





Appendix 2: Green infrastructure list

The green infrastructure map with these sites marked and numbered is Figure 11 of the Neighbourhood Plan

Number on map	Picture	Name/location	Description	Importance/reasons for protection
Areas not specifically protected in other national or local plans or policies and protected under Policy LWH4				
1		Trees & green space in & around Dinas Close, west of Dinas Road, Hatherley	Public accessible green space with trees and shrubs. Not designated in Cheltenham Plan This green space has been improved recently with environmental planting including trees	Very accessible informal recreational space, habitats, softening and lending important open aspect to built up area
2		Trees & open space around junction of Winchester Way, Canterbury Walk, Warden Hill	Public accessible green space with trees. Flooded heavily in 2007. Not designated in Cheltenham Plan. Residents are using this space as a community meeting place in the summer.	Very accessible informal recreational space, habitats, softening & lending important open aspect to built up area

<p>3</p>		<p>Green space around Multi Use Games Area and next to formal playground between United Reformed Church and Co-Op store, Warden Hill</p>	<p>Informal green space including trees and shrubs, fenced off from road along with MUGA and playground.</p>	<p>Safe green play space for younger children next to MUGA and playground, softening more formal/urban feel of built-up area, MUGA and playground contributing to children's mental as well as physical health,.</p>
<p>4</p>	 <p>GCC public rights of way:</p>	<p>Green corridor on pathway routes north from St Michael's Road towards Bournside School (right of way CHL5) and east behind the same road to connect with Hatherley Brook (CHL19). The ward and parish boundary runs just to the north of the east/west corridor.</p>	<p>Trees and often quite dense vegetation surrounding recognised rights of way and footpaths.</p>	<p>Provides rural and in places woodland feel to local pathways, particularly exciting for children to safely explore; provides habitats for many species, connecting with Hatherley Brook and so providing connectivity to the Local Green Space and AONB to the south and Bournside fields and The Park north of the NP area.</p>

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Line of Hatherley Brook north from the A46/ Shurdington Road to the ward/parish/NP boundary

Line of EA-recognised main river Hatherley Brook (see EA map, left), with watercourse, trees and often quite dense vegetation.

Watercourse and surrounding vegetation providing connected habitats linking the High School Leckhampton site, Local Green Space and AONB to the south with the green pathway and watercourse north to The Park and north-west to the green corridor (4 above) and Bournside fields. There is also a connection to Moorend Stream which marks the old parish?NP boundary just to the north-east.



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Elongated area historically known as “Railroad Piece” between the borough, AONB and Green Belt boundary along the line of the original Leckhampton tramway now Footpath ASH42/CHL18 to the west (top in maps, left) and Leckhampton Road/ Leckhampton Hill to the east.

For clarity, the area marked in the map, left, includes dwellings, gardens and a site where development was permitted in 2022 but the green infrastructure referred to here is the vegetation bordering these, the pathway and the road.



Wooded footpaths and roadside including trees, hedges and undergrowth. As well as ASH42/CHL18, a footpath crosses the area east/west across the site where development has been permitted. As at May 2023, this development has not commenced, an order for a public right of way footpath has been made ([https://www3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/PROW/ApplicationForm.aspx?RecordFilter=573/11/130\(1\)](https://www3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/PROW/ApplicationForm.aspx?RecordFilter=573/11/130(1))) but the route is contested and a stopping up order has also been initiated. Neither of these processes is yet resolved so the future status of the pathway is unclear.



Footpath ASH42/CHL18 marks the historic Leckhampton quarry tram route. It also marks the boundary of the AONB and Green Belt with Cheltenham borough and its Principal Urban Area so contributes to the setting for this part of the AONB.

The area is prominent both from the AONB and from the urban side as it is perched above the junction of Leckhampton Road/ Leckhampton Hill and the Old Bath Road with the extensive vegetation providing a soft transition from the rural to the urban area which should be respected in any future development.

The trees and undergrowth provide important habitats.

<p>7</p>		<p>Prominent green space above the last part of Undercliff Avenue where it meets Leckhampton Road/Hill.</p>	<p>A small public open space with established and newly planted trees and hedgerow and including a small gravelled area with a public seat, bin and Parish Council noticeboard.</p>	<p>A pleasant stop for dog walkers and other pedestrians (or even less energetic cyclists) during the increasingly steep ascent up Leckhampton Hill, softening the transition between the hill and the urban area and currently providing space for new tree planting.</p>
<p>8</p>		<p>Leckhampton Primary School playing field</p>	<p>Part of a large connected area of green space including the Local Green Space and adjacent allotments within the NP area and Burrow's Field beyond it. Identified as medium (yellow) visual sensitivity in the Landscape & Visual Sensitivity and Urban Design Report carried out for the JCS process (see 7 above).</p> <p>Playing fields are protected for their utility under the National Planning Policy framework (paragraph 99, 2021) but this well-connected site is included here for its additional importance to biodiversity and the landscape.</p>	<p>Along with the connected green spaces including the Local Green Space, the school playing field forms part of Leckhampton's valued landscape and is clearly visible in the view out of the AONB. The site was identified in the Landscape & Visual Sensitivity and Urban Design Report carried out for the JCS process (see 7 above) as of medium (yellow) landscape sensitivity. The vegetation surrounding the site provides habitats for a variety of species. This green space is also important for the physical and mental health of the school pupils.</p>

<p>9</p>		<p>Green space and hedgerow between A46 Shurdington Road and Hawkwood Road near its junction with Woodlands Road</p>	<p>Stretch of land including open area of grass with pillar box and phone box, sheltered from the busy A46 by established trees & hedgerow along the north-east side.</p> <p>Current works in connection with the High School Leckhampton (https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2110145/the-high-school-leckhampton-highways-improvements-plan-2.pdf) will involve existing vegetation being cleared but replacement planting will be provided to landscape architect design.</p>	<p>The grassy area itself is an important green island for dog walkers and pedestrians on the northern Woodlands/Warden Hill side of the busy Shurdington Road.</p> <p>The trees and hedgerow provide important screening from the noise and pollution from the A46 not only for those using the green space but for the householders of Hawkwood Road, and will provide a habitat for different species.</p>
<p>10</p>		<p>Network of connected green spaces, pathways and vegetation centred around footpath and right of way CHL20 (see GCC rights of way map, left) between and around Jasmin Way, Hidcote Avenue, Wisteria Court, Mimosa Avenue, Japonica Drive and Farmfield Road.</p>	<p>A well planned and well used set of green corridors including formal footpaths, areas of grass, trees and hedgerows right across this 20th century development and out to the A46 Shurdington Road to the south east, Champion Park to the south west, Jasmin Way to the west and Warden Hill to the north and connected to the much older established hedgerow and trees along Farmfield Road.</p>	<p>This is a pleasant, well-planned and integral part of this 20th century estate, providing safe car-free recreational spaces for children, and walking and cycling connections right across the estate and to neighbouring areas.</p> <p>Farmfield Road is an important part of the area's rural history, dating back at least to the 18th century as the original connection between Leckhampton and Hatherley farms and villages. This hedgerow along its southern side is one of the last remnants of this historic rural character (see also 16 below) and an important habitat for many species.</p>

<p>11</p>		<p>Hedgerow and connected green spaces south of Farmfield Road north of Lilac Close.</p>	<p>Old established hedgerow along the south side of Farmfield Road including grass verges and small open spaces and connected open green space with trees at the end of Lilac Close.</p>	<p>As set out in 15 above, Farmfield Road is an important part of the area's rural history and this hedgerow is one of the last remnants of this historic rural character and an important habitat for many species. The connected green spaces along Farmfield Road and at Lilac Close add green character to both and the latter provides a small green recreational open space in a built up area.</p>
<p>12</p>		<p>Brizen Field, between Up Hatherley Way and the southern boundary of the parish and borough.</p>	<p>Playing field and green recreation space including youth centre/ community centre with car park, Multi Use Games Area, open green play area and playing field, surrounded by well established trees and hedges.</p> <p>Brizen Field is within the Cheltenham & Gloucester Green Belt so protected to some extent but included here for its combination of recreational value and trees and hedgerow habitats.</p>	<p>A safe, popular and accessible green recreation area for young people and children in particular including places to explore and connect with nature amongst the hedgerows and trees.</p> <p>The trees and hedgerows also provide habitats for many species.</p>

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St Christopher's Garden,
Lincoln Avenue, Warden
hill, opposite St
Christopher's Church



A beautiful urban pocket garden
maintained by local residents and
featuring seating and raised beds

A brilliant example of urban
gardening bringing beauty and
biodiversity to a modern urban
setting.

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See maps below

The Bournside Green Corridor, immediately south of the playing fields of Bournside School

0.76ha (1.88 acre) stretch of land between Bournside School and Canterbury Walk owned by Gloucestershire County Council, the former site of the railway line in Cheltenham. Trees and shrubs have recently been planted here to create a wildlife corridor in Warden Hill. Mixed native broadleaf trees including Hazel, Hawthorn, Beech and Oak trees have all been planted at the site as well as hedgerow plants. Though security concerns prevent this area being open for wider public access, it is planned for students from Bournside School who helped to plant the trees to continue to help maintenance of the area.

This will create habitats for wildlife and encourage biodiversity while helping to reduce our carbon footprint, provide a valuable green addition to the Warden Hill landscape and a connection to nature for the students of Bournside and perhaps neighbouring schools who help with its maintenance in future.



	Otherwise protected green areas:			
		<p>Local Green Space designated in the Cheltenham Plan 2020 (definitive map from the Cheltenham Plan 2020 below left).</p>	<p>26 hectares of popular and accessible green space criss-crossed by rights of way, pathways and hedgerows, in places reflecting ancient field patterns and featuring important sources of biodiversity including well connected hedgerows, nationally recognised Priority Habitats, the banks of two watercourses and an abundance of wildlife including dormice, many species of bats, common toad, deer, butterflies, bank voles and many legally protected mammals and birds.</p>	<p>Already protected</p>
			<p>The majority is rated as of high (red) visual sensitivity in the Landscape & Visual Sensitivity and Urban Design Report carried out for the JCS process with two northernmost fields still rated as medium (yellow) sensitivity and ruled as inappropriate for development by the JCS Inspector (see 7 above). It forms the core of Leckhampton's valued landscape described in detail in the updated 2022 Landscape Character Assessment carried out by Lepus Consulting.</p> <p>Protected as Local Green Space under the National Planning Policy Framework.</p>	

		<p>Allotments between footpath CHL28 to the west and Leckhampton primary School playing fields to the east.</p>	<p>Well used allotments in local food production with adjacent trees and vegetation and part of a large connected area of green space including the Local Green Space and Leckhampton Primary School within the NP area and Burrow's Field beyond it. Identified as medium (yellow) visual sensitivity in the Landscape & Visual Sensitivity and Urban Design Report carried out for the JCS process (see 7 above). Protected by Policy C13 of the Cheltenham Plan.</p>	<p>Already protected</p>
		<p>AONB at Daisybank, south of Pilley, bounded by the AONB boundary to the north and west and the parish boundary to the east and south (see Defra AONB boundary map below).</p>	<p>Fields, trees and hedgerows on the slopes of Leckhampton Hill below Daisybank Road all within the AONB and so directly protected under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, the National Planning Policy Framework, JCS and AONB Management Plan.</p>	<p>Already protected</p>
		<p>AONB around St Peter's Church and Leckhampton Court south of Collum End Rise, bounded by the AONB boundary to the north and the parish boundary to the south. (see Defra AONB boundary map below).</p>	<p>Fields and woodland on the slopes of Leckhampton Hill around the listed Leckhampton Court and St Peter's Church all within the AONB and so directly protected under the the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, the National Planning Policy Framework, JCS and AONB Management Plan.</p>	<p>Already protected</p>

				
		<p>Warden Hill Primary School playing fields</p>	<p>Playing fields are protected under the National Planning Policy framework (paragraph 99, 2021).</p>	<p>Already protected</p>
		<p>Weaver's Field and Warden Hill</p>	<p>Hill, hedgerows & public open space in Warden Hill. Listed as Public Green Space in Cheltenham Plan 2020 and protected by saved policies from LP2006 GE2. Weaver's Field was saved from being turned into allotments in 2012 by local residents and a petition of protest by 1020 residents. The Field now has QEII (Queen Elizabeth II) status and is protected permanently as a local green space. The monument stone was hewn in the Forest of Dean and is seated at the peak of Weaver's Field.</p>	<p>Already protected</p>