APPENDIX F – Local Green Spaces

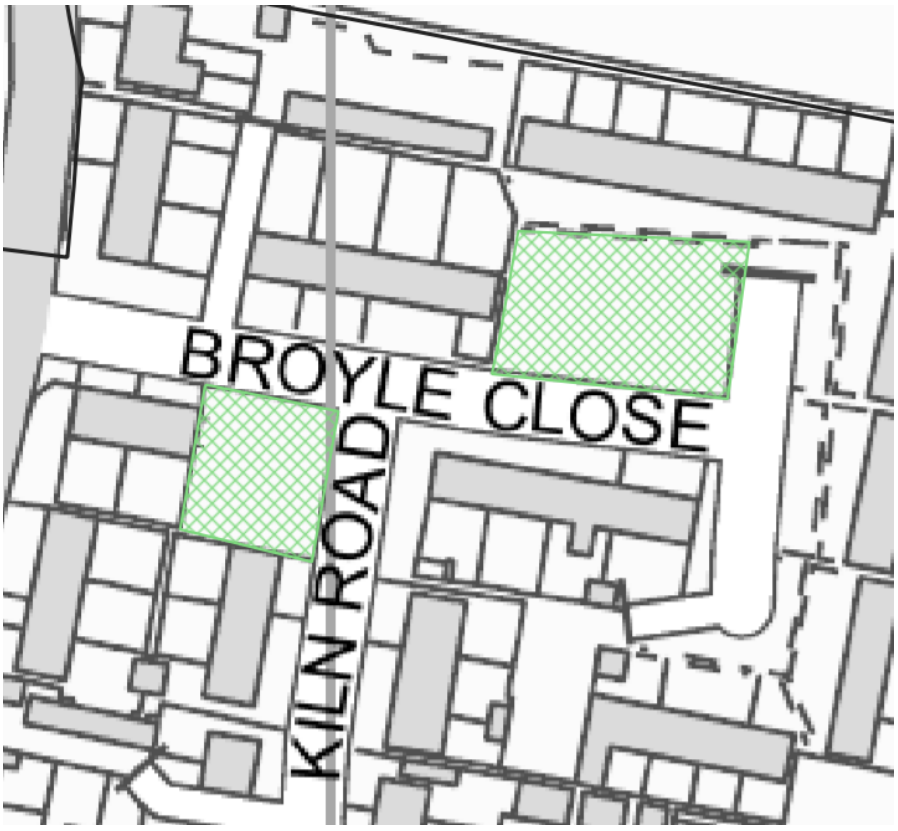
The list of Local Green Spaces (LGS) has been developed and tested in accordance with the Locality guidance "Making local green space designations in your neighbourhood plan".

Contents

LGS1: Broyle Close green areas 2
LGS2: Fingerpost Field 4
LGS3: Ringmer Village Green 5
LGS4: The Forge Communal Open Space 7
LGS5: The Forge Green 8
LGS6: Middleham Close 9
LGS7: Gote Green 11
LGS8: Sadlers Way Diamond Jubilee 12
LGS9: Mill Close green 14
LGS10: Green Close green 16
LGS11: Rushey Green 17
LGS12: Anchor Field play area 19
LGS13: Cheyney Field 20
LGS14: Ringmer Old Churchyard 22
LGS15: Pump Green 24
LGS16: Broyle Lane Play Area 25
LGS17: Broyle Close Play Area 27
LGS18: Allotments Electricity Sub Station 28
LGS19: Allotments, Broyle Close 29
LGS20: Almond Field 31
LGS21: Soldiers' Graves 33
LGS22: Sports facilities east of King's Academy, Ringmer 34
LGS23: Green Close Allotments 35
LGS24: Earwig Corner Allotments 36
LGS25: Ham Lane Allotments 38

LGS1: Broyle Close green areas

Name, Address and location	**Broyle Close green areas** Broyle Close, Ringmer, Lewes BN8 5PL
Ownership details	Owned and managed by Lewes District Council.
Description and purpose / current use	Two grassed areas, primarily for the benefit of residents of this former council development.
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	Phasing of new residential development to 2030. This space is included within the development.
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	The areas sit within the community and is fully accessible. Both are surrounded by housing on all sides.
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value:** the grassy areas are mown and well-used by families living in nearby properties, many of which have small gardens.
Local in character?	Yes

Photos	 
Location map	TQ 46054 13661 Lat, long: 50.90396, 0.07583 

LGS2: Fingerpost Field

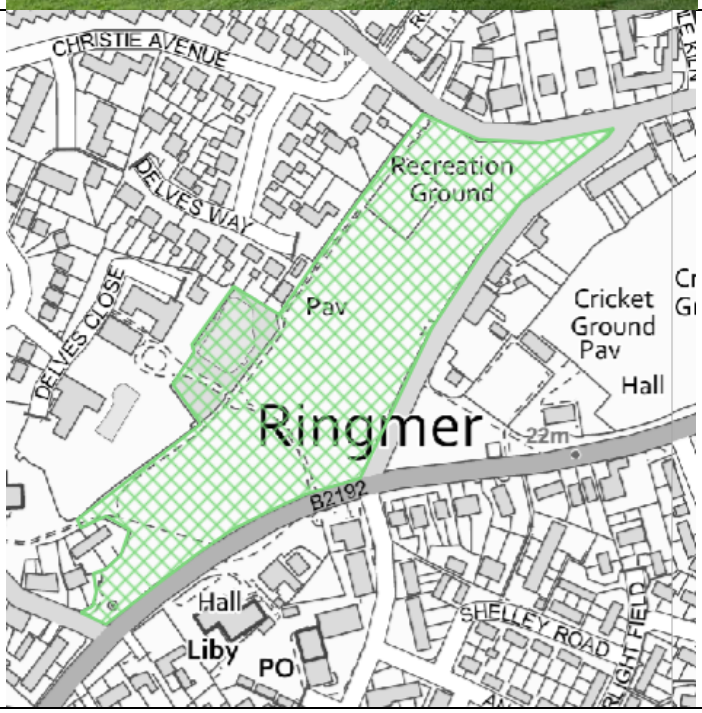
Name, Address and location	**Fingerpost Field** 17 Broyle Ln, Ringmer, Lewes BN8 5NS
Ownership details	Owned by Lewes District Council and leased to and managed by Ringmer Parish Council.
Description and purpose / current use	The field includes a large skatepark, a children's play area and a large, grassed area equipped with football goalposts.
Any designations	Listed as an Asset of Community Value
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	Easily accessible and adjacent to residents' properties.
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value:** This is the principle recreational area for the residents in the eastern half of the community. It provides a large grassy area for informal recreation. There is also a playground and skatepark, both of which are very well used. The playpark at Fingerpost Field was renewed in 2024. The skatepark, installed at the same time, has proven to be very popular.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	

	
Location map	TQ 45952 13037 Lat, long: 50.89838, 0.07413 

--

LGS3: Ringmer Village Green

Name, Address and location	Ringmer Green, a registered village green. BN8 5QH This is the centrepiece of Ringmer village, and within the Ringmer Conservation Area
Ownership details	Owned by the Glyndebourne Estate and managed by Ringmer Parish Council.
Description and purpose / current use	The Green has a cricket pitch, with pavilion and club house, a large children's play area, two well pumps formerly providing public water supply to residents, a large pond and a considerable amount of informal public seating.

Any designations	This is the centrepiece of Ringmer village, and within the Ringmer Conservation Area.
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	It is the centrepiece of the village located within a residential area;
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value:** The Green has a cricket pitch, with pavilion and club house, a large children's play area. **Wildlife value:** The green has on one boundary a spring feed pond, which provides a variety of habitats for the fish, birds and insects. **Beauty value:** The broad open space of the Green when viewed from the B2109 provides a significant indication of a village. The vistas from the cricket pavilion set the Green in the inn a rural landscape.
Local in character?	Yes
Photo	
Map	

--

LGS4: The Forge Communal Open Space

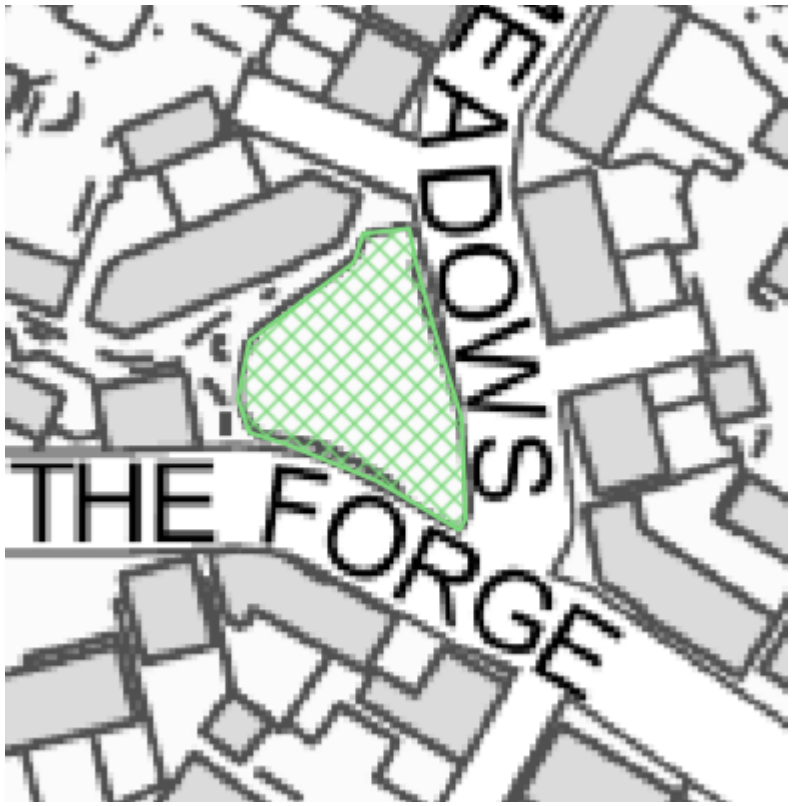
Name, Address and location	The Forge Communal Open Space
Ownership details	Owned by Ringmer parish council
Description and purpose / current use	An open space including a play area for small children.
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	Easy access for residents of local housing that surrounds the green.
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value:** High
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	
Location map	TQ 44286 12157 Lat, long50.89089, 0.05011

--

LGS5: The Forge Green

Name, Address and location	**The Forge Green, off Craig Meadows**
Ownership details	Owned and managed by Ringmer Parish Pouncil.
Description and purpose / current use	An open space with tree planting, for the use of the residents of nearby housing.
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	Easy access for residents of local housing that surrounds the green.
Demonstrably Special?	Recreational value: Limited by small size. Tranquillity value: limited by adjacent roads.
Local in character?	Yes

Photos	
Location map	Grid ref: TQ 44354 12140 Lat, long: 50.89072, 0.05107 

--

LGS6: Middleham Close

Name, Address and location	Middleham Close green areas, Middleton Close
Ownership details	Owned and managed by Ringmer parish council.

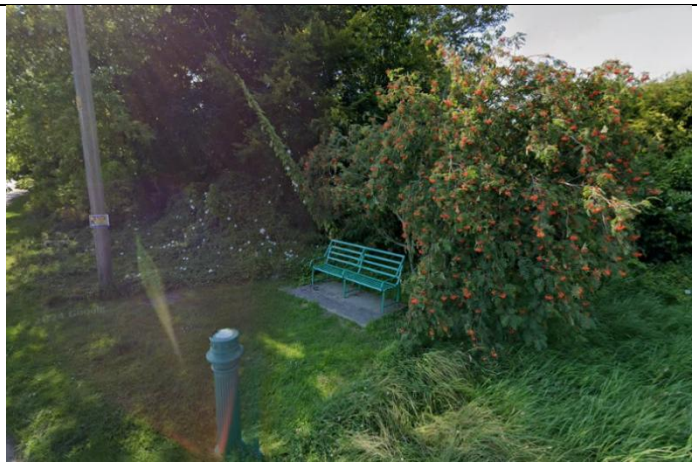
Description and purpose / current use	These two small green spaces are grassed with some trees.
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	Easy access for residents of local housing that surrounds the green.
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value:** This is a much-valued green space in this small built up area, affording views to the countryside beyond.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	
Location map	TQ 44251 11642 Lat, long: 50.88627, 0.04941

--

LGS7: Gote Green

Name, Address and location	Gote Green, Gote Lane Ringmer
Ownership details	Ownership uncertain, managed by Ringmer parish council.
Description and purpose / current use	This is a small area of roadside grass on Gote Lane managed for some years as a wildlife area.
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	Easy access on the border of the community.
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational/ Tranquillity value:** A good vantage point to rest and view hills forming part of the Southdown National Park.
Local in character?	Yes

Photos	
Location map	TQ 44803 11952 Lat, long: 50.88892, 0.05737 

--

LGS8: Sadlers Way Diamond Jubilee

Name, Address and location	Sadlers Way Diamond Jubilee green, Sadlers Way, Ringmer
Ownership details	Owned and managed by Ringmer parish council.
Description and purpose / current use	An open area of green space, including public seating.
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No

Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	Easy access for residents of local housing that surrounds the green.
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value:** The provision of public seating in 2012 was to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. **Wildlife value:** Planting of recent wildflower beds has enhanced diversity.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	
Location map	TQ 44477 11850 Lat, long: 50.88808, 0.05269

--

LGS9: Mill Close green

Name, Address and location	Mill Close Green, Mill Close
Ownership details	Owned and managed by Lewes District Council
Description and purpose / current use	Maintained for the benefit of the residents of this council and housing association development for the elderly.
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	The space is surrounded by housing on all sides. It is fully accessible and maintained.
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value:** The space provides an important communal and informal recreational area for those living in the homes surrounding the space.

	Tranquillity value: There are trees and wildflowers on site, which provide a tranquil setting in this otherwise built up area.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	
Location map	Grid reference TQ 45024 12140 Lat, long: 50.89055, 0.06059 

--

LGS10: Green Close green

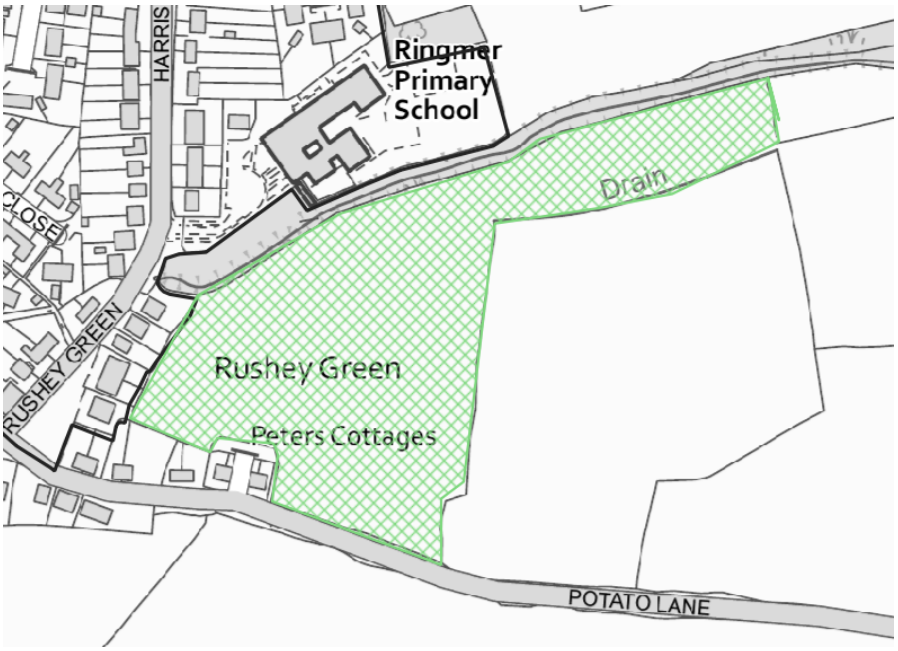
Name, Address and location	Green Close green, Green Close, Ringmer
Ownership details	Owned and managed by Lewes District Council
Description and purpose / current use	A small green space primarily for the benefit of local residents of this former council development.
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	Open access to surrounding housing.
Demonstrably Special?	Recreational value: This is a much-valued space for those living locally. It is used for informal recreation including dog walking. The space is laid to grass, which is regularly mown.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	
Location map	Grid reference TQ 45148 12692 Lat, long: 50.89548, 0.06256

--

LGS11: Rushey Green

Name, Address and location	Rushey Green
Ownership details	Owned by the Glyndebourne Estate and managed by Ringmer parish council.
Description and purpose / current use	This is an area of registered common land maintained as grass for casual recreational use.
Any designations	Registered common land
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	Easy access for residents, it is bounded by housing on one side and local roads on two sides.
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value:** The space is well used by the community of Ringmer parish for informal recreation including dog walking.

	Tranquillity value: The space is located south of the village itself offering a peaceful location away from the more built up area and with views into the surrounding countryside.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	
Location map	Grid reference TQ 45345 12218 Lat, long: 50.89117, 0.06517 

--

LGS12: Anchor Field play area

Name, Address and location	**Anchor Field play area**, Anchor Field, Ringmer
Ownership details	Owned by Lewes District Council and leased to and managed by Ringmer Parish Council.
Description and purpose / current use	Anchor Field accommodates the Ringmer Health Centre. This area is particularly well suited for outdoor recreation by children and young adults.
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	It is located within a residential area; there is an estate road (Anchor Field) along one boundary, and a housing estate on the Southern boundary.
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value:** Anchor Field includes a skateboard park, a football goalpost, a basketball hoop and swings. Part of this area was taken in 2009 to accommodate the new Ringmer Health Centre. This area is particularly well used for outdoor recreation by children and young adults.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	

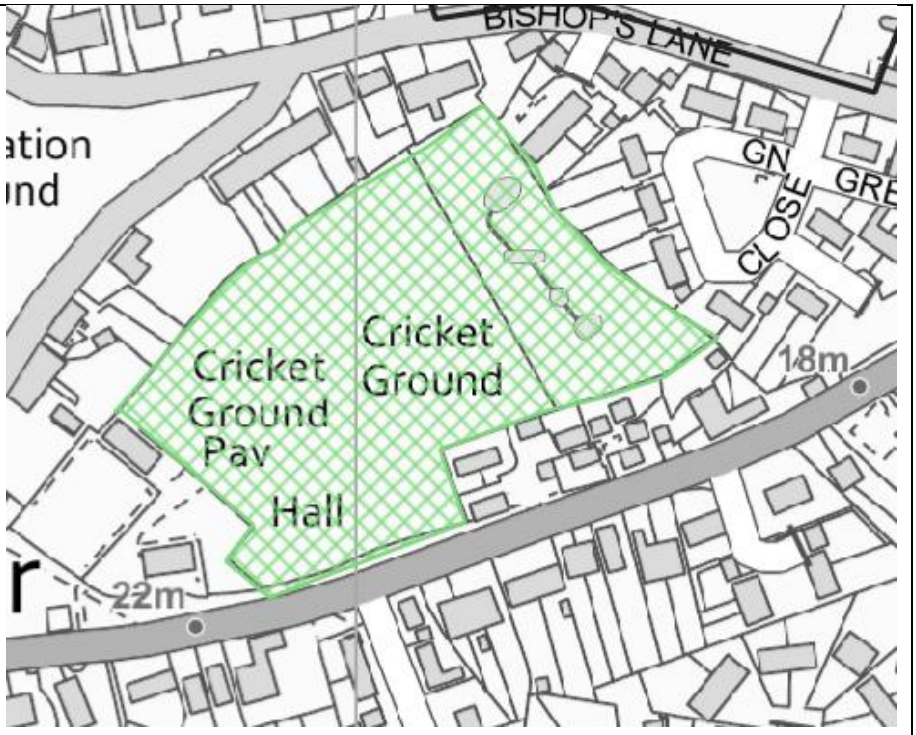
Location map	Grid reference TQ 44918 12332 Lat, long: 50.89230, 0.05916 

--

LGS13: Cheyney Field

Name, Address and location	Cheyney Field, BN8
Ownership details	It is owned and managed by the Cheyney (Almshouse) Trust.
Description and purpose / current use	Cheyney Field is a large field within the Ringmer Conservation Area.
Any designations	It is in a Conservation Area.
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No

Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	It is a central position in the village, adjacent to the village green and located within a residential area;
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value:** The field is formally open only to members of the organisations listed as tenants. There are two almshouses. The field has been developed to include several sports and leisure facilities, including the Bowls Club, the Scout Hut with some adjoining land, a cricket field and nets and a pitch used by the Croquet Club. **Historic value:** Associated with a charitable Trust that has been in existence since 1897 **Wildlife value:** Part of the field is managed as a wildlife reserve. Two wildlife ponds have been created within the field. **Tranquillity value:** High, large open space with wildlife and insect observation possible.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	
Location map	Grid reference: TQ 45007 12639 Lat, long: 50.89504, 0.06054 Elevation 19m

--

LGS14: Ringmer Old Churchyard

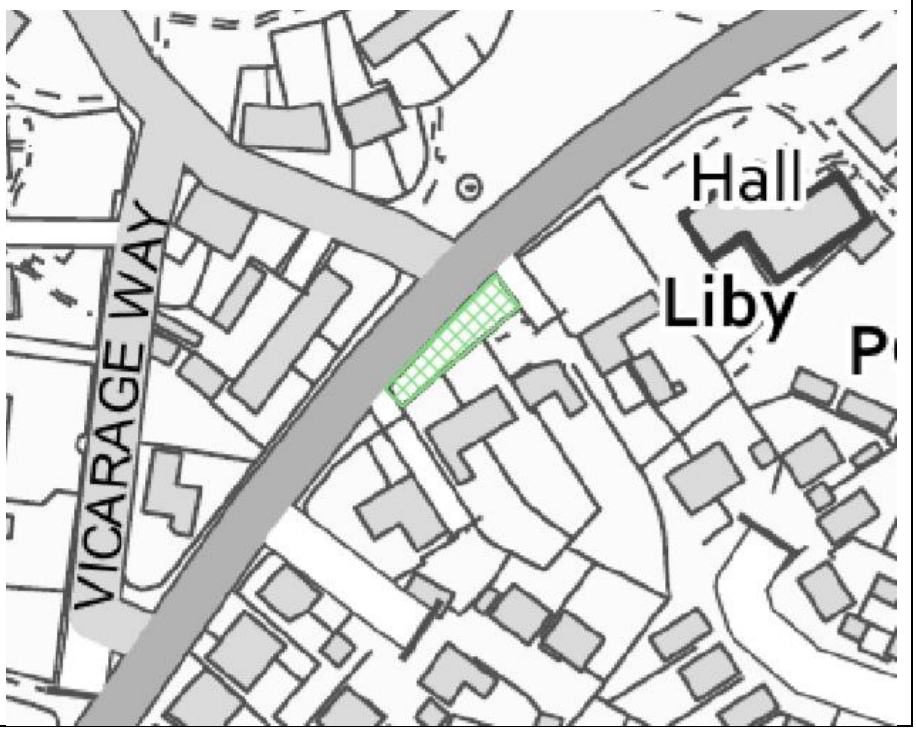
Name, Address and location	Ringmer Old Churchyard
Ownership details	Owned by the Church and managed by Ringmer Parish Council.
Description and purpose / current use	A closed burial ground surrounding Ringmer church, The Old Churchyard adjoins Ringmer Green.
Any designations	The medieval church is grade 1 listed by English Heritage and lies within the Ringmer Conservation Area.
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	The Old Churchyard adjoins Ringmer Green, it is located within a residential area.
Demonstrably Special?	**Historic value:** The medieval church is grade 1 listed by English Heritage and lies within the Ringmer Conservation Area. The Old Churchyard adjoins Ringmer Green.

	Wildlife value: The churchyard is designated as an Eco space, where wildlife habitats are encouraged. The two churchyards have been developed with a plan enabling areas to be left uncut and to encourage specific butterfly and bee areas. **Tranquillity value:** It offers a peaceful space for reflection.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	
Location map	Grid reference: TQ 44581 12515 Lat, long: 50.89403, 0.05444 Elevation 34 m 

--

LGS15: Pump Green

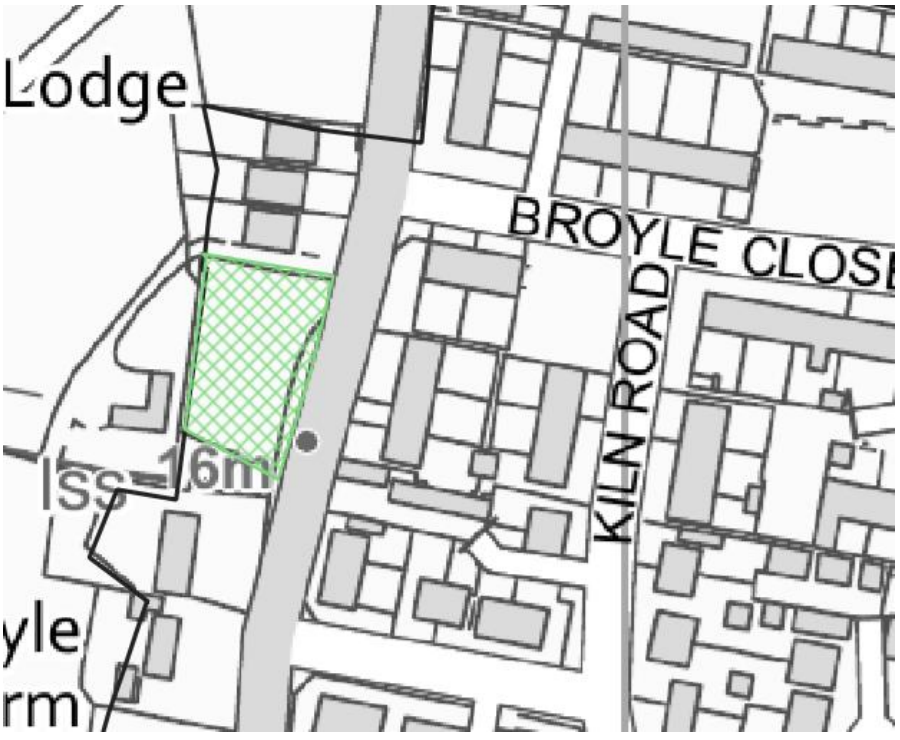
Name, Address and location	**Pump Green**, Lewes Road, Ringmer, East Sussex
Ownership details	Ringmer Parish Council
Description and purpose / current use	Open green space, laid to grass including patches left to wild.
Any designations	Yes
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	Adjacent to the Old Post Office bus stop and opposite the Village Green.
Demonstrably Special?	**Historic value**: The space contains the historic community water pump. The pump is octagonal in shape, made of cast iron, and with a cast iron trough. An inscription mounted behind it reads: THIS WELL WAS SUNK AND PUMP ERECTED BY W. P. BOXALL ESQ OF DELVES HOUSE AND PRESENTED BY HIM FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH 1852. ---------- TAKE NOTICE PERSONS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO OBTAIN WATER AT THIS PUMP FOR CATTL.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	

	
Location map	Grid reference: TQ 44649 12409 Lat, long: 50.89306, 0.05536 

--

LGS16: Broyle Lane Play Area

Name, Address and location	**Broyle Lane play area**, Adjacent to 69 Broyle Lane, Ringmer, Lewes BN8 5PE

Ownership details	Owned and managed by Ringmer parish council.
Description and purpose / current use	This small fenced green area is equipped with small goalposts for the recreation of residents.
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	Located within the residential area of North Broyleside.
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value:** The play area serves the families of nearby properties, many of which have small gardens.
Local in character?	Yes
/Photos	
Location map	Grid ref: TQ 45952 13037 Lat, long: 50.89838, 0.07413 

--

LGS17: Broyle Close Play Area

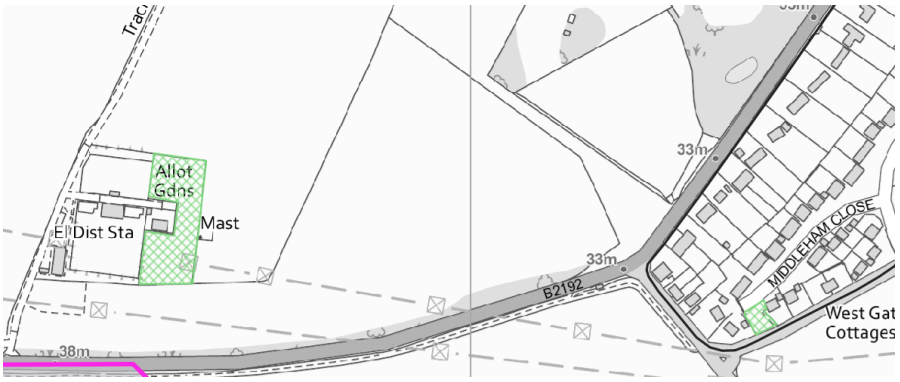
Name, Address and location	Broyle Close Play Area, Broyle Close
Ownership details	Ringmer Parish Council
Description and purpose / current use	Children's play area equipped with play items.
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	The play area abuts a residential area.
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value**: This is the only play are with dedicated equipment – climbing frame, swings, slide etc. - in the north of Broyleside. It is well-used by children living locally.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	
Location map	Grid Ref: TQ 46097 13580 Lat, long: 50.90322, 0.07640

--

LGS18: Allotments Electricity Sub Station

Name, Address and location	Allotments Electricity Sub Station Lewes Road Ringmer
Ownership details	Ringmer Parish Council
Description and purpose / current use	Allotments
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	Approximately 0.5 miles from the nearest housing. Within the South Downs National Park. Access is only via authorised persons.

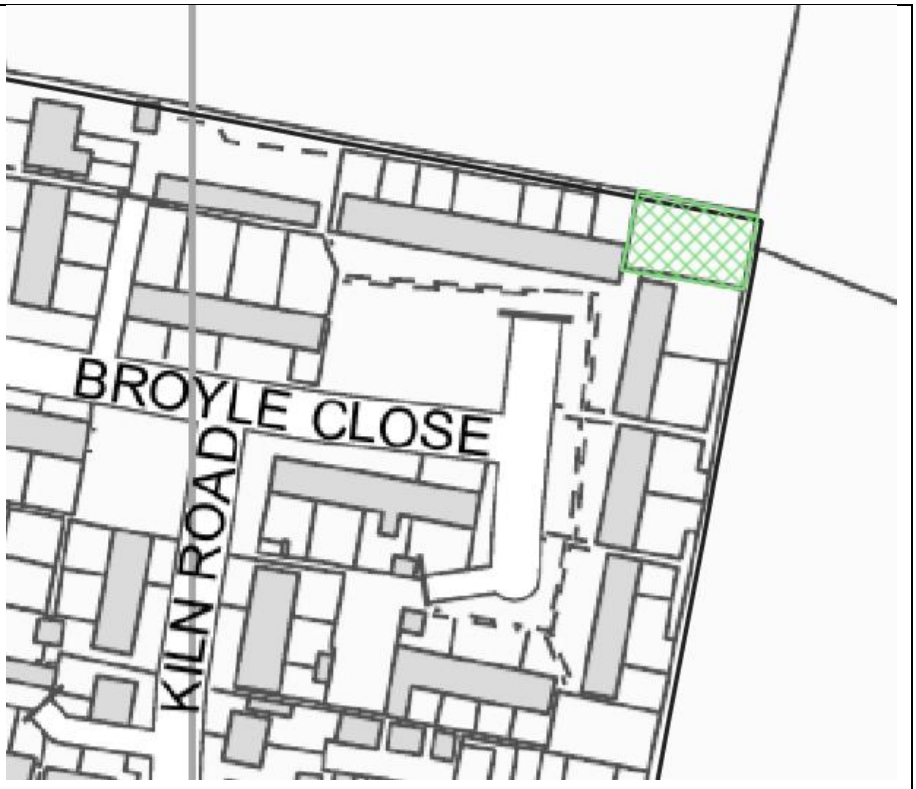
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value:** The space has been used as allotments for some decades. Allotments provide important spaces for people to access land to grow their own plants and produce. They contribute positively to mental and physical health and well-being. Their important role is recognised in national policy. There are few allotments in the parish and for this reason, they should be safeguarded. They are well-used.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	
Location map	Grid Ref: TQ 43727 11709 Lat, long: 50.88700, 0.04199 

--

LGS19: Allotments, Broyle Close

Name, Address and location	Allotments, Broyle Close, Ringmer
Ownership details	Lewes DC

Description and purpose / current use	Allotments
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	The allotments are bounded by housing.
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreation value:** The space has been used as allotments for some decades. Allotments provide important spaces for people to access land to grow their own plants and produce. They contribute positively to mental and physical health and well-being. Their important role is recognised in national policy. There are few allotments in this part of the neighbourhood area and for this reason, they should be safeguarded.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	
Location map	Grid Ref: TQ 46123 13694 Lat, long: 50.90424, 0.07682

--

LGS20: Almond Field

Name, Address and location	Almond Field, Ringmer, Lewes BN8 5LF
Ownership details	Ringmer Parish Council
Description and purpose / current use	An open space for the use of the community. Actively managed to enhance the habitat for the benefit of wildlife.
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	Access to Almond field is accessed via the cemetery associated with St Marys Church. It is close to the centre of the village and border the South Downs National Park.
Demonstrably Special?	**Historic value:** The field was kindly donated by the late Bill Almond, who lived in the village with his wife Anne for many years.

	Recreational value: This is a much-treasured space among local people, used for informal recreation. **Wildlife value:** The field has been turned into a nature site following works in 2024. The field has an access path; two newly installed benches and a host of wildflowers have been planted to increase biodiversity **Tranquillity value:** High, a well screened site reducing noise
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	
Location map	Grid Ref: TQ 44428 12450 Lat, long: 50.89349, 0.05224 

--

LGS21: Soldiers' Graves

Name, Address and location	Soldiers' Graves, Countryside top of Broyle Lane
Ownership details	East Sussex CC, occupier Ringmer PC
Description and purpose / current use	Grass Verge bordering Norlington Lane Site of two soldiers' graves
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	Easy access borders Norlington Lane
Demonstrably Special?	**Historic value:** The notices states "*Graves* of 2 *soldiers*, possibly killed in a duel, circa 1800". **Wildlife value:** Designated wildflower verge.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	
Location map	Grid Ref: TQ 45970 14322 Lat, long: 50.90992, 0.07489

--

LGS22: Sports facilities east of King's Academy Ringmer

Name, Address and location	Sports facilities east of King's Academy Ringmer
Ownership details	Community Land Trust
Description and purpose / current use	A new outdoor sports provision for the community as part of a mixed-use residential / leisure site development.
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	Accessible to the village, located adjacent to the community college.
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value:** The area has been developed for outdoor sport as part of a larger residential/mixed use site. It comprises all-weather pitches. Management is by Ringmer FC club, who already manage site delivered to the south, It will also. Owned by the Community Land Trust, which has a large endowment to replace the FC. There will also be tennis

	courts at bottom rectangle, then another all-weather pitch, top end will be a children's play area (for housing other side of the fence).
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	
Location map	

--

LGS23: Green Close Allotments

Name, Address and location	**Green Close Allotments**, Green Close, Ringmer
Ownership details	Owned and managed by Lewes District Council.
Description and purpose / current use	An established allotment site.
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No.
Planning permissions?	No

Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	Accessible to those living in the vicinity.
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value:** The allotment is very well-used by residents. It offers an opportunity for self-sufficiency and socialising.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	
Location map	

LGS24: Earwig Corner Allotments

Name, Address and location	**Earwig Corner Allotments**, Green Close, Ringmer
Ownership details	Owned by Lewes District Council but managed by an allotment association for the benefit of Lewes residents.

Description and purpose / current use	An established allotment site.
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No.
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves	The allotments serve predominantly those living in Lewes.
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value:** The allotment is very well-used by residents from neighbouring Lewes. It offers an opportunity for self-sufficiency and socialising.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	

Location map	

--

LGS25: Ham Lane Allotments

Name, Address and location	**Ham Lane Allotments**, Ham Lane, Ringmer
Ownership details	Privately owned and managed.
Description and purpose / current use	An established allotment site.
Any designations	No
Site allocations in Local Plan	No.
Planning permissions?	No
Access & proximity including how close	The allotments are privately owned and managed

to the community it serves	
Demonstrably Special?	**Recreational value:** The allotment is very well-used by residents. It offers an opportunity for self-sufficiency and socialising.
Local in character?	Yes
Photos	
Location map	