| Document | Parish Recreation and Open Spaces Listing | Author: | AHS |
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| V1.c | Added further information | | |
| V1.0 | First release, after full Workgroup review | | |

Purpose:

Brereton's rural character with the views and vistas across the open surrounding countryside was widely liked in the consultation responses. Retaining the feel and size of the dispersed settlements should be an important consideration when providing new development.

This document lists and describes all parish public recreation and open spaces that are considered to be extremely important to the rural character of the parish.

Identify the location, responsible owner (if known), who uses them, for what purpose, and the value it provides to the parish.

This will be used to underpin local policies on preserving highly valued public recreation and public open spaces, with benefit to the community as a whole.

The list may be extended as other areas are evaluated.

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| 1 | Brereton Green Triangle Garden | | a. Location Newcastle Road South, Brereton Green, CW11 1RS b. Description A triangular open garden at junction of Newcastle Road South and the lane to Brereton Hall and St. Oswald's Church, and the Community Space. c. Value to community Recently re-developed and maintained by the Community, it provides a natural focal point to the entrance to the main area of Brereton Green | Cheshire East Council |
| 2 | Open space opposite The Bears Head Inn | | a. Location Newcastle Road South, Brereton Green, CW11 1RS b. Description A small open green space opposite The Bears Head Inn stretching towards the curtilage of the A50. c. Value to community This is a small, yet important visual area. It provides for an open feel to Brereton Green on turning off the A50. | The Bears Head Inn, Mitchells & Butlers Leisure Retail Limited |

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| 3 | Frontage to Davenport Chapel | 380916:364391 | a. Location A54, Holmes Chapel Road, Brereton Heath, CW12 4SS b. Description Small field, used as car parking for the church, in front of Davenport Chapel c. Value to community Davenport Chapel is host for a 'Forest School' provider (an outdoor nursery school in the woods) making daily use of the facilities and the nearby local nature reserve. | tba |
| 4 | Brereton Park | 378312:364758 | a. Location Land opposite St. Oswald's Church, Brereton Green, CW11 1RY b. Description A large open green space opposite St. Oswald's Church with views to east and the Peak District National Park. Brereton Park forms an arc of open parkland, creating the setting for two of the most important buildings in the Parish and arguably some of the most notable in the county of Cheshire. Both the 16th century church of St. Oswald's and Brereton Hall are to the west of the park and the ancient village of Brereton which is thought to have been sited in the park, but cleared to provide better vistas for the Hall in the 16th century. The parkland of approximately ten acres is owned by a trust and currently tenanted to a local farmer, who grazes cattle there in the summer. The parkland is bordered by mature oak and sweet chestnut trees and | tba |

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| | | | c. Value to community The parkland is highly valued by local residents and visitors for it's glorious open views to the peaks and tranquility it affords to walkers, riders and cyclists. They can enjoy the track all the way from Brereton Green along Church Lane across the open aspect of Brereton Park and then continuing down the track to the Nature reserve. | |
| 5 | Brereton Community Space | | a. Location Newcastle Road South / School Lane, Brereton Green, CW11 1RS b. Description Public open space, childrens play area, young people's outdoor meeting area, nature area, picnic area, outdoor fitness equipment, c. Value to community Used daily by people of all ages, and all abilities. Residents and visitors. Views across the rural landscape towards the Peak District. | Cheshire East Council |
| 6 | Brereton Heath Local Nature Reserve | | a. LocationDavenport Lane, Brereton Heath, CW11 4SUb. Description | Cheshire East Council |
| | Nature | | | |

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| | | | Activities: Orienteering, Canoeing, Angling, Crafts - with The Dane Coppice Crafts Group, Educational Visits, Birdwatching Facilities: Car Park, Visitor Centre, Changing rooms, Public toilets including disabled toilets (for RADAR key holders), Wheelchair accessible route, Recreation areas - suitable for picnics, Dog waste bins, Green Flag award winning site | |
| | | | c. Value to community Used daily by people of all ages, and all abilities. Residents and visitors. Brereton Heath Local Nature Reserve makes a significant contribution both to the health and wellbeing opportunities for local communities, as well as to the biodiversity of the area. | |
| | | | Over 120, 000 visitors, from Brereton and surrounding towns and villages, use the nature reserve each year. The facility offers access to the countryside for everyone, including those with mobility problems. Wheelchair users and elderly benefit from the easy access route around the lake, and increasing use is made of the 'Walk for Life' one- mile route by those seeking to improve their fitness. Mental wellbeing is equally important though, and the nature reserve offers an opportunity to escape the pressures of everyday life. Brereton Heath Local Nature Reserve makes a significant contribution to the wildlife interest of the area, providing vital habitats for birds, insects, small mammals, and | |
| | | | amphibians. Improvements are continuously being made to improve these habitats, and this is now having positive results in the range of species attracted. This not only enhances the environment and increases visitor interest, but also creates opportunities | |

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| | | | for environmental education and community involvement. Local schools and colleges are regular users of this environmental resource. There is now even a 'Forest School' provider making daily use of the nature reserve. Approximately fifty individual volunteers give between them several hundred volunteer days each year, carrying out practical conservation tasks, environmental recording, and helping to deliver public events. | |
| | | | As the nature reserve continues to develop, its ability to attract a diversity of wildlife will make a positive contribution to the wider countryside, helping to increase the wildlife interest across the locality. | |
| 7 | Brereton Primary School Field | | a. Location off School Lane, Brereton Green, CW11 1RN b. Description Large field, surrounded by the school and residential properties. c. Value to community Used primarily by the school, but also used for significant village events such as the annual Rose Queen Garden Party, School PTA events (bonfire night and concerts etc.). | Brereton Primary School CofE |
| 8 | Public Footpaths | | a. Location Source: Cheshire East Council Interactive Map | Cheshire East Council |

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| | (FP) | | Brereton FP1, FP2, FP3, FP4, FP5, FP7, FP9 | PROW, |
| | Bridleways | | Brereton FP10, FP11, FP12, FP13, FP14, FP15, FP16, FP17, FP18, FP19, FP20 | Various |
| | (BR) | | Brereton FP20, FP21, FP22, FP24 | private |
| | Restricted | | Brereton FP30 | landowners |
| | Byeways | | Brereton BR27, BR31 | |
| | (RB) | | Brereton RB6, RB8, RB23 | |
| | | | b. Description Public footpaths, bridleways, restricted bye-ways throughout the parish. c. Value to community Highly valued by residents and visitors for leisure purposes to enjoy the open space of Brereton. | |
| 9 | National Cycle Paths | | a. Location SUSTRANS Regional Route 71, Teggs Nose to Neston Source: http://www.sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map/route/route-71 Cheshire Council publication: Map 2 and 3 The section from Dane Valley to Brereton Green | tba |
| | | | b. DescriptionPublic cycle route, with views and vistas over the rural Brereton landscape.c. Value to community | |

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| | | | Integral part of National network of cycle paths. The only designated cycle route in Brereton. | |
| 10 | Play Area in new housing development at Kingfisher Park | | a. Location Opposite Rose Cottages, Holmes Chapel Road, Brereton Heath b. Description A small play area located within a new housing development. c. Value to community Local residents to the Brereton Heath area have access to childrens play area. | Residents Trust |
| 11 | River Dane SSSI | SJ 786676 to SJ 831650 | a. Location http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Sites_of_Special_Scientific_Interest_in_Cheshire Davenport b. Description The River Dane valley forms part of the northern border along Brereton parish. c. Value to community Area of national value and recognition. Provides high value views and vista across the River Dane. | Various private landowners |

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| 12 | Bagmere SSSI & RAMSAR | | a. Location http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Sites_of_Special_Scientific_Interest_in_Cheshire Bagmere Moss off Brereton Heath Lane CW11 1RU b. Description Bagmere is the bed of a former larger mere which has now almost completely filled with peat. It is the last remaining site in Cheshire for the pearl-bordered fritillary butterfly. The site is managed using a small number (3) of Dexter cattle to promote the ideal habitat for this species of butterfly. A 10 hectare site in an area of wetland of great rarity. No direct public access. Due to the fragile nature of the fenland habitat, access is restricted by permit request only. Management of the site is principally by Cheshire Wildlife Trust in partnership with Natural England through Higher Level Stewardship c. Value to community A local area with national and international value and recognition. Can be viewed from public highway. The site offers educational opportunities provided through Cheshire Wildlife Trust. Specialist management of this sensitive site provides an ideal habitat for an endangered specs of butterfly | Contact - 01948 820728 (Cheshire Wildlife Trust) |
| 13 | Arclid Wood | 378839:363024 | a. Location | Cheshire |

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| | | | b. Description Arclid Wood is approximately 10 - 15 acres and is accessed from Davenport Lane. It comprises mixed woodland, scrub and rough pasture, currently not managed for agriculture or forestry. Much of the area, particularly that close to the current Cheshire East re-cycling centre, encompasses the former Congleton Borough Council landfill site and is still referred to locally as 'Arclid Tip'. The site is part owned by Cheshire East & private landowner(s), and access is not available to the general public, particularly over the redundant land fill site where there maybe safety issues. c. Value to the Community Very limited, apart from as a natural haven for wildlife, i.e. not managed, habitat for a variety of wildlife. Species frequently observed include birds of prey, tawny owl, various finches, game birds, etc as well as small mammals - mice, voles, etc -, badgers and foxes. | East & private landowner(s) |
| 14 | The Moss Woodland | 380916:364391 | a. Location The Moss, Somerford b. Description Moss Wood is also known as 'The Moss, Somerford' (by Cheshire Wildlife Trust). It encompasses an area of wet woodland, a UK Biodiversity Action Plan priority habitat. | Dr Frank & Mrs Lindsay Mullins of 'Woodside Farm, Holmes |

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| | | | The site is particularly sensitive to changes in the water table & to the quality of water entering the site through lateral movement. This local wildlife site is recognised for the bird population it supports, including a number of red & amber listed species. These include the willow tit, cuckoo, bullfinch, song thrush, kestrel & buzzard. In addition, the wet woodland is an important habitat for insects which provide a valuable food source for several species of bat. The species recently surveyed include the Common Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle, Natterers, Brown Long Eared, Noctules, Wiskered & Brandles. Facilities - none to the general public; privately owned Who uses it - the site is privately owned. c. Value to the Community The site is monitored/visited by environmental groups including Cheshire Wildlife Trust & Cheshire Bat Group. The site is of value to the wider 'community' in that it can provide a marker of pollution, through water quality entering the site, and provides a microenvironment for sensitive animal species, particularly bats. In addition, for those who value rural environments 'The Moss' is a marvellous local opportunity to observe a variety of animal species in their natural habitat. Although this is a privately owned site with no public access it is, however, an important part of the 'green lung/gap' character of our Parish. | Chapel Road (A54)' |

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| 15 | Brereton Pool Blackberry Covert | 377406:365837 377541:365502 | a. Location Mill Lane, on land adjoining Park House Farm b. Description A substantial area of deciduous woodland bordering the River Croco including the remains of Brereton Mill Pond, now silted up and overgrown with willow. Blackberry Covet was maintained as part of the Brereton Hall shoot. Identified by Cheshire East Council as an area of Significant Biological Importance Grade B. An isolated area with no local access making it a haven for local wildlife. c. Value to community Local wildlife area. Historical connection to a 19th Century Country Estate. | Tba |
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