	
Location/address	Alongside Bury New Rd	
what3words location	///blues.learns.lime	
Description of site:	Green bordering Jewish Cemetery with trees, benches, planting and mural on neighbouring restaurant.	
Quality and condition of site:	Well maintained.	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	This modest green space offers a pleasant visual contrast to the urban surroundings, with its maintained grassy area with seating providing a touch of greenery along Bury New Road.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Situated adjacent to the Old Jewish Cemetery, established in 1841, the green space contributes to the historical context of the area, reflecting the longstanding presence of the Jewish community in Prestwich.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The green space offers a brief respite for pedestrians and passersby, enhancing the walking experience along the busy thoroughfare.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The proximity to the bustling Village Centre and a busy major road means the green space provides a small pocket of calm, offering a momentary retreat from the urban hustle.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Planting likely to support birds, insects and pollinators.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	The green space enhances the streetscape and serves as a visual buffer between the road and the historic cemetery, contributing to the community's appreciation of local heritage and green spaces.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



1.17 Suggested LGS site 17

Site details:		
Site name:	Village Centre Green (2)	
Location/address	Alongside Bury New Rd	
what3words location	///weeks.mouse.pasta	
Description of site:	Small green in front of Co-op Funeralcare with a bench.	
Quality and condition of site:	Well maintained.	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	This modest green space offers a pleasant visual contrast to the urban surroundings, with its maintained grassy area with seating providing a touch of greenery along Bury New Road.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Nil known.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The green space offers a brief respite for pedestrians and passersby, enhancing the walking experience along the busy thoroughfare.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The proximity to the bustling Village Centre and a busy major road means the green space provides a small pocket of calm, offering a momentary retreat from the urban hustle.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Planting likely to support birds, insects and pollinators.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	The green space enhances the streetscape and serves as a visual buffer between the road and urban environment.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



1.18 Suggested LGS site 18

Site details:		
Site name:	Prestwich War Memorial Green	
Location/address	Rectory Ln/St Mary's Rd	
what3words location	///muddy.invest.tests	
Description of site:	Green triangle in front of Pados Studio Theatre with benches, mature trees and war memorial. Used as focal point during war commemoration events and Prestwich Carnival.	
Quality and condition of site:	Well maintained.	
Are there any existing policy designations on the site?		
Criteria:		
Does the green space have planning permission for development?		
Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes	
Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?		
Is the green space demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particularly local significance because of...	Beauty? <i>If so, say why:</i>	This small green space offers a well-maintained and respectful setting for the Grade II listed war memorial cross, enhancing the visual appeal of the area and providing a contemplative environment for visitors.
	Historic significance? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The site features Prestwich's oldest war memorial, originally erected as a temporary wooden cross to honour World War I casualties. It stands as a rare surviving example of such memorials and is now Grade II listed, reflecting its national historic importance.
	Recreational value? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The green serves as a place for quiet reflection and hosts annual remembrance events, contributing to the community's commemorative practices.
	tranquillity ? <i>If so, say why:</i>	Despite its proximity to the town centre, the green offers a peaceful and solemn atmosphere, providing a space for contemplation and remembrance.
	Wildlife? <i>If so, say why:</i>	The maintained grassy area and surrounding plantings support local urban biodiversity, attracting common bird species and pollinators.
	Other values? <i>If so, say what and why:</i>	The green is integral to Prestwich's cultural heritage, serving as a focal point for community gatherings and remembrance ceremonies, and enhancing the historic character of the area.
Supporting comments:		

Map location & images:



2.1 Sites proposed as Community Amenity (SCA)



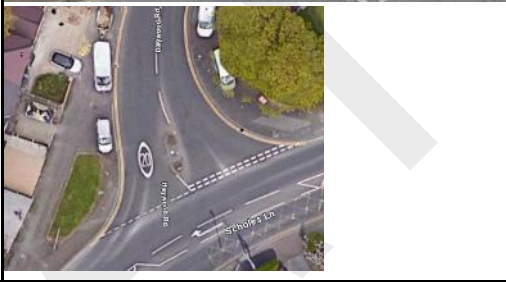



2.1 Site details

These sites are assessed as providing benefit to the community.

More details about the assessed **current benefits** is listed in 2.2. In section, **2.3 potential opportunities for improvement** are considered.

Ref.	Name (if applicable)	Description	Address/location	what3words location	Images
SCA 1	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Triangle green with grass, mature trees and bench.	Off Rectory Ln and Bent Ln	///landed.trend.visa	 
SCA 2	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Raised green space with multiple mature trees.	Off Bury New Rd and alongside Clark's Hill pedestrian path.	///navy.handed.meals	
SCA 3	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Small greenspace alongside Metrolink line with dense tree cover.	Off Rectory Ln & Fairfax Rd	///stop.blocks.trucks	




SCA 4	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Small greenspace alongside Metrolink line with grass.	off Heys Rd	///defeat.leaned.chip	
SCA 5	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Corner of grass with bench and bin	Off Poppythorn Ln	///survey.hours.hogs	
SCA 6	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Dense tree-lined patch.	Between Hilton Ln and Butterstile Cl	///edit.study.apply	
SCA 7	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Large corner of grass with mature trees beside in front of multiple businesses	Bury New Rd/Hilton Ln junction.	///study.driven.joke	


SCA 8	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Two Small triangles of green with mature trees.	Either side of Scholes Ln/Heywood Rd junction.	///ace.doing.detect and ///fresh.levels.humble	  
SCA 9	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Two small triangles of green with mature trees.	Either side of Scholes Ln/Scholes Wk junction.	///late.neck.plates and ///bank.manliness.natively	  

SCA 10	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Square of grass with trees between businesses and behind bus stop and public bench.	Off Bury Old Rd	///harder.battle.deck	
SCA 11	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Large amount of open grass surrounding Newtown Court housing development.	Bordering Bury Old Rd and Newtown St.	///rams.trend.banks	
SCA 12	Milton Place	Open green space around Milton Place housing with multiple blossom trees, public benches and next to a bus stop.	Alongside Bury Old Rd	///issued.cowboy.worm	
SCA 13	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Long & thin raised, sloped grass with multiple large mature trees in front of houses.	Running alongside Bury Old Rd from junction with Heywood Rd.	///cuts.slave.jabs	

SCA 14	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Crescent-shaped raised grass with planting in front of a bus stop	Alongside Bury Old Rd.	///fend.kings.silly	
SCA 15	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Triangle of grass by roundabout.	Butterstile Ln/Venwood Rd roundabout.	///patch.shop.obey	
SCA 16	Sherbourne Court	Open grass surrounding Sherbourne Court housing. Often used as a walking route.	Sherbourne Ct with access from Bury New Rd.	///push.snail.atom	
SCA 17	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Sloped grass by Tulle Court housing block. Alongside key walking route. Often used by children to play.	Off Church Dr.	///stack.myself.zooms	

SCA 18	Prestwich Post Office	Raised grass with planting and mature trees beside the Post Office.	Off Kingswood Rd & Bury New Rd.	///anyway.sprint.term	
SCA 19	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Triangle of green with multiple mature blossom trees.	Clough Dr/Carmona Dr	///muddy.weep.cans	
SCA 20	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Large roundabout with surrounding housing.	Venwood Rd/Woodward Rd	///nobody.guards.mean s	
SCA 21	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Rectangular green with central planting in front of Lynmouth Court housing, at the end of Lynmouth Grove.	Lynmouth Gr/Lynmouth Ct	///using.hurry.fans	

SCA 22	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Large circular green surrounded by Scholes Walk, including raised green space in front of 24-28 Scholes Walk. Includes multiple mature trees and a key walking route to Bannerman Avenue.	End of Scholes Wk.	///views.scarcely.part	
SCA 23	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Central green space around parking, including multiple nature trees.	Bannerman Ave	///gentle.ripe.face	
SCA 24	NA <i>Street-side space</i>	Open grass surrounding housing on Heywood Gardens. Often used as a walking route, connecting Taylor St and Heywood Rd.	Heywood Gdns.	///lies.quiz.amber	

SCA 25	Stanhope Court	Green in front of Stanhope Ct housing with planting.	Stanhope Ct	///craft.supply.brain	
SCA 26	NA Street-side space	Green in front of housing along Langley Hall Rd with a central old building and mature trees.	Langley Hall Rd	///calls.polite.ending	
SCA 27	NA Street-side space	Three moderate sized patches of street-side grass along Hastings Rd.	Hastings Rd. Hastings Rd/Henry St. Hastings Rd./Bailey St.	///comical.point.deaf ///tasty.inform.trash & ///aside.stop.basic	

2.3 Current benefits of each suggested Site for Community Amenity

Ref.	Biodiversity support*		Air quality properties*	Provision of light	Surface water drainage	Noise reduction	Space for social interaction	Place for physical activity	Access to the outdoor space	Buffering near busy road(s)	Sense of space in busy area	Privacy	Area aesthetic
SCA 1	✓	✓	✓ +		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
SCA 2	✓	✓	✓		✓					✓	✓		✓
SCA 3	✓ +	✓ +	✓ +		✓	✓				✓		✓	
SCA 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		
SCA 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		
SCA 6	✓ +	✓ +	✓ +		✓	✓				✓		✓	✓
SCA 7	✓ +	✓	✓ +	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓ +
SCA 8	✓	✓	✓ +	✓	✓						✓		
SCA 9	✓	✓	✓ +	✓	✓						✓		
SCA 10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
SCA 11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
SCA 12	✓ +	✓ +	✓ +	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓ +
SCA 13	✓ +	✓ +	✓ +	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓ +
SCA 14	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
SCA 15	✓	✓	✓		✓								
SCA 16	✓	✓	✓ +	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
SCA 17	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓				
SCA 18	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
SCA 19	✓ +	✓	✓ +		✓				✓			✓	✓ +
SCA 20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓			✓
SCA 21	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓ +
SCA 22	✓ +	✓ +	✓ +	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
SCA 23	✓ +	✓	✓ +							✓		✓	
SCA 24	✓	✓	✓ +	✓	✓		✓		✓				✓
SCA 25	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SCA 26	✓	✓ +	✓ +		✓							✓	
SCA 27	✓	✓	✓		✓								

✓ = Benefit assessed ✓ + = Significant benefit assessed

*This assessment considers all open space with any plants (including grass) a benefit to biodiversity and air quality, however where there is more than basic benefit (e.g. mature trees providing additional air quality properties), the benefit has been considered as significant.

2.3 Improvement opportunities for each suggested Site for Community Amenity

Ref.	Facilitate community ownership & identity**	Increase planting	Increase biodiversity supporting features	Provide spaces to spend time (e.g. bench, info board)	Provide spaces for activity (e.g. exercise, sports)	Improve routes for movement & travel (e.g. paths, cycle facilities, lighting)	Linking spaces/green corridor	Opportunity for events or activities (e.g. community events, pop up spaces)	Opportunity to work with local businesses (e.g. outdoor dining, events)	Reduce fly tipping	Implement TPOs (tree protection orders)	Improve security (e.g. lighting, visibility)	Improve refuge/waste/recycling facilities	Cleaning, tidying, weeding
SCA 1	✓ +	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SCA 2	✓ +						✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
SCA 3						✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
SCA 4		✓		✓		✓				✓		✓	✓	
SCA 5		✓		✓		✓				✓		✓	✓	
SCA 6										✓	✓			✓
SCA 7	✓ +	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓
SCA 8	✓		✓							✓	✓	✓		✓
SCA 9	✓		✓							✓	✓	✓		✓
SCA 10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
SCA 11	✓ +	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓		✓		
SCA 12	✓ +	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓		
SCA 13	✓		✓								✓			✓
SCA 14	✓ +	✓	✓										✓	✓
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SCA 23			✓								✓	✓	✓	✓
SCA 24	✓ +	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		
SCA 25	✓ +	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
SCA 26	✓	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓		✓
SCA 27										✓				✓

✓ = Opportunity identified ✓ + = Significant opportunity identified

**Although most open spaces may benefit from community ownership to develop a sense of identity, where a site's size, location or properties makes this of particular opportunity, it has been recorded as a significant opportunity.