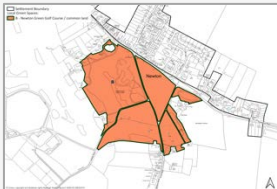





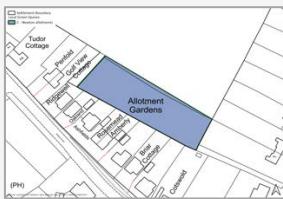



Newton Neighbourhood Plan  
Appendix 3

Local Green Spaces  
Justification



2019

Designated Area	Location	Reason for designation
<p>Golf Course / village green</p> <p>14.65 hectares</p> 	<p>Centrally located Adjacent to Saracens Head South of the A134</p> 	<p>The Green has been of historic significance since Saxon times with its central location and wide open space providing the heart of village activity and community engagement. Under The Common Lands Registration Act (1965) ownership of the Green was transferred in trust to the village, with legal formalities completed in 1976. Now managed as a golf club the green is well maintained, defining the significant beauty of this character area.</p> <p>This distinctive feature runs parallel to the busy A134 maintaining the rural, open aspect of the village. Villagers' rights of access across the green are maintained while providing additional village amenity with free access to the first 9 holes of the course.</p> <p>Panoramic views to the South the Green provide villagers with an idyllic space for recreational activities such as walking, bike riding, jogging and dog exercising. Twitchers and wildlife enthusiasts are rewarded with a wide range of birds and small mammals.</p> <p>Distinctive and important trees, hedgerows and ponds surround the green, supporting a species diverse acid grassland flora. The five fluctuating ponds are home to a range of aquatic and emergent vegetation and wild life including great crested newts and common lizards (protected species).</p> <p>The Green is the site of Newton WW1 war memorial and a commemorative bench adjacent to ancient trees provide a place of calm reflection and relaxation. To the west of the green an avenue of commemorative trees was planted.</p>
<p>Newton village playing field and play space</p> <p>3.44 hectares</p> 	<p>Central and adjacent to village hall and Newton common land / golf course South of the A134</p> 	<p>With the change of use from village green to golf course there was an obvious need for an alternative play space for team sports, exercise and community village activities. Central and easily accessible from all parts of the village a field behind the village hall was identified as the only suitable site and purchased in trust for villagers by Newton Green Trust in 1978.</p> <p>This important resource is the only playing field and play space in the village and is highly prized by villagers. A wide range of community activities have been held on this field including football and cricket matches, village fetes and Guy Fawkes celebrations. In addition two play spaces providing age appropriate park equipment have been installed in a safe enclosed area. This resource is well used by young families. The</p>

		<p>outcome of the amenities survey (2018) identified villagers' wish for an extension to these facilities and the Parish Council is working to source adult MUGA equipment to extend the range.</p> <p>The perimeter plays host to a wide range of birds and small mammals and the on going hedgerow survey identifies a wide range of flora and fauna.</p>
<p>Community Allotments</p> <p>0.22 hectares</p> 	<p>Adjacent to public footpath</p> <p>Close to centre of the village to the North of A134</p> <p>Shielded from road, behind new build homes</p> 	<p>Almost all of the allotment plots are taken, with two specifically allocated for the village community allotment group. The significance of this space is community engagement with new residents taking on redundant plots and socialising with other residents. The site is shielded well from the main road and offers gardeners the tranquillity of expansive views north across field towards the church.</p>
<p>All Saints Church Grounds</p> <p>0.59 hectares</p> 	<p>Located to the North of the village, 400 metres from the village green</p> 	<p>The Church and churchyard roots the village to its historical past and is of historical significance. Set away from the Green and the main road it provides an area of calm, quiet and tranquility with extensive views across arable land. A part of the churchyard is a designated Commonwealth War Grave. Other parts are designated and managed as a wildlife / conservation area.</p>