

Brereton Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan  
Parish Community Facilities Listing

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<b>V1.1</b>	Added index to Assets of Community Value (in context of Localism Act)		
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**Purpose:**

List and describe all parish community related facilities.

Identify the location, responsible owner, 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 local facilities.

In addition, where specific entries are identified to be a potential 'Asset of Community Value', in accordance with "The Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012, this is indicated.

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Listing ID	Facility Name	Proposed 'Asset of Community Value'	Description	Responsible Owner, Operator, Manager
1	Brereton Church of England (A) Primary School	No	<p><b>Description</b> Brereton Primary School, is situated in Brereton Green and was originally built by one the 19th century Rectors of Brereton with the addition of twentieth century class rooms, hall and kitchen. It is owned by School Trustees on behalf of the Church. Today it is a successful and growing modern church primary school, with seven single age classes from Reception through to Year 6. A couple of years ago the School trustees transferred the use of school house (which was the head teacher's house in days gone by) to the school for their use, to provide additional facilities and an additional classroom for a growing school. There is a car parking area for approx 10 cars, and a small lawned space to the front.</p> <p>It is a Church of England Aided Primary School with seven single age classes from Reception through to Year 6. The present role is 173 pupils. The smallest class has seventeen pupils and the largest has thirty. The aim is that every child who passes through the doors will be inspired with a love of life and learning.</p> <p><b>Facilities provided</b> The school hall, plus toilet facilities are the only parts of the school available to the public, out of school hours. The playing field used for community events.</p> <p><b>Who uses it</b> The playing field is used in the summer months for The Rose Queen Fete and various concerts and community events.</p>	Contact 01270 534304

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			<p>The hall is used most evenings of the week by variously; The Parish Council, Youth Forum, Zumba classes, dancing classes, Women's Institute, and Community Quiz nights. The school is used as a Polling Station.</p> <p><b>Value to community</b> The school have close links with the church and also with the community. The school hall is available for community lettings out of school hours and there are regular bookings for the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council, the Youth Forum and the WI. The school field, is also used for the annual Brereton Rose Queen Garden Party which is organised jointly between the church and the School's PTA.</p>	
2	Brereton Pre-School & Playgroup	No	<p><b>Description</b> The Play School is owned by the Church, leased to the charity run by Sharon Edwards (owner). It is adjacent to the Primary School in School Lane CW11 1RN, and is currently run from a semi-temporary building with a small outside play area.</p> <p><b>Facilities provided</b> The Playgroup is open every day to pre-school children; outdoor play equipment is provided.</p> <p><b>Who uses it</b> Pre-school children within the parish.</p> <p><b>Value to community</b> The playgroup provides an introduction to community life and school life for the very young children of the area, benefiting both the infants and parents.</p>	Contact 01477 534304 07749 396476
3	St. Oswald's	No	<p><b>Description</b> St Oswald's Church is the Church of England parish church for Brereton.</p>	Contact Revd. Robin Mosely

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	Church of England	<p>The church together with Brereton Hall and the Bears Head Pub is one of the oldest buildings in the Parish. It is listed grade 2* and was built around 1500 in late perpendicular style in course sandstone, replacing an earlier church built about the time of Richard I. The church and churchyard are adjacent to Brereton Hall near Brereton Green. The church was originally built as a chapel for the Brereton family. There are memorials to the Brereton Family, with their ceremonial armour and to the Smethwick family. Notable contents include: the 17th century communion rail, bishops chair, font and the parish chest. There are two pairs of 16th century ‘misere’ seats in the choir. In addition to its historical and architectural significance, the church today is one of the main centres of the community in a parish of five square miles with two settlements and scattered farms and housing. The building is an important resource in a parish which has no village or parish hall. Three services are held every Sunday, in addition to weddings baptism and funerals. The churchyard is the burial ground for the parish. The church provides a space for the community to gather for special events such as Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas, Plough Sunday and Rogation. A growth area is Cool Church, which is held twice a month at 10.30 am and is aimed at young families with school age children and for the young at heart. Church volunteers run an after school club at the Church Primary School every Tuesday plus a weekly school gardening club run by church volunteers. The church also run weekly assemblies for Brereton Church of England Primary School.</p> <p><b>Facilities provided</b> Three services each Sunday are held at the Church including “Cool Church” for the younger members of the congregation. The Primary School use the Church regularly. The Parochial Church Council meet at the church The Mothers Union, Tuesday Club and Mother and Baby Group are organised from the Church. Plans are in place to partition a portion of the interior to facilitate a day time meeting place for groups in the parish, along with improvements to the kitchen and toilet facilities.</p>	01477 533263
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			<p>St. Oswald's holds a central position in the heart of the community Services held at all pivotal times of the year ,such as Easter ,harvest, All Souls, Remembrance Day, and Christmas bring parishioners together, as it has done for over four centuries.</p> <p>The Church is opened to the public at regular intervals, with people available to give guided tours and provide refreshments especially during the Bear Festival held every other year.</p> <p><b>Who uses it</b> Brereton Primary School traditionally use the church for their main services (5 or 6 a year) including Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas &amp; Easter services, because the school has close ties with the church and also because the school hall is not big enough for the parents as well as the children. Brereton Pre-school Nursery use the church for their annual nativity play and their leavers' service. The church is often used at weekend in warmer weather for events such as Lent Lunches, for refreshments during the Brereton Bear Festival and the Open Gardens event and on occasions for concerts &amp; exhibitions, such as the World War 1 Exhibition in 2014.</p> <p><b>Value to community</b> In 2014 a new church roof was provided funded by local fundraising and a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The church is currently planning to fundraise for improved facilities inside the building, including a community meeting room, enhance kitchen &amp; toilet facilities and storage together with some minor changes to layout to make the building more suitable for a range of church and community uses.</p>	
4	Davenport Methodist Chapel	No	<p><b>Description</b> The Methodist Chapel is situated on the A54 adjacent to our neighbouring parish of Somerford.CW12 4SS. Services are held each Sunday morning.</p>	Contact Revd P Berry 07739126889

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			<p><b>Facilities provided</b> As well as the Church, a small meeting room is available for hire/use.</p> <p><b>Who uses it</b> During the week the chapel is used by Somerford Parish Council and The Outdoor Nursery School.</p> <p><b>Value to the community</b> As well as providing spiritual support to the community, the church also is used as a meeting space. Davenport Chapel is also 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.</p>	
5	Brereton Community Space	Yes	<p><b>Description</b> The Community Space is located at the meeting of School Lane and Newcastle Road South , just north of the Primary School and is owned by Cheshire East Council. The space has recently undergone a radical upgrade to provide a wide range of play and sport facilities for the community, including the Triangle Garden at the Newcastle Road South entrance.</p> <p><b>Facilities provided</b> After extensive drainage work was carried out the reduced size football pitch is now useable all year round. Seating and picnic tables are distributed around the play equipment which include, a slide, swings, various climbing structures. Adult fitness equipment has been installed near a" pod "or covered seat to give teenagers a well lit, informal meeting place. A wild flower area has been created with bird boxes and insect hotels to foster an awareness of nature along side planting of trees, bulbs and shrubs, to landscape and enhance the visitor experience and that of the people who live near by. At the centre of the space stand our totem pole, which is carved from top to bottom with the story of Brereton. This was designed by a local artist and sculpture who guided parishioners while they</p>	Cheshire East Open Space Development ANSA Environmental ServicesLtd. <a href="mailto:diane.owen@ansa.co.uk">diane.owen@ansa.co.uk</a>

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			<p>carved the pole with their village's story. At the top of the pole is a carved a muzzled bear, the iconic Bear of Brereton</p> <p><b>Who uses it</b> The space is used extensively when dropping off children at school in the morning as little ones play while parents chat. Groups meet throughout the day to use the fitness equipment. After school the space is very crowded, later children or adults use the pitch for organised mini matches or just kick abouts; into the evening local teenagers are seen using the park to entertain themselves. We have observed that people from Stoke, Nantwich and even from further afield travel to our clean well equipped play space. Events throughout the year take place in the community space including the carols around Christmas tree.</p> <p><b>Value to community</b> The people of Brereton value the new community space very highly. This can be seen, not only by the huge numbers of people using the space but by how people show pride in living in a village with such a "high class" facility. All levels of stakeholders were consulted in the planning of the improvements, from the tots to the elders of the WI and the village can now feel that everyone can enjoy some element of the space regardless of their age or interests.</p>	
6	Brereton Heath Local Nature Reserve (LNR)	No	<p><b>Description</b> The Reserve sits towards the east of the parish off Davenport Lane CW12 4SU and occupies an old silica sand quarry covering 50 acres and is owned by Cheshire East Council. Most of the site comprises a lake with a path around it with a meeting room overlooking the lake, an office for the warden and toilet facilities There is a pay and display car park and a bridle way part way round the perimeter of the park. with wheelchair access throughout. The LNR is a Green Flag site.</p> <p><b>Facilities provided</b> The site provides open grass areas and extensive woodland to wander through. Events take</p>	Contact Warden Mark Arnold 01477 534115

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		<p>place throughout the year to engage and educate the public about the wildlife to be seen at the site, plus volunteers help with the day to day maintenance of the park. Activities include orienteering, canoeing, angling, crafts, coppicing and bird watching.</p> <p><b>Who uses it</b> Dog walkers make up large numbers of regular users from Congleton and Holmes Chapel as well as those travelling some distance, for instance Crewe and Stoke visitors. The relatively rare facilities at the reserve mean that in good weather the reserve is very well used for general walking, children riding bikes as well as dog walking.</p> <p><b>Value to community</b> 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. The site is very popular with family groups, allowing children to 'let of steam' with ball games, cycling , etc as well as family picnics in warmer weather.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 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</p>	
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			<p>between them several hundred volunteer days each year, carrying out practical conservation tasks, environmental recording, and helping to deliver public events.</p> <p>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.</p>	
7	Bears Head Inn	No	<p><b>Description</b> 16<sup>th</sup> century Grade 1 listed public house and hotel at the junction of the A50 and Newcastle Road South CW11 1RS, owned by the brewery Mitchells and Butlers.</p> <p><b>Facilities provided</b> Accommodation is available with a large dinning area and extensive seating outside. A room, known as the breakfast room holding a maximum of ten is available for small gatherings.</p> <p><b>Who uses it</b> Local people do use the pub but the majority of the visitors are from much further afield, due to the proximity to the M6 J17 and J18. giving very good connectivity. Local groups do use the pub such as the Book Group, the Neighbourhood Planning Group, the Community Interest Group.</p> <p><b>Value to community</b> A pub is always an asset to a community, providing a convivial meeting place for groups, families, and in this case in an old land mark building of great character.</p>	Contact 01477 544732
8	Brereton Scout Hut	No	<p><b>Description</b> Operated by 2nd Brereton Scout Group. The Scout Hut is situated down Church Lane CW11 1RY next to the River Croco. The</p>	tba

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			<p>land is owned by the Davenports and leased to the Scout Association. Along side the hut is land used for scout activities and camps.</p> <p><b>Facilities provided</b> In the hut are basic cooking facilities and toilets. The land adjoining is generally grass with some hard standing to the front.</p> <p><b>Who uses it</b> The Scouts use this facility, but Beavers also use the facilities. The Scout Group has members from Holmes Chapel and Sandbach, and so provides a facility for the wider community beyond Brereton.</p> <p><b>Value to community</b> The Scouts are a very important institution in the area, and to have a troop within the village is considered a great asset.</p>	
9	Bagmere SSSI & Ramsar	No	<p>See <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Sites_of_Special_Scientific_Interest_in_Cheshire">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Sites_of_Special_Scientific_Interest_in_Cheshire</a> plus attached citation ref 1001771</p> <p><b>Description</b> Bagmere Moss off Brereton Heath Lane CW11 1RU is an area of wetland of great rarity. The 10 hectare site sits on a hollow of glacial gravel and consists of a reed swamp surrounded by fen carr in a general area of wet meadow land. It provides the last site for the Small Pearl –Boarded Fritillary Butterfly in Cheshire. It is managed by Natural England and is a component SSSI in the Midland Meres and Mosses Phase 1 Ramsar, an International Convention on Wetland of International Importance.</p> <p>The site is managed (day to day) by Cheshire Wildlife Trust (CWT) - since 2009 - under the stewardship of Natural England.</p>	Contact - 01948 820728 (Cheshire Wildlife Trust)

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			<p><b>Facilities provided</b> Due to the sensitivity of this site there is restricted access. Permit holder access only.</p> <p><b>Who uses it</b> The site is managed and is occasionally used for education of conservation groups and research.</p> <p><b>Value to community</b> It is regarded as a privilege to be “custodians” of such an important ecological site. Although of course there is no access for the 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 spec of butterfly</p>	
10	River Dane SSSI	No	<p><b>Location</b> <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Sites_of_Special_Scientific_Interest_in_Cheshire">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Sites_of_Special_Scientific_Interest_in_Cheshire</a> Davenport</p> <p><b>Description</b> The River Dane valley forms part of the northern border along Brereton parish.</p> <p><b>Facilities Provided</b> Open countryside. No facilities.</p> <p><b>Who Uses it</b> Members of the public.</p>	tba

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			<p>A public footpath and regional cycle route 71 provide opportunities to view the attractive landscape, wildlife and vistas.</p> <p><b>Value to community</b> Area of national value and recognition. Provides high value views and vista across the River Dane. See <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Sites_of_Special_Scientific_Interest_in_Cheshire">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Sites_of_Special_Scientific_Interest_in_Cheshire</a></p>	
11	Cheshire East Household Waste Recycling Centre - Arclid	No	<p><b>Description</b> The recycling site is situated off Davenport Lane CW11 2SR and is locally referred to as “Arclid Tip”. The Household Waste and Recycling site is well screened by trees and abuts an area where rubbish was incorporated as landfill in the past.</p> <p><b>Facilities provided</b> All recycling facilities are available plus opportunities to responsibly dispose of large items such as “white goods” etc.</p> <p><b>Who uses it</b> This site attracts very large numbers of people from the area. Traffic problems are sometimes seen, particularly with cars accessing the tip from the Sandbach to Congleton main road.</p> <p><b>Value to community</b> To have a nearby recycling site is perceived as an asset by the majority of Brereton residents. Although people living near to the site do suffer road congestion in the narrow approach on Davenport Lane, particularly from the southern direction.</p>	Contact 01477 500759