



GREEN SPACES

Public and private green spaces contributing to the character of the parish. It has been decided to designate the most significant of these as Local Green Spaces, to provide stronger protection against new development over and above the protection afforded to some of them by the Important & Local Wooded Areas provisions of the current North Dorset 2003 Local Plan. This protection will last well beyond the Neighbourhood Plan period, so care has been taken to avoid undermining the potential to provide sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services in the longer term.

The following have been identified:

ALEC'S FIELD – grass/wild flower field, bounded by well established hedges, protected trees, historic buildings and the allotments. Effectively forms a village green used for sport and other recreational events. Includes children's play area & well used footpath.

ALLOTMENTS / THE KEEP - bounded by mature hedges with small dedicated wildflower plot. Some allotment plots also include flowering plants valuable for pollinators. Provides recreational value and there is a high demand for plots.

KINGSTON GREEN - Mown grass area, providing a green convenient space for local children to play in the middle of a small housing development.

THE GREEN, PIDNEY - Mown grass area, providing a green convenient space for local children to play close to a small housing development.



CHURCHYARD - One of only two burial areas serving the community. Bounded to the south by hedges and trees, generally quiet and undisturbed. The church is Grade I listed and the gravestones contain historical records.

GRAVEYARD (CEMETERY) - The main local active burial ground. Bounded by hedges, generally quiet and undisturbed. Gravestones contain historical records. High amenity value

HAZEL WOOD – Woodland planted to mark the Millennium. Valuable undisturbed wildlife habitat. Includes a strip of ancient woodland, an ancient spring and ‘Holy Well’, a pond and the Selwaie Brook. Bounded by mature hedges, and crossed by a footpath.

EMERSON NATURE RESERVE, WONSTON – Woodland & forest garden area, part of the open country hillside to the south of Wonston. Diverse wildlife habitat bounded by hedges (one historic) and trees. Contains a number of interesting shrubs and a local black poplar. Tranquil area open to the public. *The owner has expressed an interest in allowing housing development on the top part of his land but maintaining the larger bottom part as a woodland and forest garden area open to the community and visitors*