

Policy SB16 Local Green Spaces

Supporting Evidence SB16.EV2 Proposed Local Green Spaces

(September 2022)

Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (SPNP SG) has identified a number of green spaces throughout the Parish which the local community uses for relaxation and recreation and which provide havens for wildlife, both flora and fauna. They are therefore being proposed as eligible for Local Green Space designation to protect them for the future.

The revised National Planning Policy Framework (2019) paragraphs 99, 100 and 101 states:

99. The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.

100. The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:

- (a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- (b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and

(c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

101. Policies for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with those for Green Belts.

Additional guidance from the Locality Neighbourhood Plan Roadmap 2018 edition states:

Site allocations and Local Green Space designations

Depending on the level of detail in the local plan, the neighbourhood plan allows the community to develop criteria and methodology to choose sites to be allocated for different kinds of development. At the same time, there is the option to identify and designate green spaces valued by the community as Local Green Space, which should be protected from inappropriate development. So a neighbourhood plan provides the opportunity to decide where growth does and does not occur (see later section on Site allocations and designations). (Part B page 2).

Local Green Space designation is rarely appropriate where planning permission for development has been granted for the site and is still capable of being implemented. Other designations of land, such as green belt or conservation area status, do not necessarily preclude or support designation as Local Green Space. But it is necessary to consider whether the additional designation is necessary and would serve a useful purpose. (Part C page 25).

All the sites which have been proposed for designation as Local Green Spaces are in close proximity to the Southbourne community, are local in character and are not extensive tracts of land. In response to the information given above the SPNP SG has used the following criteria to judge the suitability of spaces for this designation:

- *Beauty* - a place of aesthetic beauty that adds to the visual qualities of the community (*b*).
- *History* - a place with significant historical importance for the community (*h*).
- *Recreation* - a place which offers formal or informal recreation and sporting opportunities for residents and visitors (*r*).
- *Tranquillity* - a place which offers a haven from everyday urban

noise and activity (*t*).

- *Wildlife* - a place that provides surroundings for wildlife, both flora and fauna (*w*).

Proposed Local Green Spaces

No.	Location	Description	Criteria
1	Prinsted Foreshore	Small local meeting place on coastal footpath 202 with benches and views over Chichester Harbour ideal for observing wildlife	<i>b, h, r, t, w</i>
2	Land on NE corner of A259/Garsons Road	Small local resting place in residential area with bench on a grassed area and a mature tree	<i>b, r, w</i>
3	Priors Orchard open space	Footpaths, children's play area and community orchard within new residential development (part of Green Ring) – under construction	<i>r, t, w</i>
4	Southbourne Fields open space	Footpaths, 14 allotments, children's play area within new residential development – under construction	<i>b, r, t</i>
5	Meadow View open space	Open meadow area with footpaths and children's play area wrapped around new residential development; the area alongside Ham Brook has considerable wildlife interest - under construction	<i>b, r, w</i>
6	Parham Place open space	Adjacent to new residential development with public seating at the start of the Green Ring and footpath 242 (historic milestone)	<i>b, h, t</i>
7	Memorial stand (clump) of beech trees in field west of Stein Road	Local landmark in the landscape and wildlife value; a planted commemorative stand	<i>b, h, r</i>
8	Peter Pond and land east of county boundary and Brook Meadow (LNR in Hampshire)	The Peter Pond area (undesigned) complements the adjacent Hampshire LNR. Significant for wildlife, especially water birds, which can be observed from footpaths 245/242. Part of western wildlife corridor	<i>b, h, r, t, w</i>

No.	Location	Description	Criteria
9	Land on NW corner of Stein Road and Hartland Court	Mature Holm Oak in recently cleared area awaiting natural planting with climbers on walls	<i>b, t</i>
10	Garsons Road allotments between 48 and 50	Three allotment holders	<i>b, r</i>
11	Flanders Close allotments	Three barren plots could be 10 raised beds – offer to residents first – and/or could be community garden/orchard/school garden	<i>b, r</i>
12	Manor Way allotments between 47 and 49	Three allotments, only two in use	<i>b, r</i>
13	Smallcutts Avenue allotments between 25 and 27 and 40 and 42	One lot actively used, the other now grassed over	<i>b, r</i>
14	Slipper Mill Pond	Slipper Mill Pond is an important attractive local water/landscape feature	<i>b, h, r, t, w</i>
15	Field south west of Prinsted Foreshore, south of lane	Provides setting for coastal footpath 202, currently grazing land	<i>b, r, w</i>
16	Field north east of Prinsted Foreshore	Tranquil open space, currently used for grazing horses, viewed from footpaths 202 and 211	<i>b, r, w</i>
17	Field west of western arm of Prinsted Lane	Currently used for horse grazing, originally bequeathed to the children of Prinsted as an area for playing	<i>h, r, t</i>

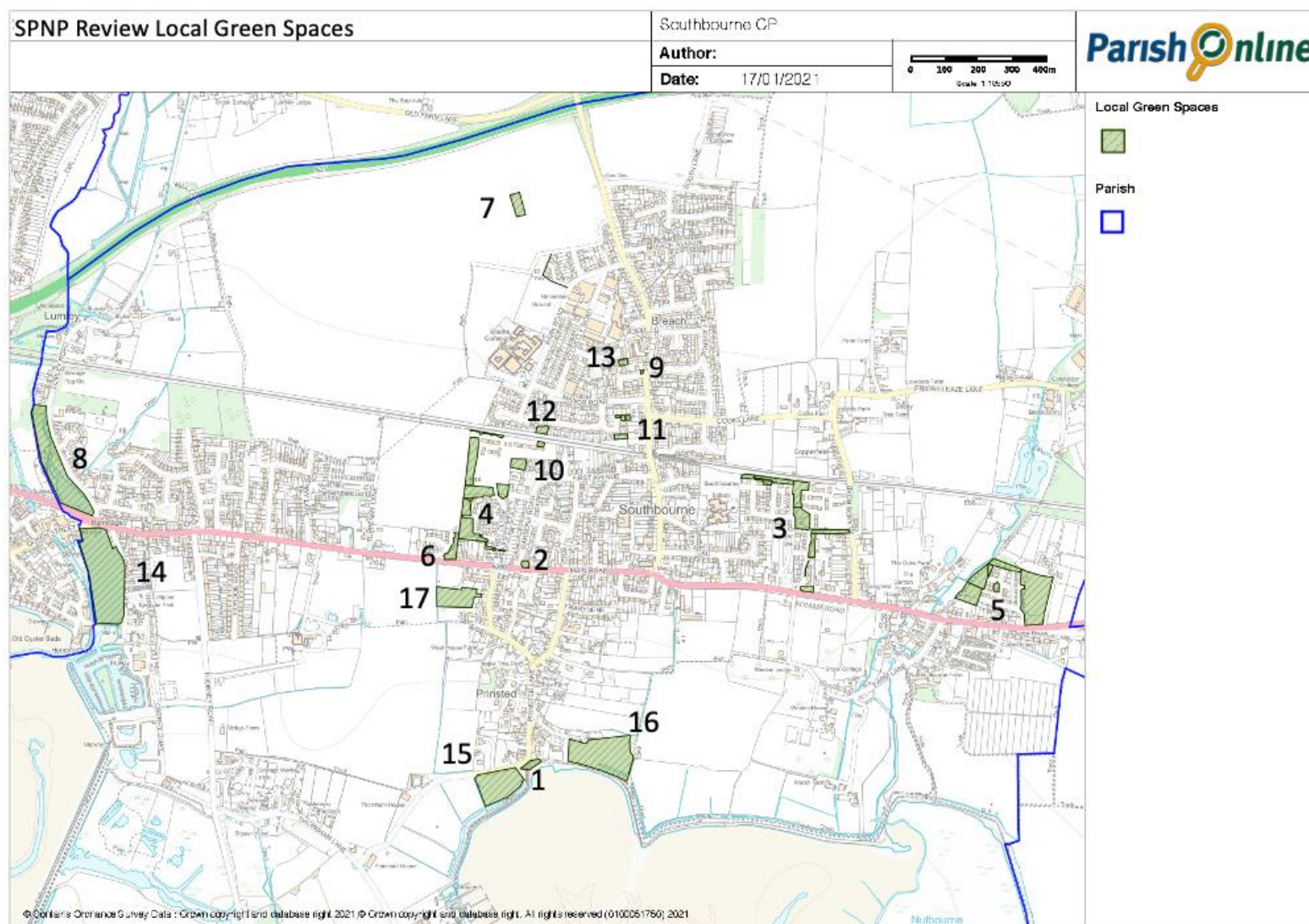


Figure 1: Map showing the proposed Local Green Spaces all of which are in close proximity to the community they serve

Local Green Space 1

NAME: Prinsted Foreshore

Location: At southern end of Prinsted Lane, owned and maintained by Southbourne Parish Council

Area approx. 0.11 hectares

Beauty: Attractive and extensive views south, east and west overlooking the Thorney Channel within Chichester Harbour.

Historic significance: On coastal footpath (PROW 202) at junction with Prinsted Lane. Worked flints and Bronze Age artefacts have been found in the area.

Recreational value: One of the few places alongside the Harbour and within the parish with public seating where people can meet and sit. Has a ramp for disabled access and a short length of the PROW has been surfaced to accommodate wheelchairs. There are four benches, an information board and a small modern sundial. An adjacent informal parking area provides for some 22 vehicles. A public launching ramp to the shore is used by the Sea Scouts (Southbourne Sea Scouts Headquarters is adjacent to the parking area) and is also popular with dinghy sailors, canoeists, paddle boarders and wind surfers. This small area's informal character fits well with its surroundings.

Tranquillity: Well used during good weather but peaceful during evenings and in the winter months.

Richness of wildlife and biodiversity: Excellent for observing seabirds and other wildlife.





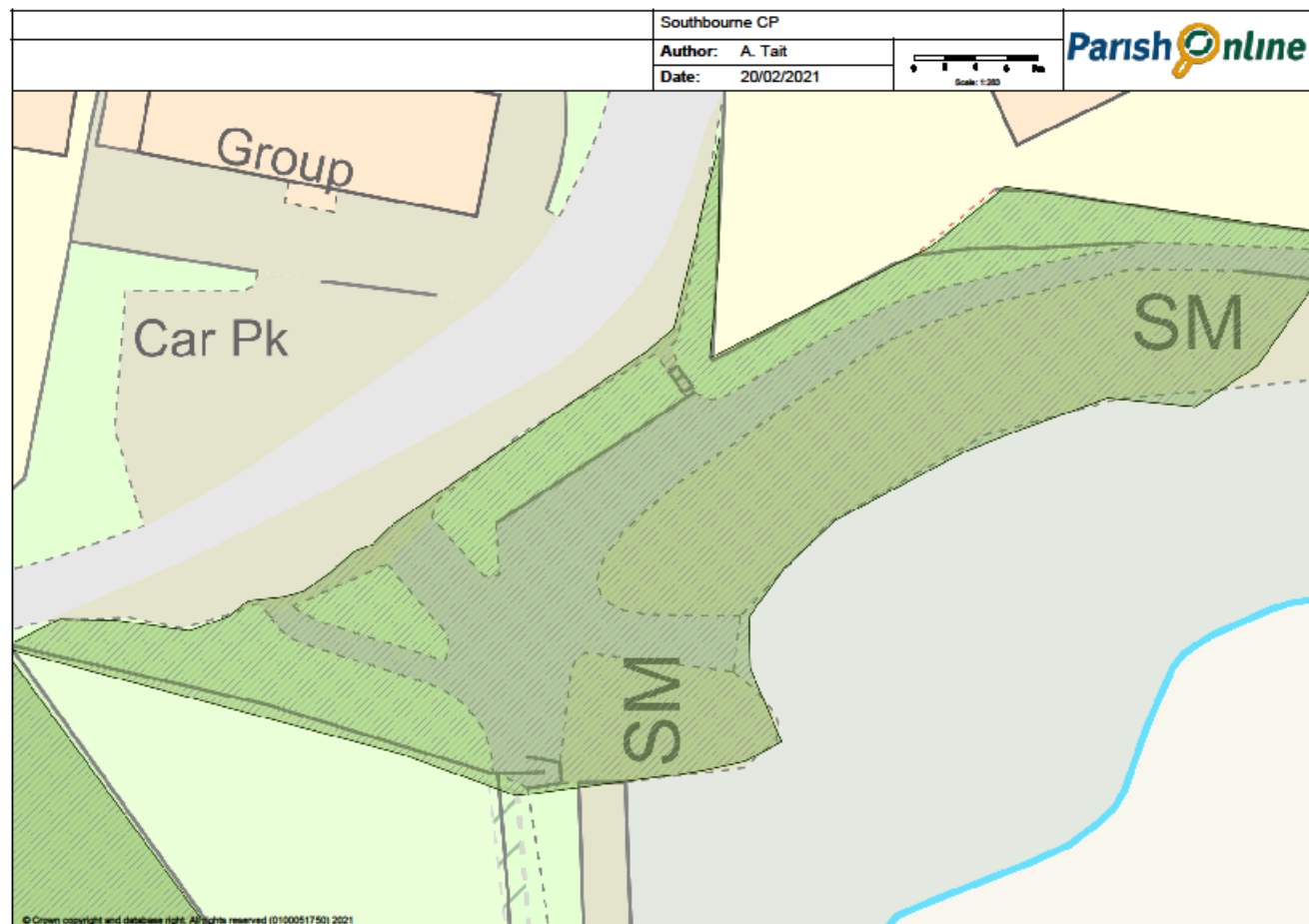


Figure 2: Prinsted Foreshore

Local Green Space 2

NAME: Land on NE corner of A259 and Garsons Road

Location : Grid SU766056

Area approx. 0.04 hectares

Beauty: A mature tree is set in the grass verge, probably *Acer saccharinum* (silver maple), no TPO. Unfortunately last year two other mature silver maples on the site were felled.

Recreational value: Has a bench so suitable as local meeting place and good for dog walkers.

Richness of wildlife and biodiversity: Mown grass verge area with some wild flowers/bulbs and squirrels.



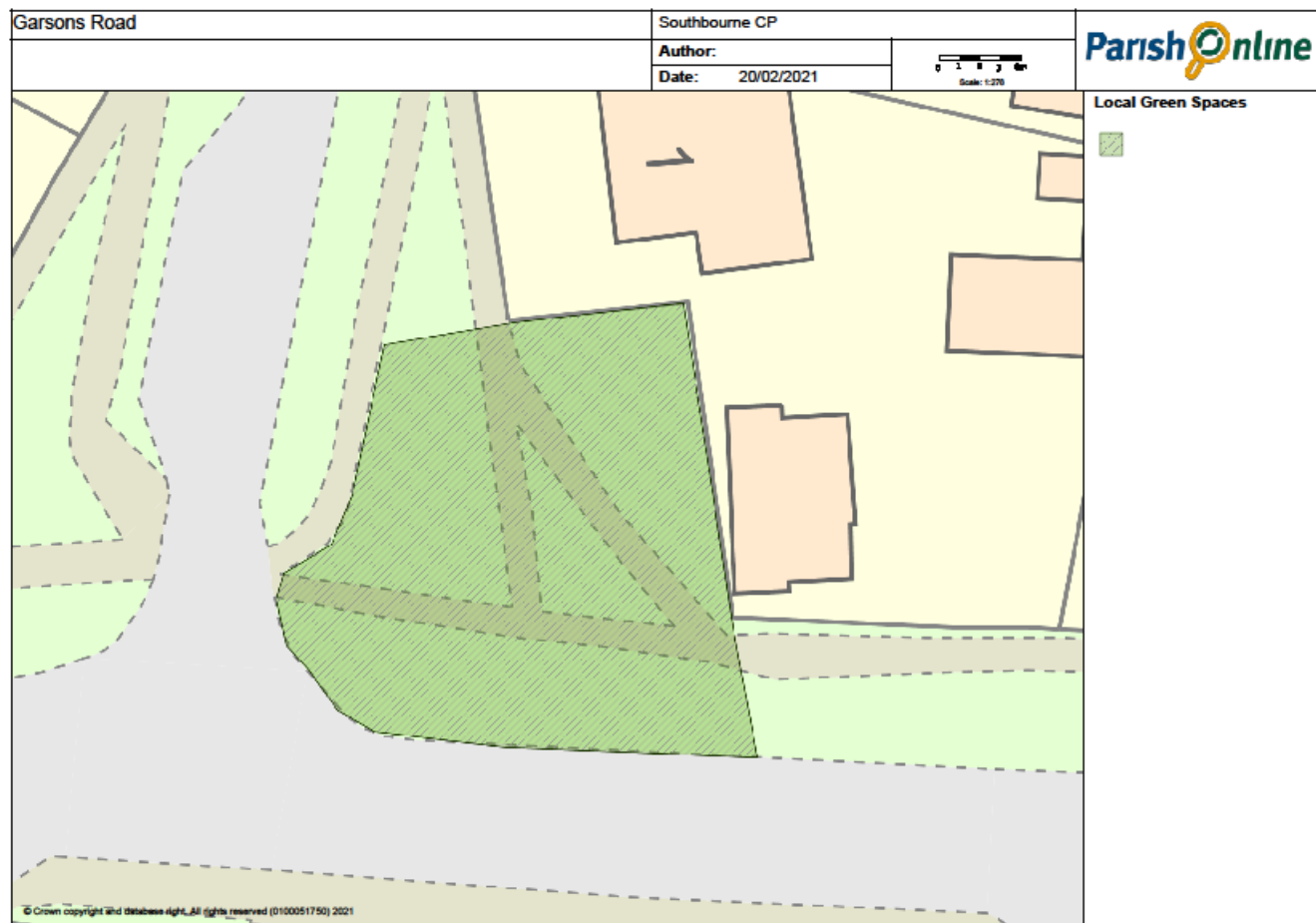


Figure 3: Garsons Road corner

Local Green Space 3

NAME: Open Space, Priors Orchard Development

Location: On north side of A259 between caravan site and Inlands Road

Area approx. 0.85 hectares open green area with 0.04 hectares children's play area

Beauty: Open green area in this new development still under construction.

Recreational value: Part of the Southbourne Green Ring, open space with footpaths (for walkers, joggers and cyclists), children's play area and community orchard for use by the residents and others in the village.

Tranquillity: Tree planting is still ongoing and the trees will provide shade, screening and resting places for residents of the development as well as those using the Green Ring.

Richness of wildlife and biodiversity: Magnificent copper beech tree on the right at the entrance to the development and tree planting is still ongoing.



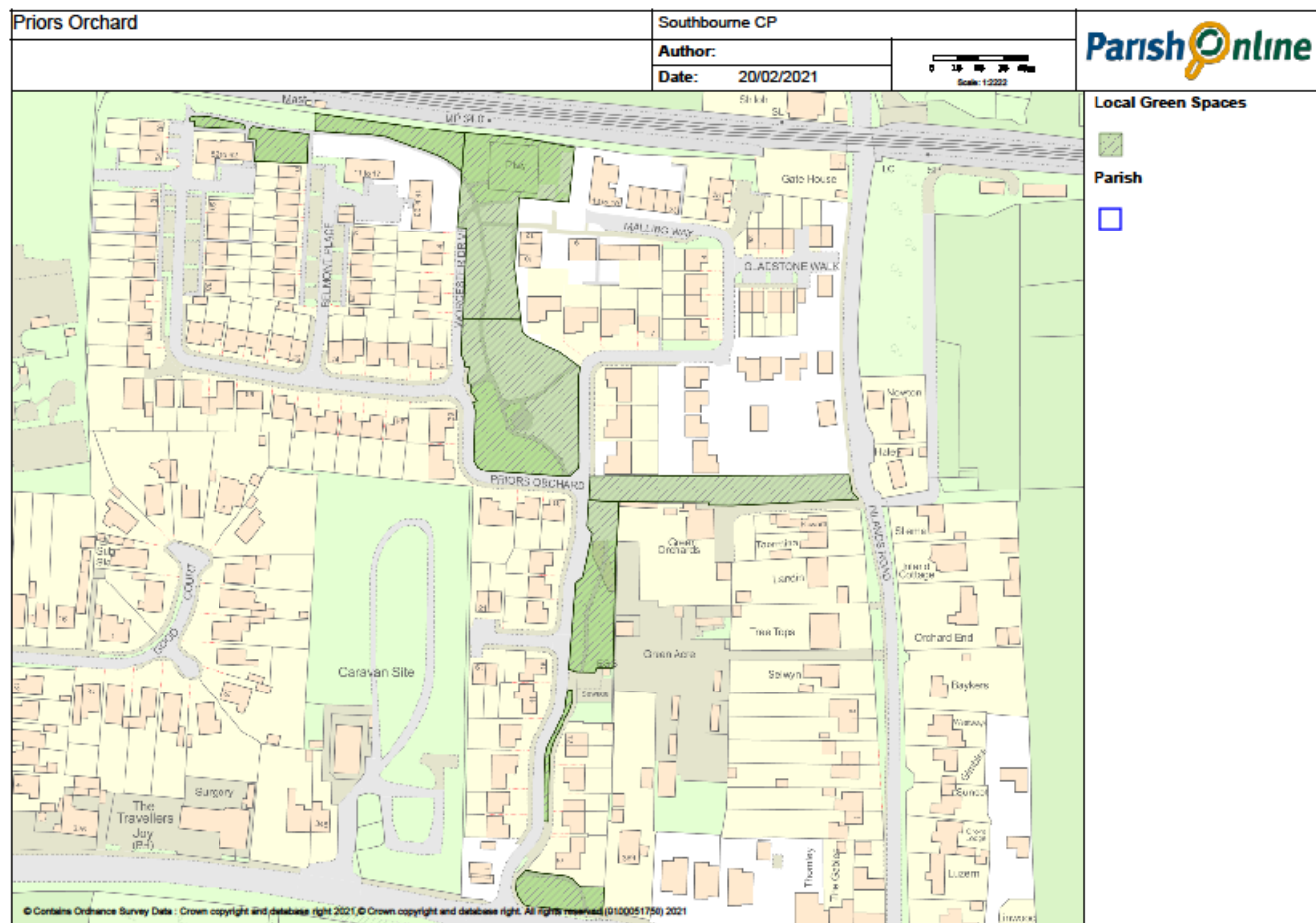


Figure 4: Priors Orchard open space

Local Green Space 4

NAME: Southbourne Fields Development

Location: North of A259 with access through Alfrey Close, PO10 8ET

Area approx. 1.06 hectares

Beauty: This development has been built with open space through the centre and to the west of the buildings. There are trees planted with walkways, allotment space and a children's play area.

Recreational value: Open area with footpaths, 14 allotments, ecology area and children's play area including swings, seesaw and climbing frame for use by the new residents as well as members of the wider community. Part of the Southbourne Parish Green Ring.

Tranquillity: The layout provides shaded areas and walkways to sit and enjoy, an ecology area to develop and learn and allotments for use by the community.

Richness of wildlife and biodiversity: New development.



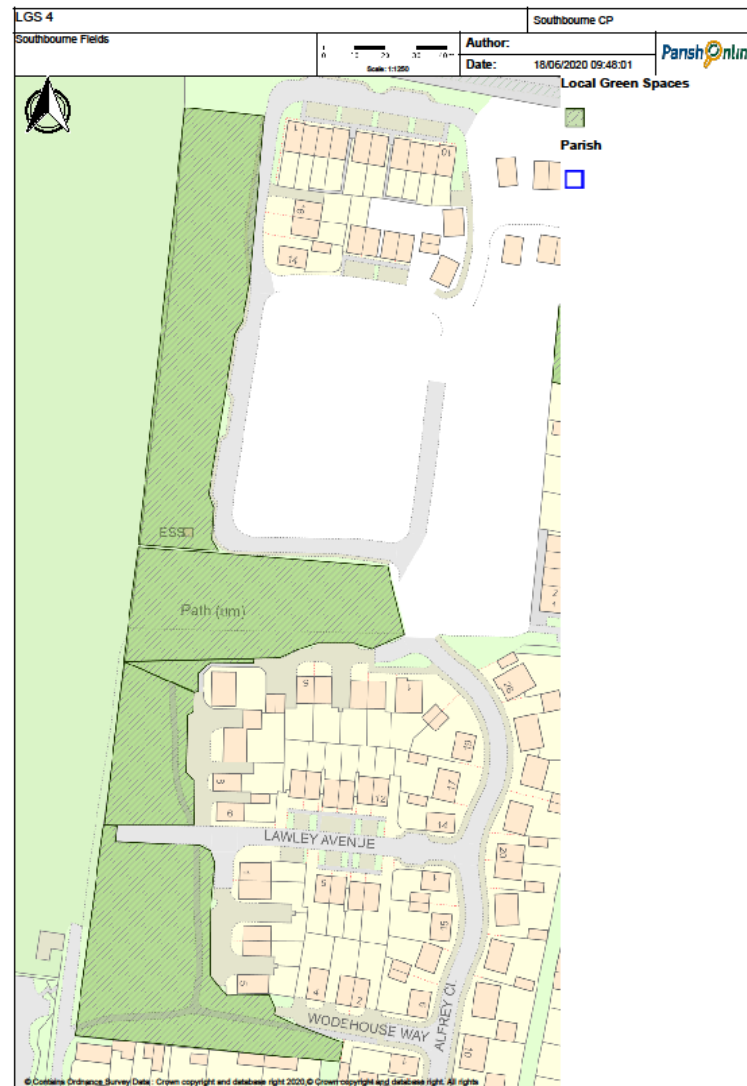


Figure 5: Southbourne Fields open space

Local Green Space 5

NAME: Meadow View Development

Location: North of A259 at Nutbourne West

Area approx. 1.96 hectares

Beauty: Situated adjacent to the Ham Brook and wrapped around a new housing development.

Recreational value: This is the only open meadow area with footpaths and children's play area in the Nutbourne area. Allotment area proposed where there is currently developers' temporary parking.

Richness of wildlife and biodiversity: The Ham Brook which borders the site is a locally known wildlife area rich in biodiversity.



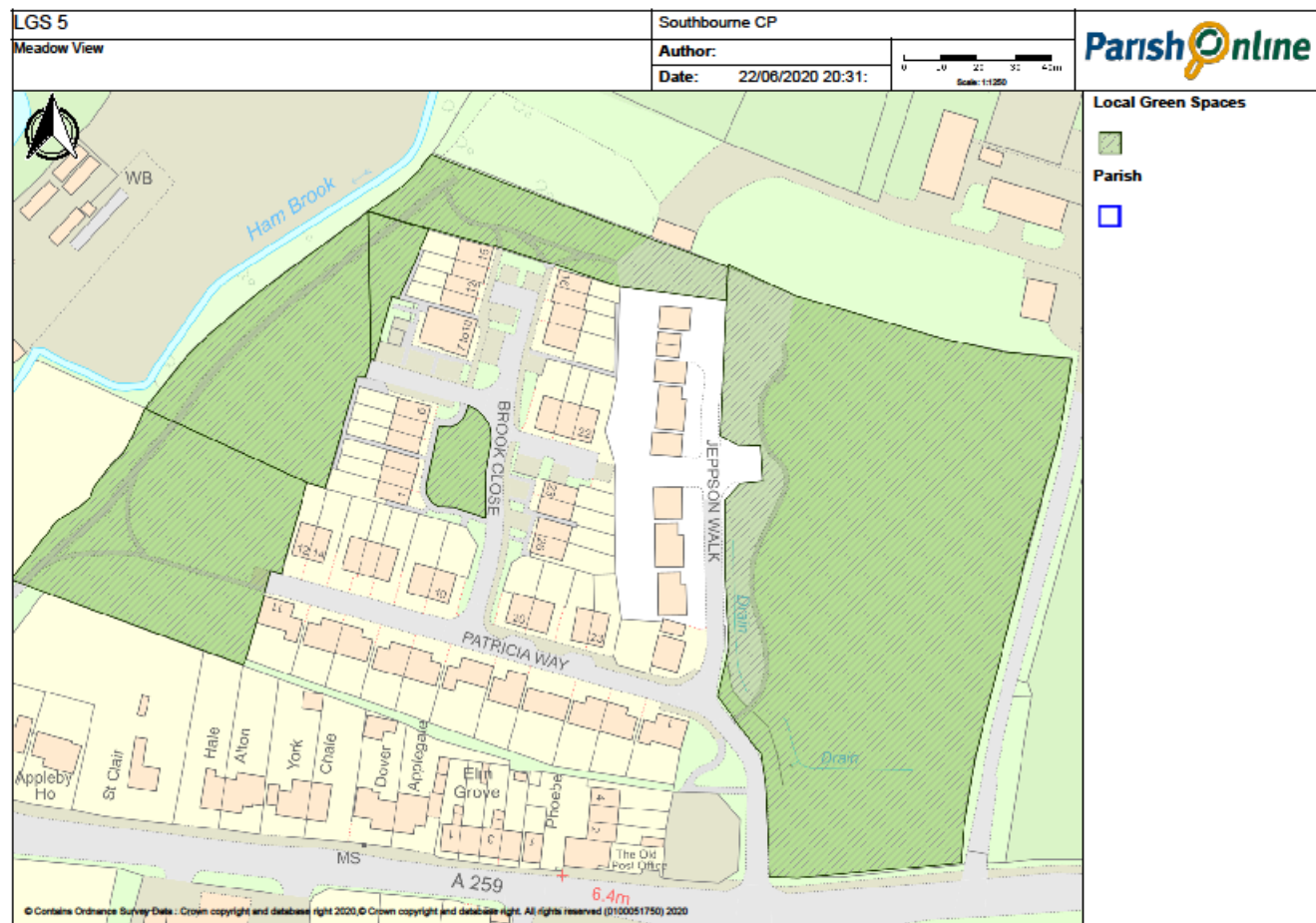


Figure 6: Meadow View open space

Local Green Space 6

NAME: Parham Place Development

Location: North of A259 between Alfrey Close and Tuppenny Lane

Area approx. 0.16 hectares

Beauty: Open green area on new residential development with striking arch sculpture to mark the start of the Green Ring.

Historic significance: Renovated milestone marking distances located here at start of PROW 242.

Recreational value: Open space with seating for use of local residents.

Tranquillity: Western start of the Green Ring around the Parish of Southbourne.





Figure 7: Parham Place open space

Local Green Space 7

NAME: Memorial Stand

Location: west of Stein Road. Grid SU766067

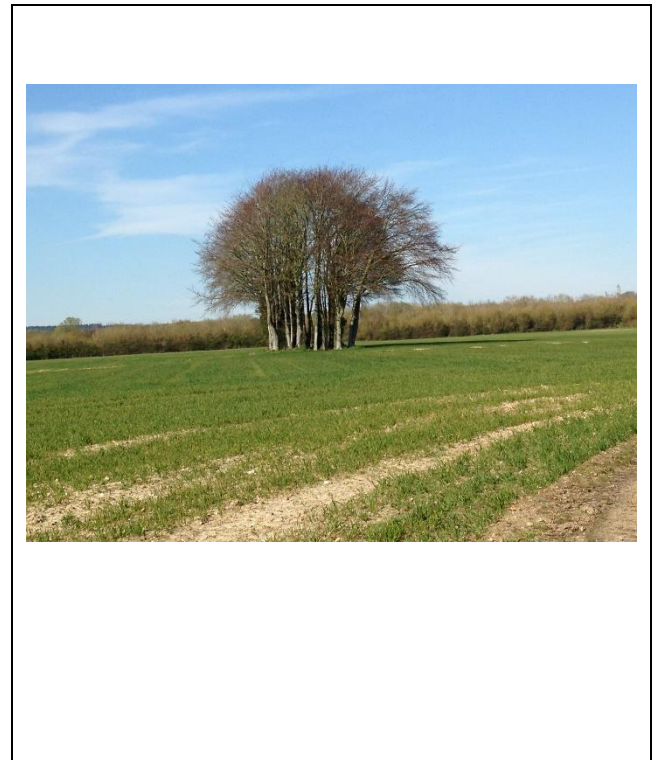
Area approx. 0.33 hectares

Beauty: A clump/stand of thirty three beech trees set in the middle of arable farmland field.

Historic significance: Believed to have been planted as a memorial to the casualties from WW1 (American) and may date from 1923 (when memorial in the church was erected following donations from local villagers). All the trees are covered by TPOs.

Recreational value: Prominent landmark as viewed across the fields by walkers on Footpath 243-1. Used occasionally by the farmer as a base to lure and shoot pigeons.

Tranquillity: 250m from A27 and Stein Road so there is some road noise.



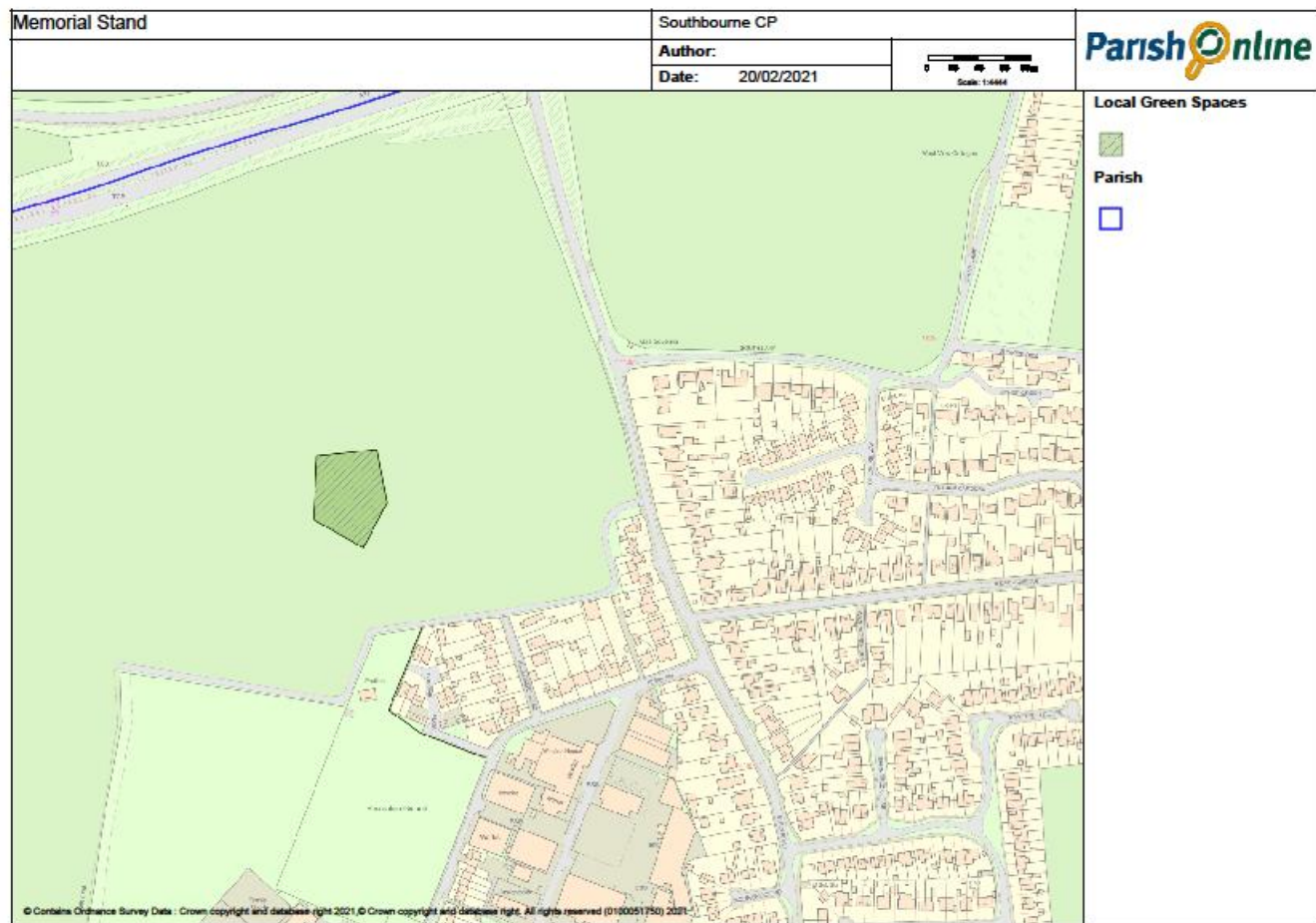


Figure 8: Memorial Stand

Local Green Space 8

NAME: Peter Pond and Brook Meadow east of County Boundary

Location: At the western edge of Southbourne Parish, north of A259, north as far as Cottages on Lumley Stream

Area approx. 1.8 hectares

Beauty: The privately owned/managed tidal pool is surrounded with reed beds but can be observed from Lumley Road to the east and Footpath 245-2 to the west. There is a lightly wooded area to the north of the pool with a mature oak and ash trees leading up to the eastern access to Brook Meadow (Local Nature Reserve) which is included in the Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan.

Historic significance: Lumley Stream was the overflow from the River Ems at Lumley Mill and enters the north edge of the pool.

Recreational value: There is no direct access to Peter Pond for the public but from the adjacent roads/footpaths it is possible for walkers and dog walkers to observe the wildlife; the pool is used for educational purposes.

Tranquillity: A calm oasis adjacent to a main road and residential areas.

Richness of wildlife and biodiversity: There are several species of wildfowl, including swans using the nesting raft, water voles, mink, frogs/toads and slow worms. There are brown trout and dabs in the Lumley Stream and the whole area is rich in flora (orchids recently discovered) and fauna. The space forms part of the western wildlife corridor.



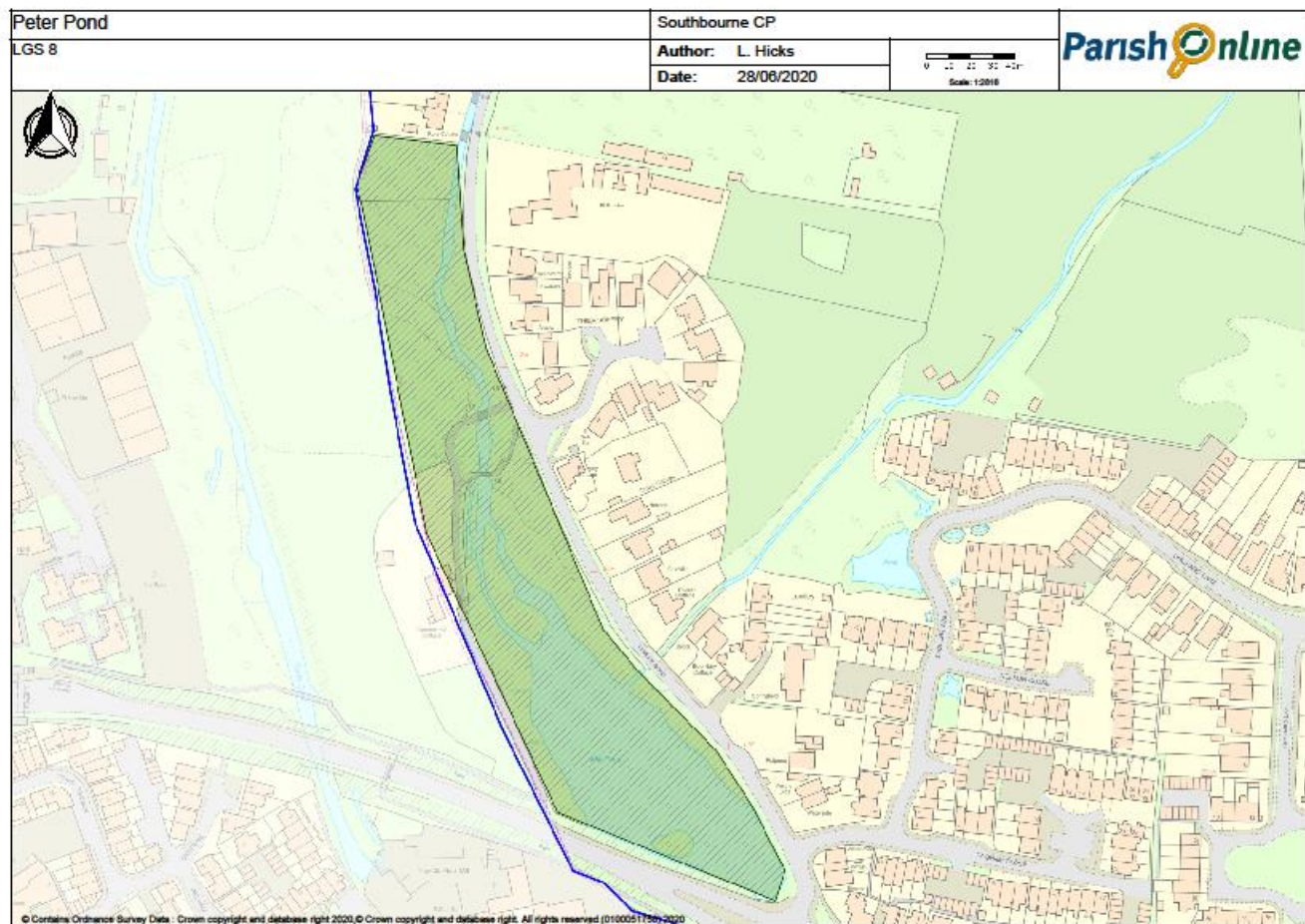


Figure 9: Peter Pond

Local Green Space 9

NAME: Holm Oak site (Stein Road)

Location: On north west corner of Stein Road and Hartland Court

Area approx: 0.01 ha

Beauty: Green space adjacent to spine road in residential setting, site of Holm Oak (TPOd) and bay tree, walled on two sides, recently cleared of scrub and litter (needs further clearing work).

Recreational value: Natural planting planned, site for bench?

Tranquillity: A small oasis in a busy suburban environment



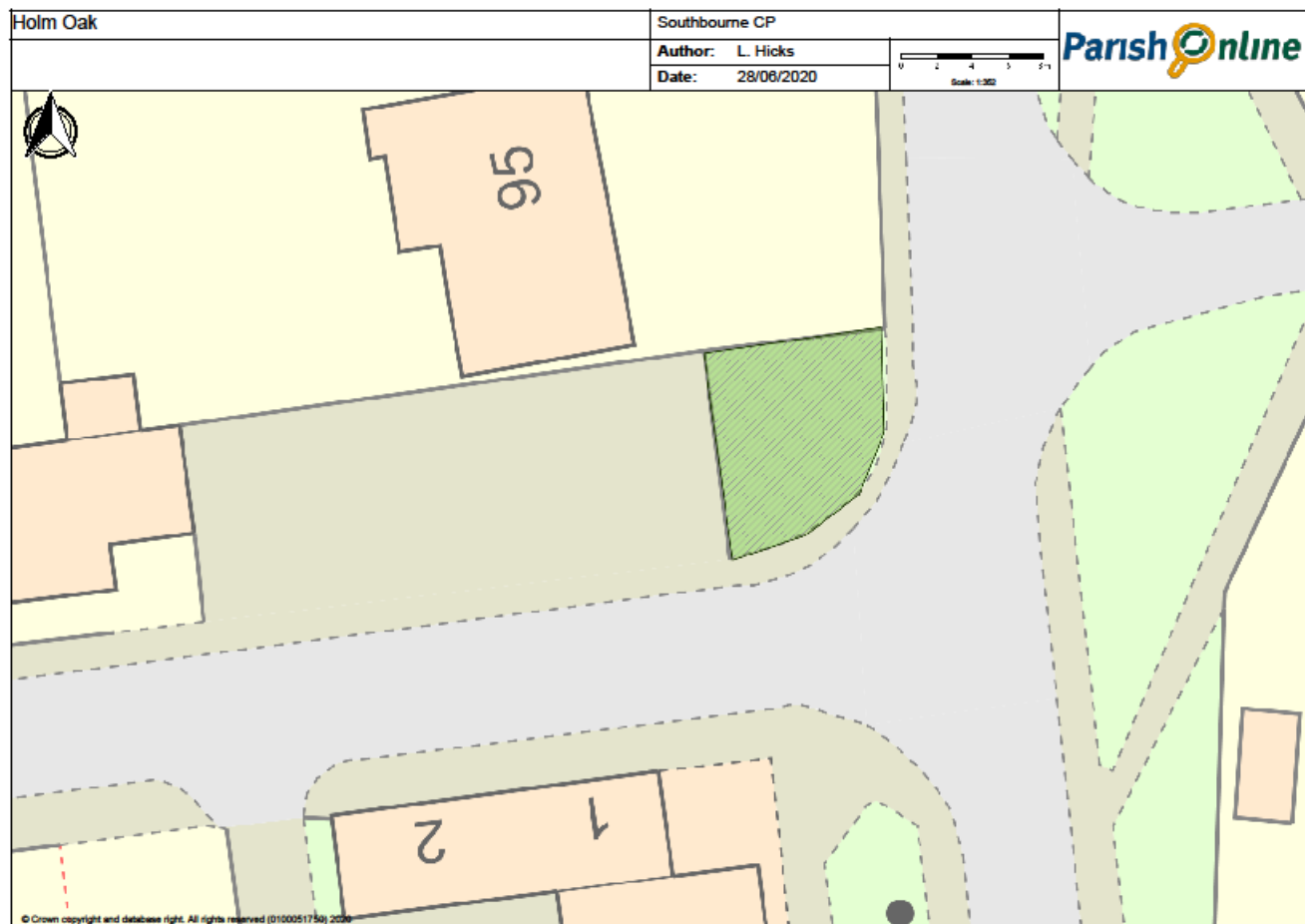


Figure 10: Holm Oak site

Local Green Spaces 10 - 13

NAME: Southbourne allotments – various locations

Location: 10. Garsons Road between 48 and 50

11. North side of Flanders Close

12. Manor Way between 47 and 49

13. Smallcutts Avenue between 25 and 27 (grassed over area between 40 and 42)

Area approx. total just over 0.34 hectares

Beauty: Open green spaces within residential areas.

Recreational value: Provide horticultural opportunities for local residents.







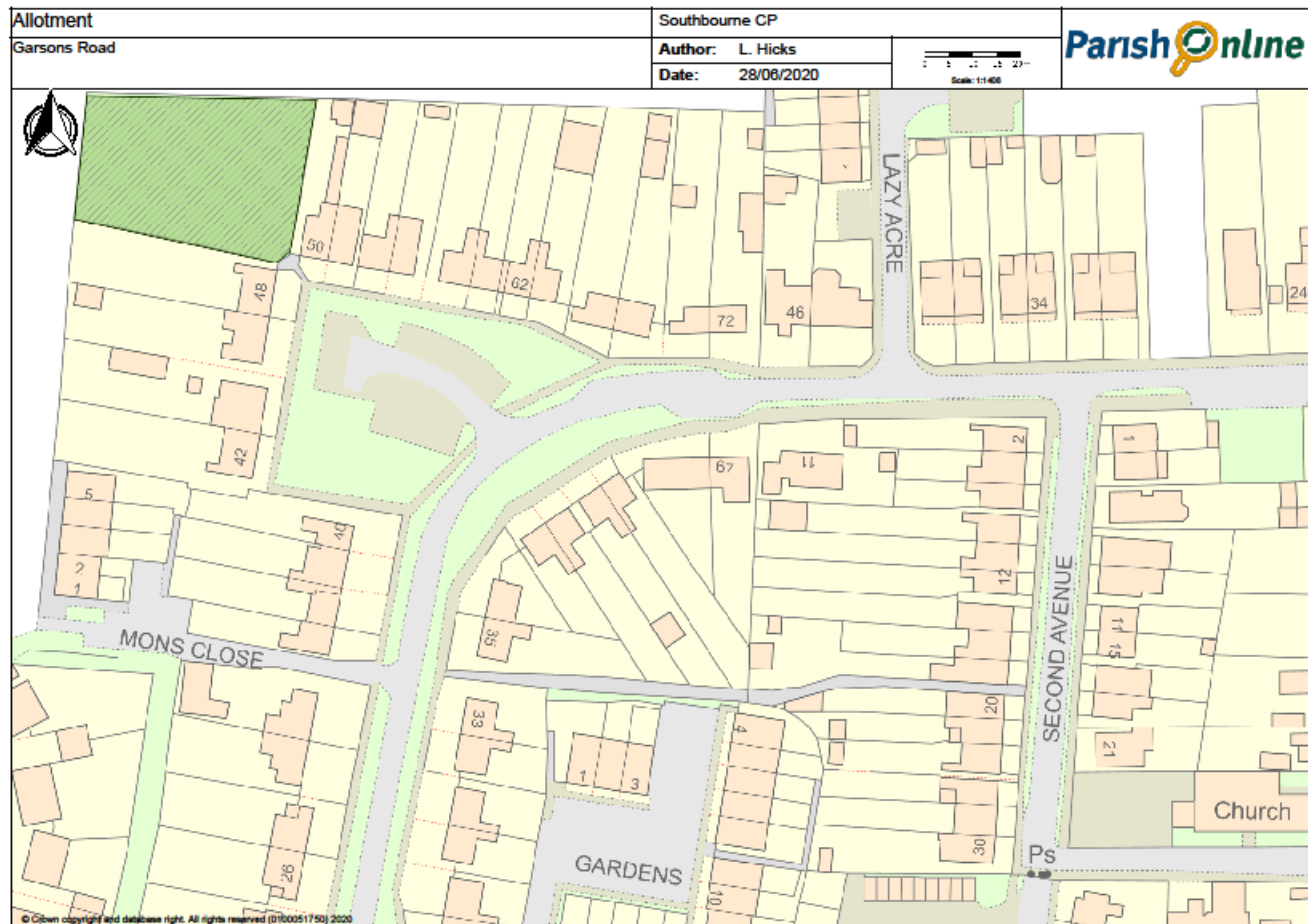


Figure 11: Allotment Garsons Road

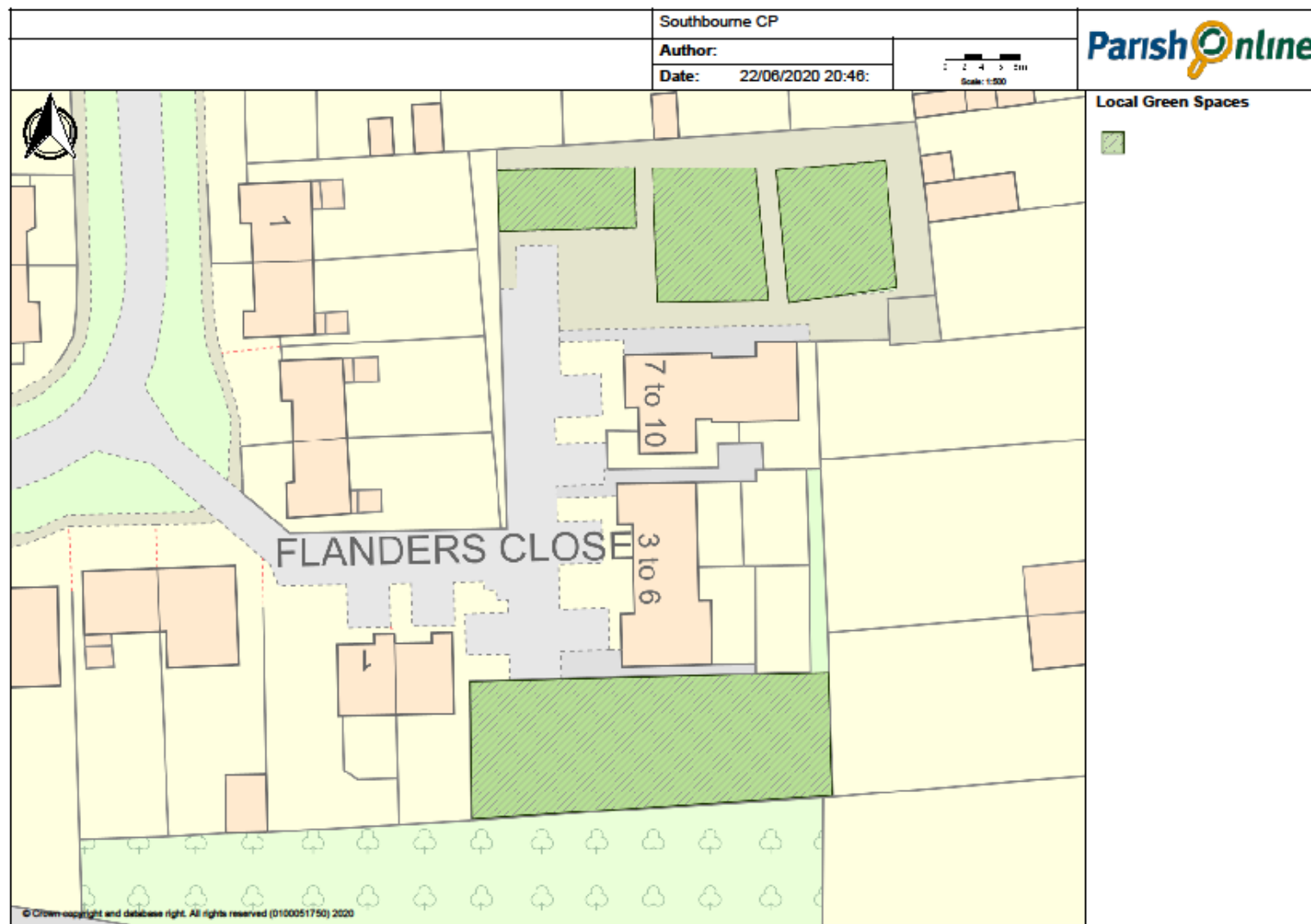


Figure 12: Allotment Flanders Close

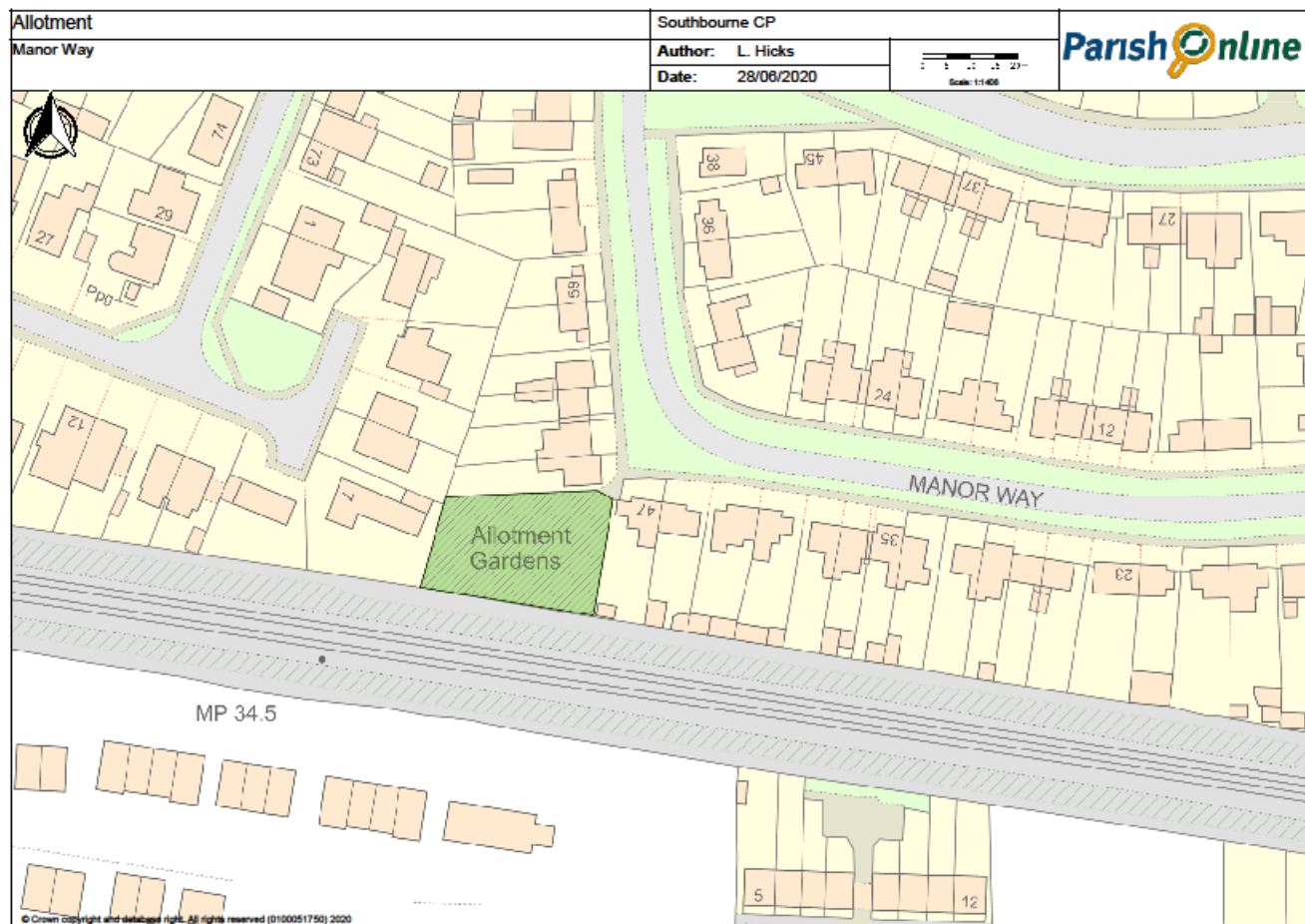


Figure 13: Allotment Manor Way

Local Green Space 14

NAME: Slipper Mill Pond

Location at the western edge of Southbourne Parish south of A259, pavements run adjacent to the north and east and Footpaths 203 and 202-2 on the southern edges of the pond leading to the Emsworth Yacht Harbour and on to the coastal Footpath 202-3 around Thorney Island. Area approx. 2.8 hectares

Beauty: Southern gateway to Southbourne viewed from Emsworth Yacht Harbour (Footpath 202-2) or looking south towards Thorney Island. The pond is a saline lagoon and the area forms part of the western wildlife corridor.

Historic significance: Slipper Mill Pond was formerly the mill pond. The first Slipper Mill was built in the 1760's and by the mid-nineteenth century, the tide-driven Slipper Mill was part of a complex of four working mills.

Recreational value: The narrow lane to the east of the Pond provides walkers access to Emsworth Yacht Harbour for sailing/yachting and leads to the coastal path down to Thorney Island.

Tranquillity: There are views south towards Chichester Harbour or north looking over the Mill Pond.

Richness of wildlife and biodiversity: There are reed beds surrounding the pond adjacent to the footpath making it an ideal place for observing wildlife. There are three nesting rafts on the pond and many wildfowl varieties.



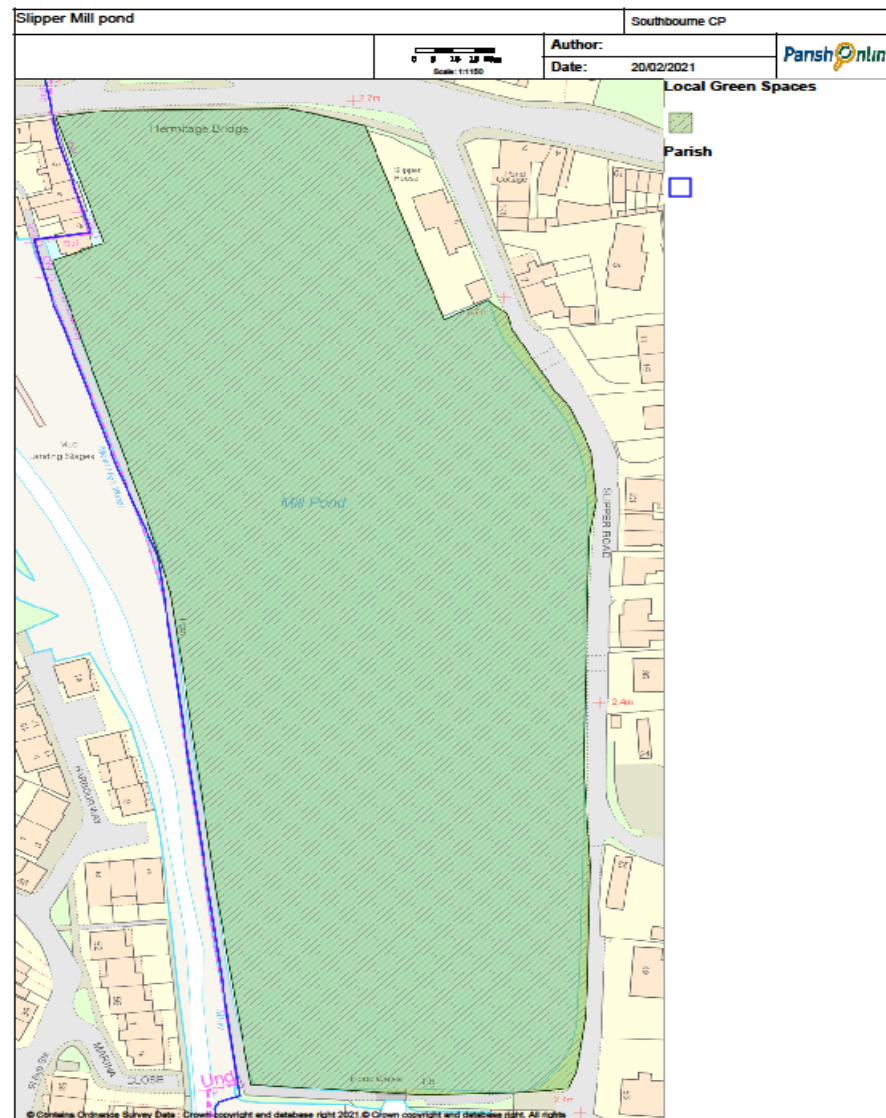


Figure 15: Slipper Mill Pond

Local Green Space 15

NAME: Field South West of Prinsted Lane, PO10 8HS, west of Prinsted Foreshore

Grid : *SU765050*

Area approx. 1.04 hectares

Beauty: A prominent and important field linking Prinsted village to the harbour shore. Borders the coastal Footpath 202 to the South with views over Prinsted village and Chichester Harbour. Provides part of the setting for Local Green Space 1 (Prinsted Foreshore). Adjacent to open field to the West. Bordering the Chichester and Langstone Harbour SPA

Recreational value: Footpath 202 is well used by walkers and dog walkers. This field marks the entry to the Prinsted foreshore

Tranquillity: Quiet as the lane usually has very little traffic although it is on the coastal cycle route

Richness of wildlife and biodiversity: Currently used for grazing horses. Occasional sighting of (roe) deer. Grass but very boggy. Feeding area for wild birds such as Solent waders and Brent geese



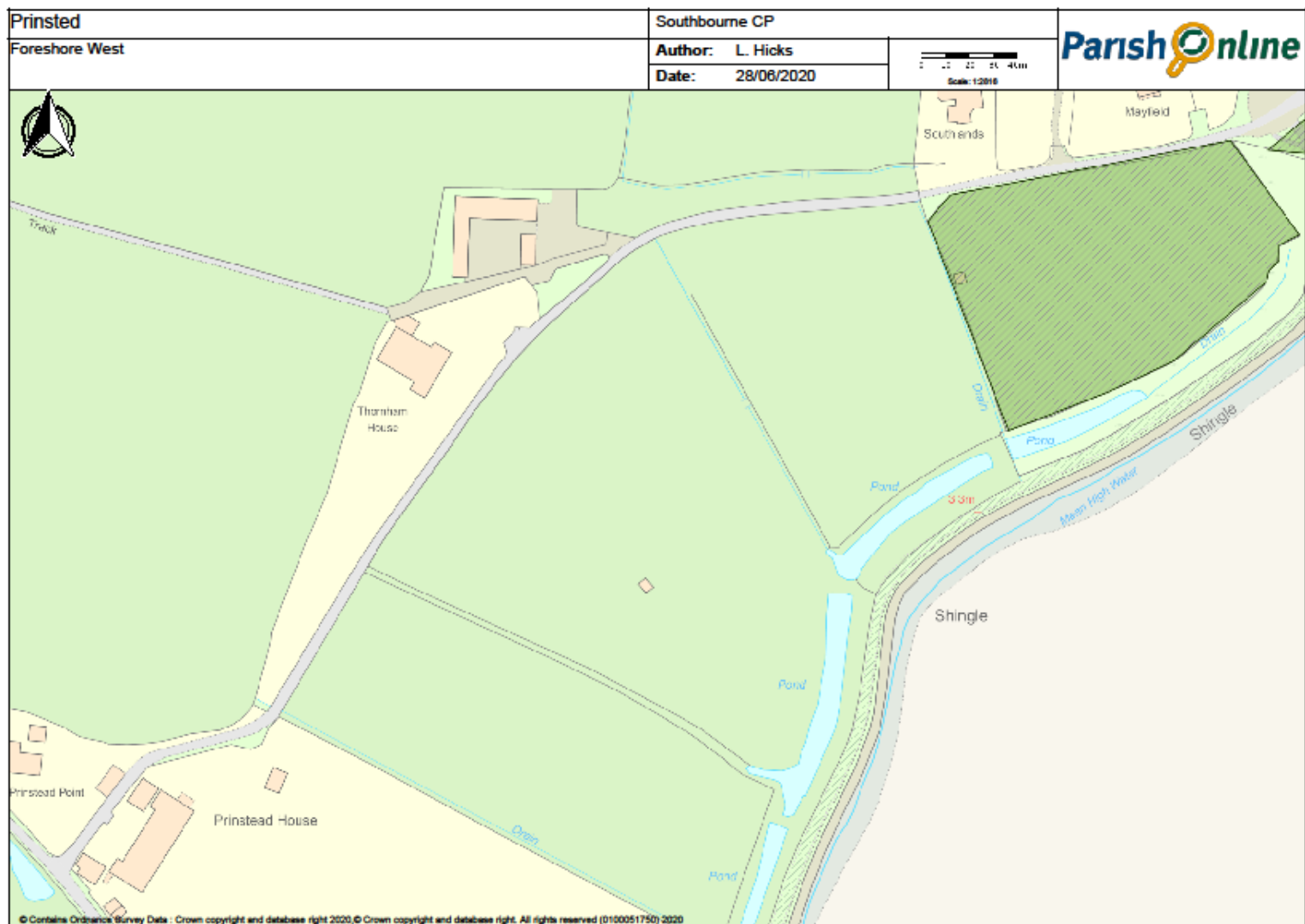


Figure 16: Prinsted field south west of Foreshore

Local Green Space 16

NAME: Field NE of Prinsted Foreshore

Location

Grid SU767050

Area approx. 1.75 hectares

Beauty: A prominent and important field linking Prinsted village to the Harbour Shore. Viewed from the coastal footpath 202 and footpath 212-1 to the east. Also provides part of the setting for Local Green Space 1, the Prinsted Foreshore. A group of outbuildings and barns are set against the background of substantial trees on the northern boundary.

Recreational value: Footpath 202 is well used by walkers and dog walkers. This is where footpath 212-1 emerges from the countryside to a panoramic view of the Harbour Shore.

Tranquillity: Overlooked by the coastal path.

Richness of wildlife and biodiversity: Rough grazing land, marshy in places. The ponded area and field provide useful habitat.



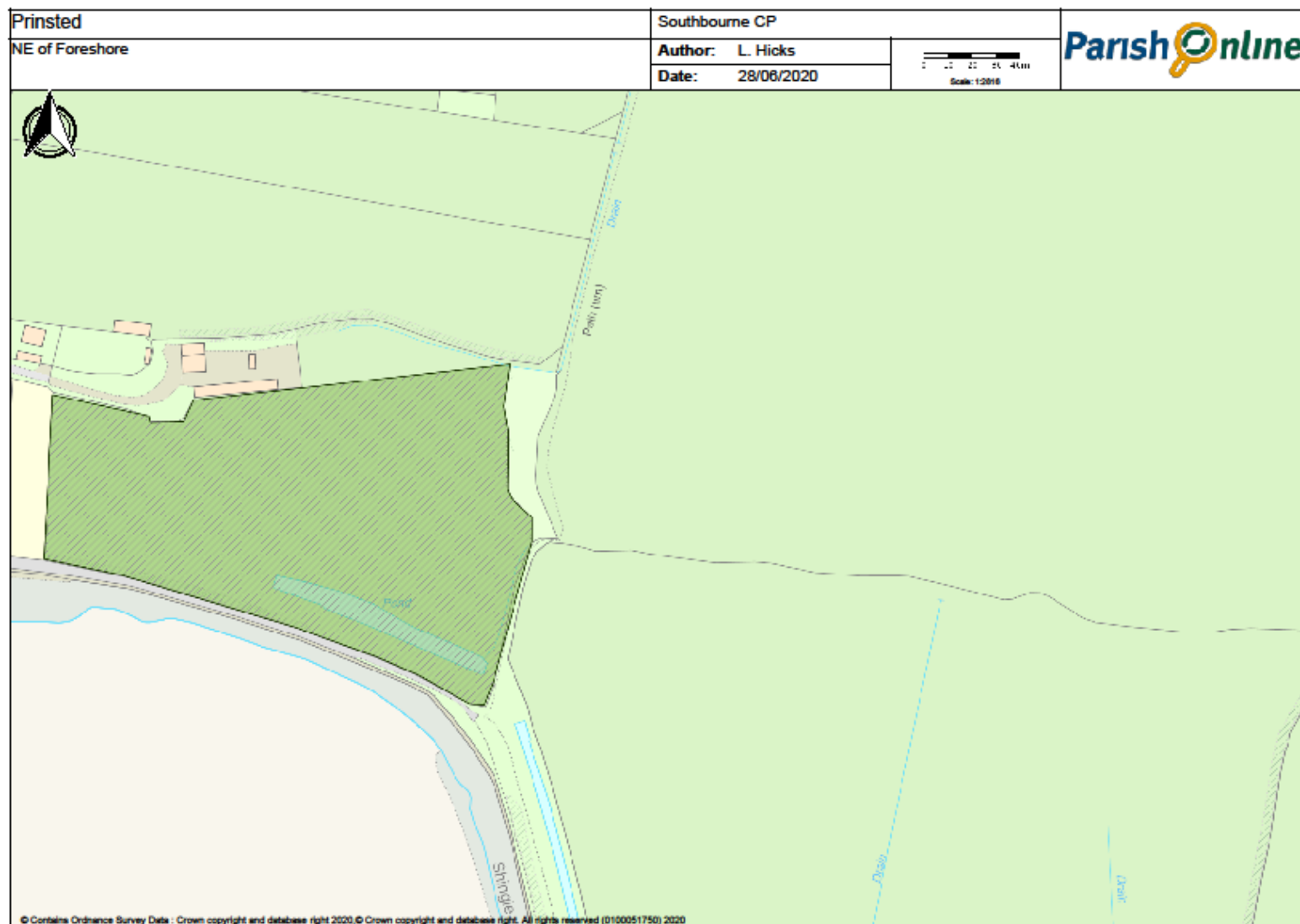


Figure 17: Prinsted field NE of Foreshore

Local Green Space 17

NAME: Field west of Prinsted

Location: West off West Prinsted Lane

Area approx. 0.66 hectares

Beauty:

Historic significance: Understood to have been bequeathed for use by the children of Prinsted by a Mrs Walsh; used as Southbourne football field in the 1940s.

Recreational value: Currently rented out to horse owners.

Tranquillity: Tucked away from roads and traffic.

Richness of wildlife and biodiversity: Open green space surrounded by hedgerows and mature trees.



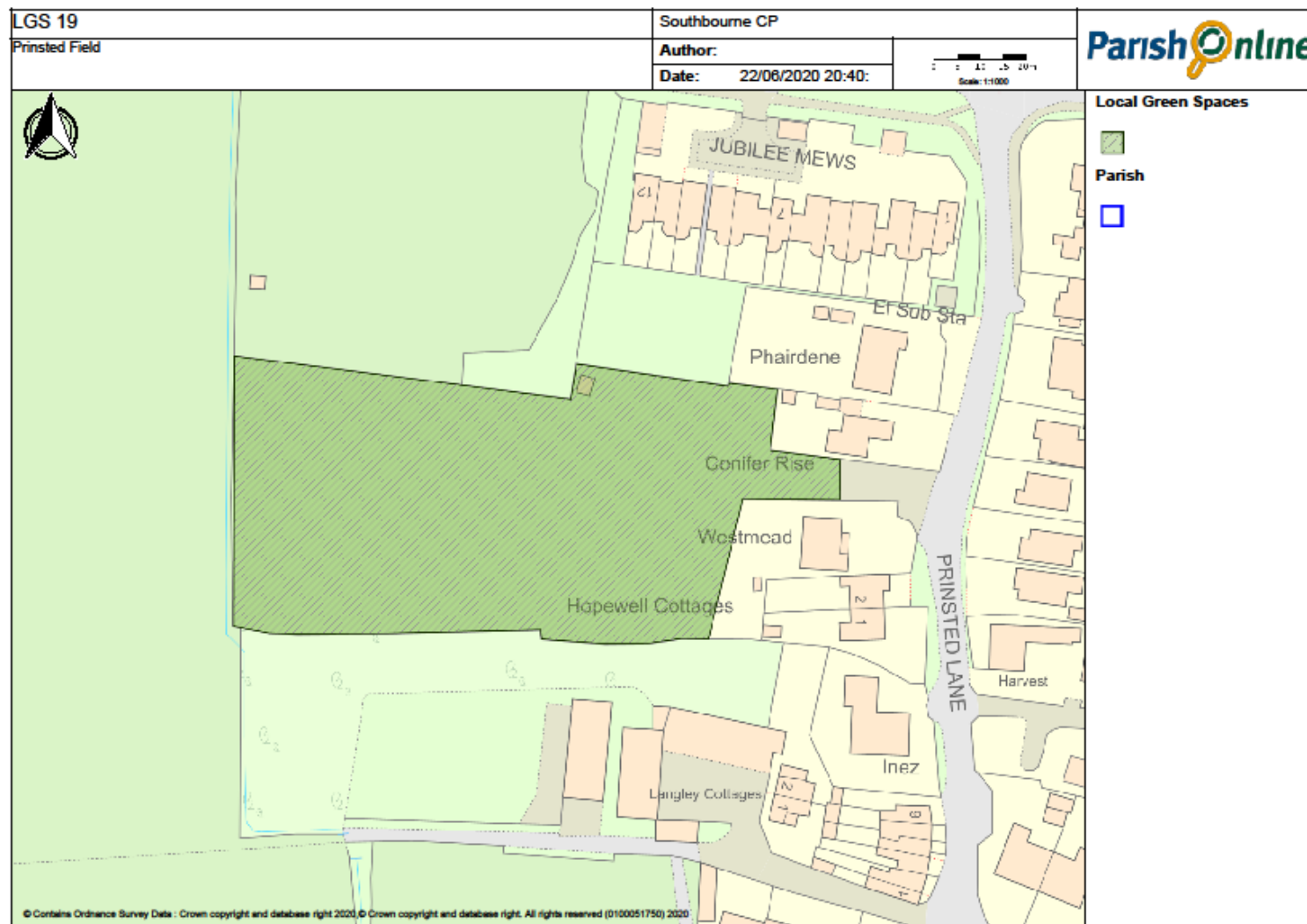


Figure 18: Field west off Prinsted Lane