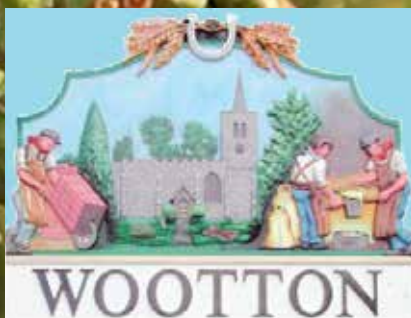




# THE WOOTTON ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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## History of Wootton

Wootton or Wotton, comes from the Olde English pre-7th Century words "wudu", wood and "tun", enclosure or settlement. Later in history, Wootton came to mean "settlement by a wood". Our Wootton (Bedfordshire) was recorded as "Otone" in the Domesday Book in 1086 and "Wutton" in 1197 in the Feet of Fines. Wootton has been a popular place name throughout English history. In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century there are at least 18 Woottons in England and one in Australia, a few hours drive north of Sydney.

Wootton has had a long association with brickmaking with references in the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the bricks made in the tithe kiln at Wood End. In both the early and late part of the 18<sup>th</sup> century church bells were made here for several churches in Bedfordshire and adjoining counties. The early part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century saw the opening and licensing of "The Black Horse" PH (public house), shortly followed by "The Fox and Duck" PH and the "Rose and Crown" PH, which we now know as "The Legstraps" PH. The Cock Inn PH is older however, and was described in 1764 as an alehouse and blacksmith's forge. The Chequers PH is believed to be a 17<sup>th</sup> century building. Around the same time, the Baptist Church was built at a cost of £400. The latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century saw the opening of Wootton's first school and the Methodist Church. For sports fans, towards the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century we find our first reference to a cricket match against Kempston, which we must have won! A few years later in 1890, Wootton Blue Cross Football club was formed.

Going back to the Domesday Book, Wootton was listed as having 26 residents (20 villagers and six slaves) across ten hides. By 1901, the population had risen to 1,252. The population remained steady throughout the first half of the 20th century. However, by 1971, the population had climbed to 2,386, rising to 4,230 in 2001. According to the 2011 census, the area covered by Wootton civil parish had 4,156 residents living in 1,654 households. With the latest expansion, Sherwood Close, Berryfields and Little Wootton we are now probably close to a population of 6,000.

### The Parish Council (staff and volunteers)

Wootton Parish Council was founded in 1894 and as the first tier of local government, is the closest to the people it represents. The council consists of 15 voluntary councillors who serve for a period of up to four years before standing for re-election.

The parish council employs one full time and three part-time members of staff.

|                      |                                                                    |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sue Edgar Playford   | (Full time) - Clerk to the Council & Responsible Financial Officer |
| Charlotte Mihailiuc  | (Part time) - Recreation Ground caretaker                          |
| Alison Reed-Thomsett | (Part time) - Allotments Officer                                   |
| Lorna Cochrane       | (Part time) - Litter picker                                        |

#### Contacting the Parish Council

Please use one of the methods below to contact the parish council. You can also contact the councillors directly (see page 3) or attend one of our meetings. Don't worry, you don't have to stay for the whole meeting if you don't wish to. Members of public can usually speak on any matter relevant to the wellbeing of the parish at the beginning of the meeting.

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## Clerk's Report



This is Wootton Parish Council's fourth annual report and once again, as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for the parish council I am pleased to include my words. In the first annual report we included a History of Wootton, which we are including again this year for those new residents who may have only recently moved to the village.

We currently have two parish councillor vacancies – if you would like to know more about these voluntary positions, then do please get in touch. I would again like to thank our recreation ground caretaker (Charlotte) and village litter picker (Lorna) for their efforts in keeping our village tidy. Litter is a never ending plague however, so if

anyone reading this report would like to volunteer their services to help keep the village tidy, Bedford Borough Council run a Community Champion Scheme to support residents. Signing up to this scheme ensures volunteers receive guidance and the appropriate PPE, plus equipment and it can be done via this link: [www.bedford.gov.uk/volunteering](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/volunteering). I must also again thank Alison for her efforts in the continued smooth running of the allotments at Hall End.

This report again provides a window on who does what within the parish council and what council responsibilities are. Separate sections cover both ongoing/future projects as well as financial information. That financial information shows how our finances are managed, including the precept (budget) we receive as part of the council tax. It also shows the income generated from services we provide including allotments, sports facilities hire and the cemetery at Lorraine Road. We have again included information on how full council runs and our committees/steering groups and we have also included an update on our emerging Neighbourhood Plan. An electronic copy of this annual report will again be available via our website: <https://wootton-pc.gov.uk/>

## Bedford Borough Ward Councillor's Report



Cllr. John Wheeler

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Since my last report in the Annual Report, we have certainly had a very strange time in relation to the pandemic. Wootton, along with the world was turned upside down with the need to stay at home, schools closing (both Wootton schools stayed open for vulnerable and key worker family students), shops closing and wearing of masks. With respect to my role at Bedford Borough Council, it would seem many meetings will once again be face to face (Full Council meetings already are), and I have enjoyed being able to once again return to the offices to represent you in person.

With the ongoing Covid-19 and flu vaccination programmes things are looking

better, however Covid-19 has not gone away and we must still be careful. I would like to thank those who helped me and others look after the vulnerable over this period, with food parcels and other help. In fact, the Wootton Charities are still helping some families with weekly food parcels and help will also be given over the Christmas period. A big thank you must also go out to the Wootton churches, schools, clubs and individuals who also helped out over this time.

As the two major developments in Wootton are now coming to an end, we are starting to see structural improvements around the village, which is being financed by developer contributions. Church Road, Bedford Road and Cause End Road have mostly been re-surfaced, pavements along Tithe Barn Road have been resurfaced and Keeley Lane and Payne Road pavements are due to be resurfaced before the end of this financial year. The borough council is also improving street lighting at a number of locations.

Resurfacing works within Berryfields have started, along with school crossing and other road safety measures adjacent to the lower school. The new pedestrian crossing on Fields Road adjacent to the Healthy Living Centre has been delayed, but after pressure from myself and the parish council its installation is now back on track. We are waiting for the electrical elements for the pedestrian crossing to

arrive. The 7.5 tonnes weight restriction is finally in place in/around the village – please be aware there are exemptions which permit vehicles over this limit to access the village for loading/unloading and delivery purposes. Myself and the parish council are still continuing to push for average speed cameras (in addition to Fields Road), however police support for the scheme is still being sourced. Fuller information can be found on the parish council's website via this interactive link: <https://wootton-pc.gov.uk/average-speed-cameras/>

As your Borough Councillor, I am allocated an annual sum of money which can be used to support community schemes. This year I have replicated what I did last year, and have helped out both the lower and upper schools – helping families and the mental wellbeing of children in the village. Funding has also gone to plant more daffodil and crocus bulbs at the entrance to Lorraine Road cemetery and Popes Way Green. Funding has also enabled the parish council to improve the acoustics within the meeting room at the Community Centre on Harris Way.

As a Borough Councillor I can offer advice to Wootton residents on a number of issues, including benefits, council tax and rent and am often able to direct them to the relevant authorities. Working with local and neighbouring charities also gives me access to additional potential solutions, so do please get in touch if you have an issue I may be able to assist with. Thank you to the parish council for their help and support this year and to Wootton residents who always keep me on my toes!

East West Rail (EWR) has been a really contentious issue in the borough. Some residents have been unhappy with the way they have been represented by Bedford Borough Council on this issue. EWR ran a non-statutory consultation earlier in the year and will now process all the responses in due course. You can updates on the following website: <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/> The Conservative Group submitted their response, which insists that a re-consultation is needed and that either of the routes selected by East West Rail would cause major environmental impact.

There will be further investment in Bedford Town Centre thanks to £22.6 million from central government, following a successful bid for a Town Deal. The projects submitted in the plan include regeneration of the Station Quarter and Midland Road, public realm improvements to St. Paul's Square, improvements to town centre junctions and local pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, and investment in Health, Science and Digital Skills and Full Fibre broadband.

### **Useful Contacts:**

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Citizens advice: 0344 111444 [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

Council tax 01234 718061 [www.bedford.gov.uk](http://www.bedford.gov.uk)

Environmental hotline 01234 718060 [customerservices@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@bedford.gov.uk)

Highways department 01234 718003 <https://highwaysreporting.bedford.gov.uk>

Planning Department 01234 718068 [planning@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:planning@bedford.gov.uk)

Waste collection 01234 267422 [www.bedford.gov.uk](http://www.bedford.gov.uk)

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Nadine Dorries MP : [Nadine.dorries.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:Nadine.dorries.mp@parliament.uk)

**Surgery: first Saturday of each month at the library, 11am to 12 noon**

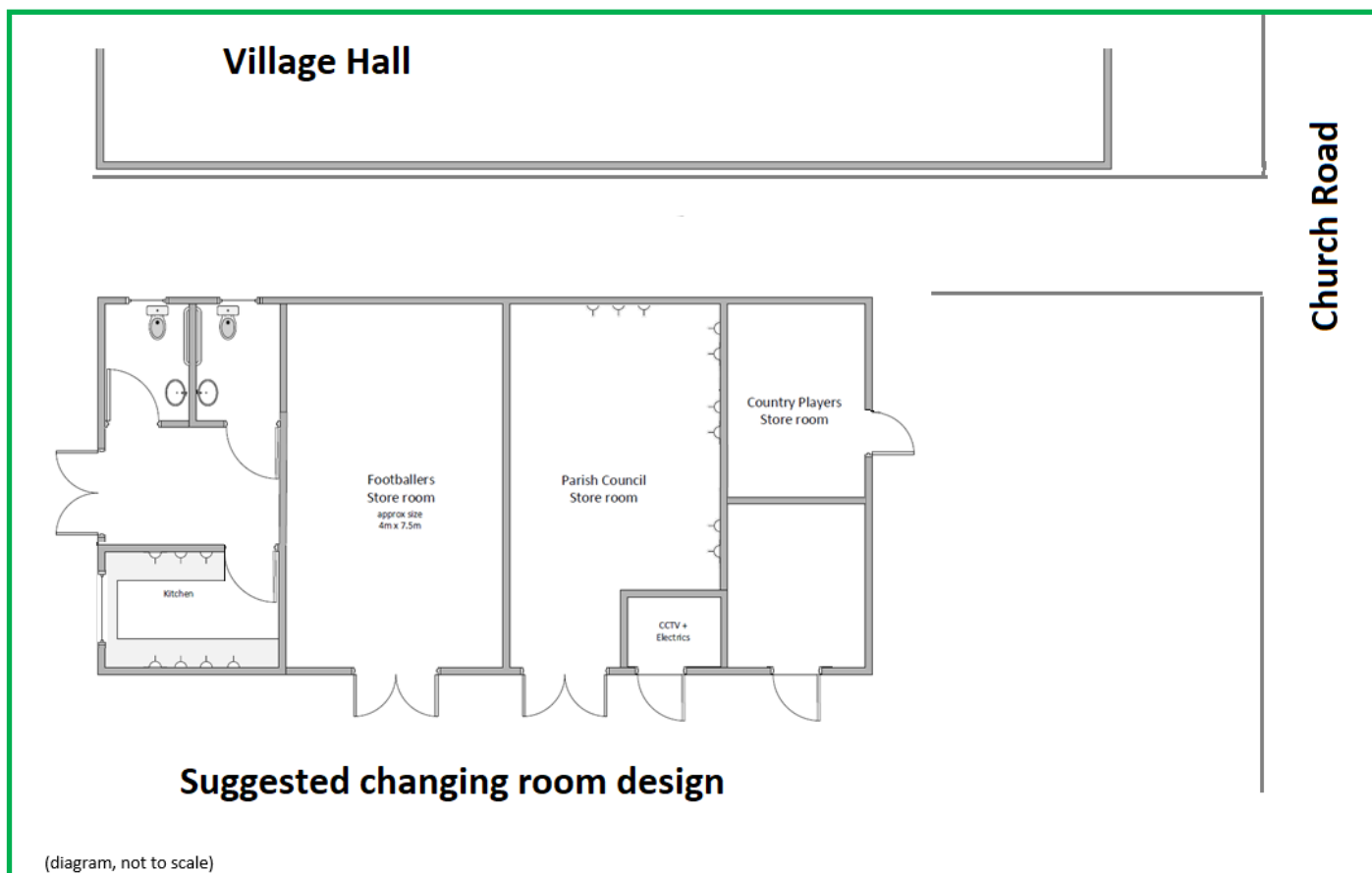
## Chairman's Report



As we (hopefully) continue to leave lockdown measures behind and look forward to 2022, we have several projects we hope will come to fruition. In January we are planning to hold a public tree planting event at Lorraine Road Cemetery. This will oversee the planting of 70 trees as part of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, helping to create The Queens green canopy across the UK and Commonwealth. The trees will be supplied by the Forest of Marston Vale and we will be looking for volunteers to help plant these trees. In June we hope to have a beacon and event to celebrate the same. July will see the return of the

Wootton Funfest and open-air cinema. In November we will hold the ever important Remembrance Sunday parade and switch on the Christmas street lighting and tree.

Come September 2022, the parish council is looking to move all 11 a side football from the recreation ground at Church Road to the sports pitches at Harris Way (Berryfields development). The new pitches and changing rooms (which are part of the Community Centre) on Berryfields will be available to hire from the Charitable Trust which manages the Community Centre. Relocating the 11 a side football from the recreation ground will create more space for 5, 7 and 9 a side pitches that are required for the younger players. The parish council is also looking to renovate the old changing rooms and demolish the old toilet block. The plans will provide toilets and a small kitchen for the sale of refreshments at the front of the building. A dedicated store room for the football teams, parish council and Wootton Country Players will be created in the rest of the building.



The emerging Neighbourhood Plan is currently subject to scrutiny by an independent examiner, after which it should pass to referendum. This is your opportunity to have your say either way, so do please exercise your democratic right.

Finally, please continue to support the Wootton Poor's Land Charity by using the bottle bank at the recreation ground car park on Church Road (there is a separate article in this report). This charity helps residents of Wootton with a number of financial issues – including the purchase of laptops for school pupils or much needed kitchen/utility appliances.

## Grants

The parish council has a small pot of money for grants. Clubs and organisations within the parish can apply for these grants. For more information, please visit our website:

<https://wootton-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/policies-and-procedures/>

### Grants Awarded 2017/2018

|                               |      |                                                                                                                                                    |
|-------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Autism Bedfordshire           | £300 | Awarded to enable them to continue offering children's services where needed                                                                       |
| Wootton Good Neighbour Scheme | £168 | Awarded to enable the purchase of promotional materials to raise their profile and attract both those wishing to use their services and volunteers |

### Grants Awarded 2018/2019

|                              |      |                                                                                            |
|------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Acorn Quilters               | £227 | Contribution towards materials needed for the centenary poppy display at the Memorial Hall |
| Bedfordshire Against Covanta | £250 | Donation towards the campaign against the incinerator                                      |
| Royal British Legion         | £250 | Purchase of one Silhouette soldier                                                         |
| Wootton Car Fest             | £200 | Purchase of promotional materials and banners                                              |
| Wootton Carpet Bowls Club    | £200 | Purchase of second hand mate windup/storage unit                                           |

### Grants Awarded 2019/2020

|                               |      |                                                         |
|-------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Wootton Car Fest              | £254 | Purchase of promotional materials and banners           |
| Wootton Good Neighbour Scheme | £380 | Contribution towards running costs                      |
| Wootton Rangers Youth FC      | £300 | Purchase of kit and training equipment                  |
| Wootton WI                    | £131 | Purchase of centenary wall plaque for the Memorial Hall |

### Grants Awarded 2020 /2021

|                       |       |                                                                         |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Autism Bedfordshire   | £300  | Donation towards the scheme 'Loads of Autistic Fun'                     |
| Bizzy Bees Pre-School | £1000 | Donation towards materials to enable them to meet Covid-19 restrictions |
| Wootton Village Hall  | £975  | Donation towards decorating costs                                       |

## Projects Completed in 2018/19

The parish council have completed the following projects in 2018/19:

- Repair of the footpath leading from Church Road to St. Mary's church, north entrance;
- Additional planters;
- New play area in the jubilee garden at the recreation ground (Church Road);
- Increased Christmas street lighting;
- Bus Shelter Seating;
- Real Time Bus Information;
- Taking ownership of the Community Centre.

## Projects Completed in 2019/20

The parish council have completed the following projects in 2019/20:

- Installation of Keeley End Pond Lectern;
- Resurface MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) at the recreation ground (Church Road);
- Bus Stop Improvements;
- Zebra crossing outside Bedford Road Lower School;
- Island crossing on Bedford road near Potters Cross;
- Defibrillator installed at the Memorial Hall;
- 2019 Fun Fest & Film night.

## Projects Completed in 2020/21

The parish council have completed the following projects in 2020/21:

- Additional defibrillator at Wootton Pharmacy, Folkes Road;
- Additional MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) fencing (recreation ground);
- Additional planting at Keeley End Pond (Bedford Road/Hollies Walk);
- Average speed cameras along Fields Road;
- Installation of six new benches at various sites within the village;
- Upgrade of the Memorial Hall play area flooring (Bedford Road).

## Proposed Projects for 2021/2022

The parish council has put forward a number of possible projects to complete in this financial year and other projects may be added to this list. All projects are formally agreed by Full Council before works commence:

- Additional Lecterns (including one for the Memorial Hall);
- Additional Real Time Bus Passenger Information Units;
- Average Speed Cameras for Cranfield Road (with other areas to follow);
- Berryfields/Fields Road roundabout regeneration project;
- Pedestrian crossing on Fields Road, adjacent to the Wootton Vale Healthy Living Centre;
- Neighbourhood Plan (ongoing);
- Delivery of a new synthetic pitch on land at Wootton Upper School. This facility will be a shared facility between the school and public.

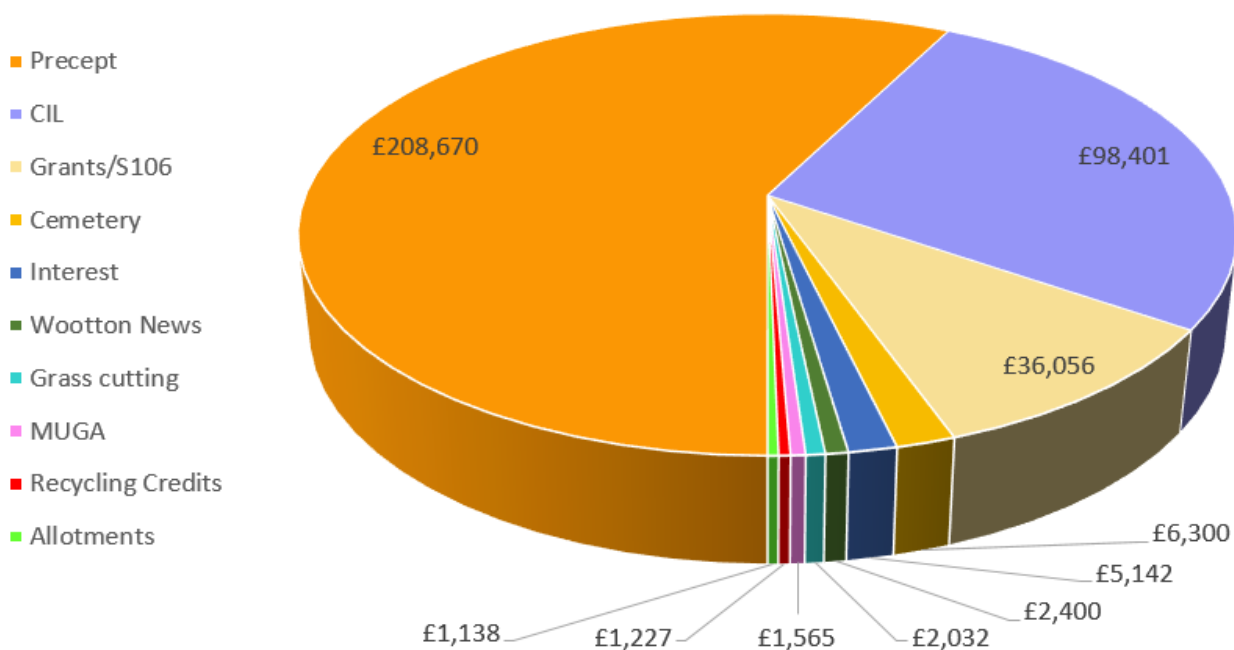
## Financial Report

In accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations the parish council employs the services of an independent internal auditor, currently Keens Shay Keens LLP. The external auditors are appointed by the Audit Commission who appointed Mazars LLP in 2019.

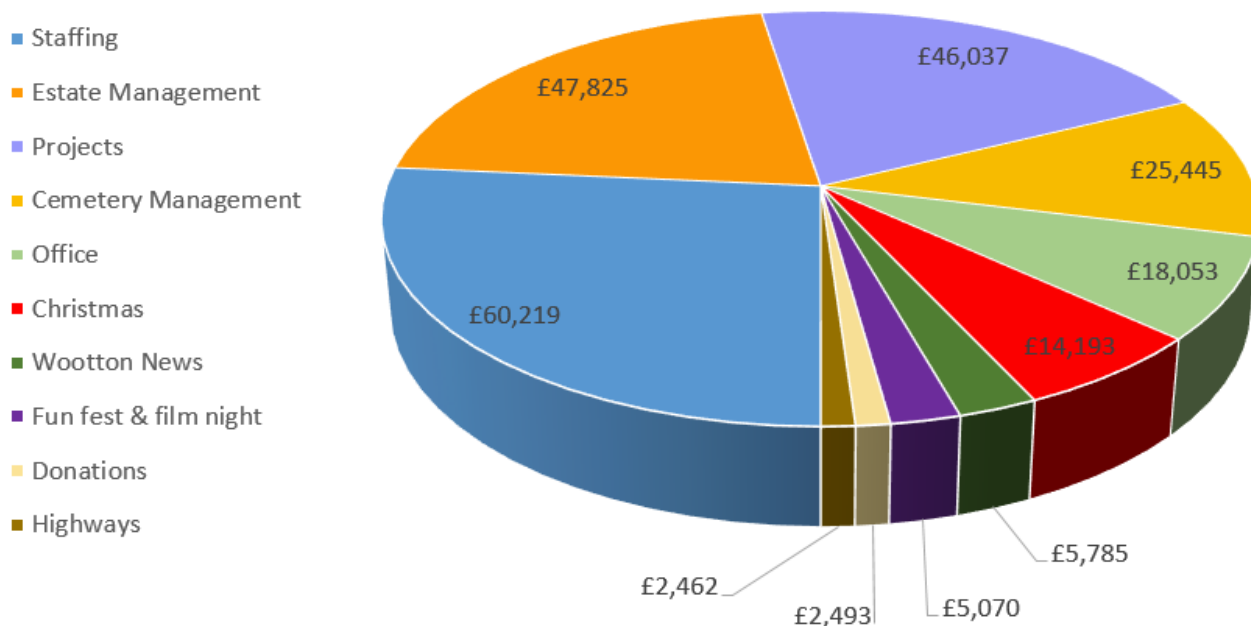
Detailed financial information, including audited accounts are available to view via our website (<https://wootton-pc.gov.uk>), under the heading "Wootton Parish Council" then "Finance".

### Audited Accounts (2019/20)

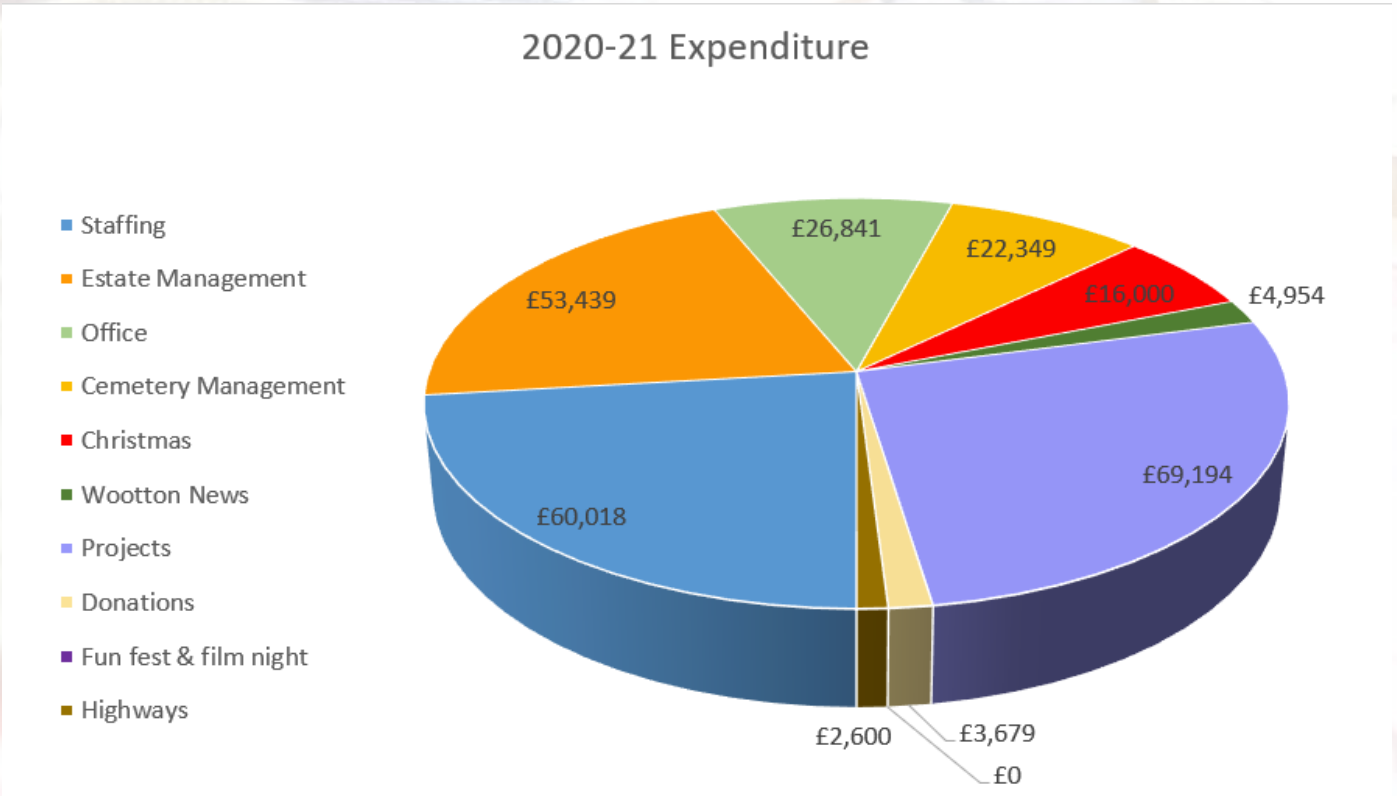
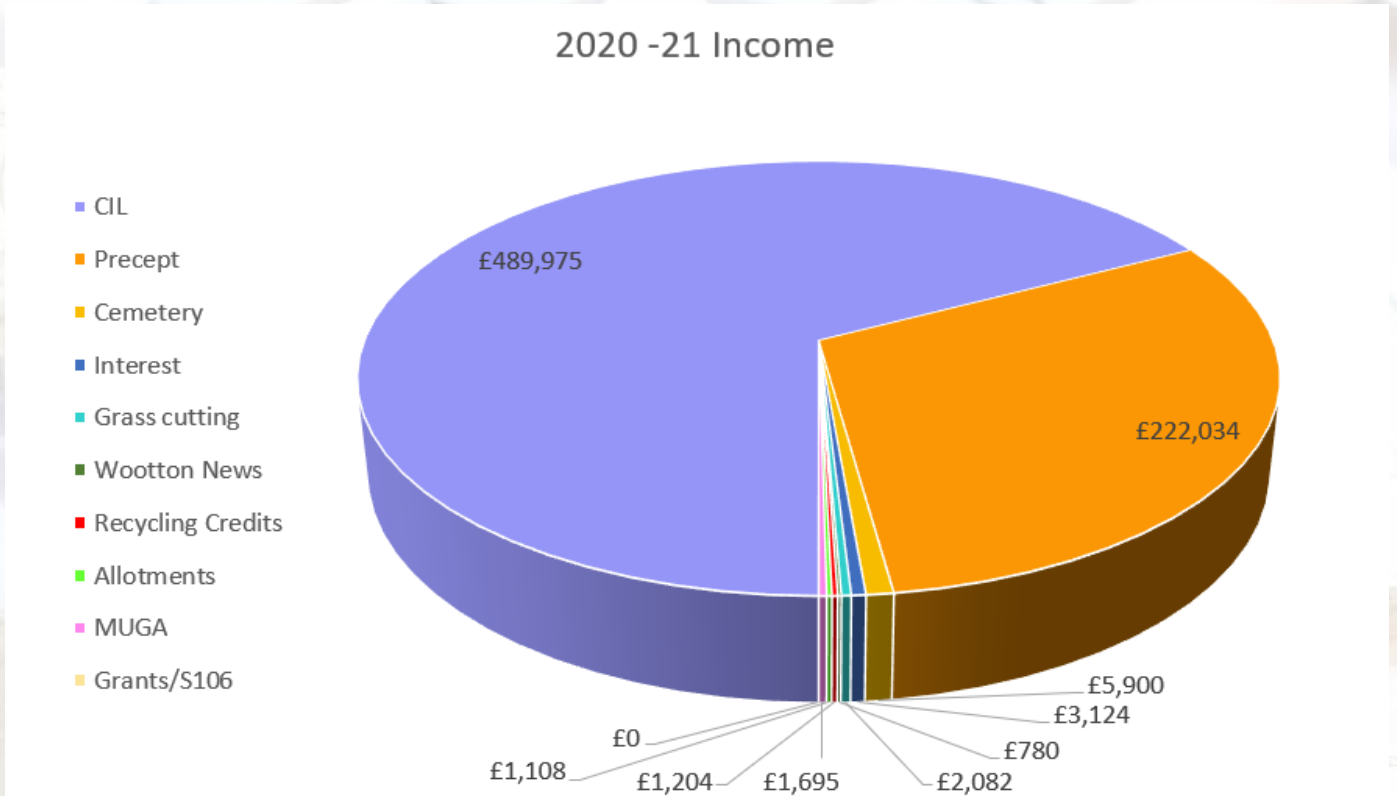
#### 2019-20 Income



#### 2019-20 Expenditure



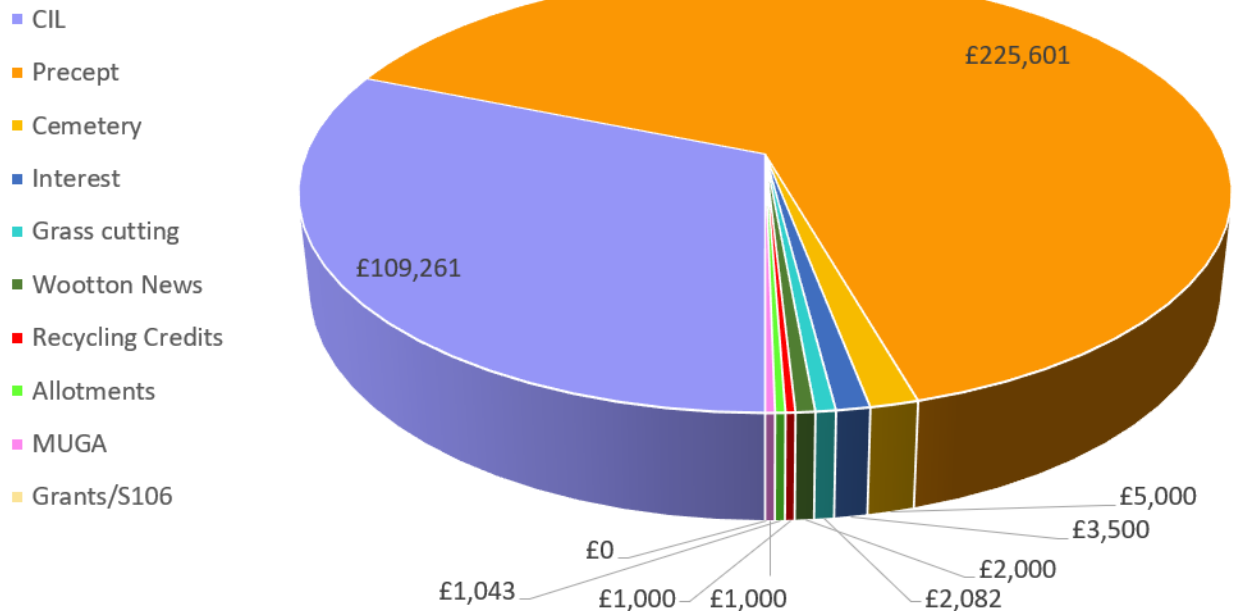
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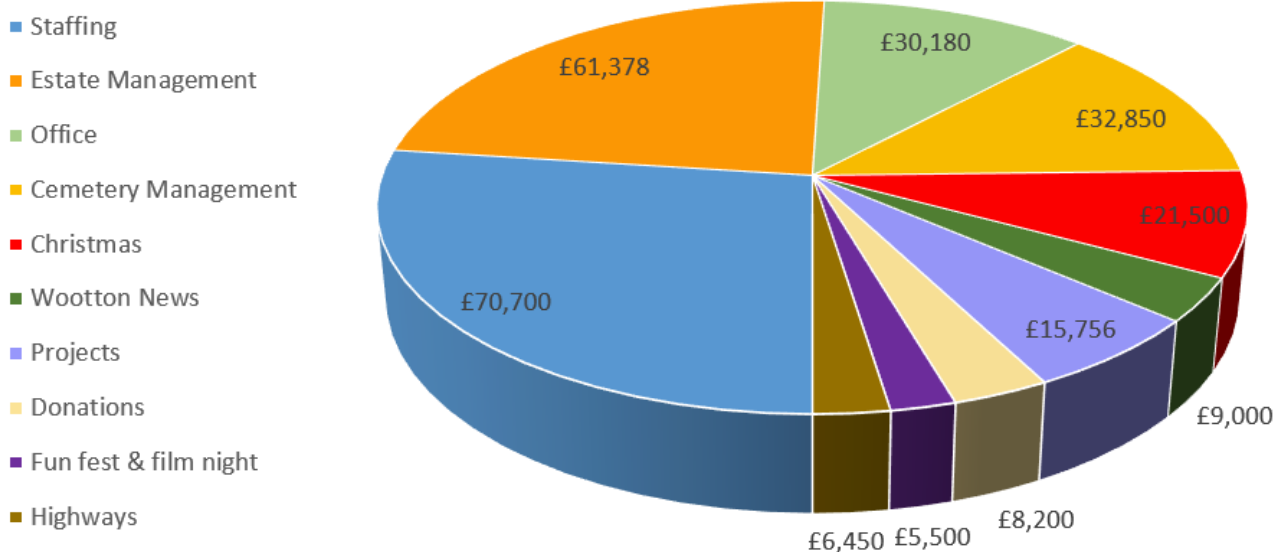
## This years (2021/22)

These figures are taken from January's precept\* calculation and represent our predicted income and expenditure for the year

### 2021-22 Income



### 2021-22 Expenditure



\*The precept is a portion of council tax paid to the parish council by Bedford Borough Council, to run the parish. The precept demand is submitted annually to Bedford Borough Council in January.

## What is the parish council responsible for?

The parish council is responsible for the following:

- Grass cutting (those areas for which it has responsibility);
- Cemeteries maintenance (all three sites – St. Mary's churchyard, St. Mary's churchyard extension and Lorraine Road cemetery);
- Maintenance of the play areas at the Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground sites – including weekly, monthly and annual RoSPA inspections;
- Maintenance of Keeley End Pond;
- Open Air Cinema Event;
- Annual Fun Fest;
- Payment of recycling credits to the Wootton Poor's Land Charity (collected from the glass recycling unit at the recreation ground);
- Annual Christmas tree by the junction of Bedford Road/Cause End Road;
- Christmas street lights;
- War Memorial maintenance;
- Allotments and paddock maintenance (Hall End);
- Provision of dog mess and litter bins (although the borough council empty them);
- Tree maintenance (those areas for which it has responsibility).

See under Committees and Responsibilities for further information.

## How to find out more information

There are several ways that you can find out what the parish council is doing or planning to do. We cater for the online community and those without internet access. This is your community, so take the time to find out what is going on. By talking to us, you can shape how our community will evolve. Below is a list of ways that you can find out more.

- Council meetings - all meetings are held at Wootton Community Centre on Harris Way;
- Councillor surgeries;
- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WoottonParishCouncilBedfordshire> ;
- Newsletter (produced quarterly);
- Notice boards;
- Website: <https://www.wootton-pc.gov.uk/>

## How decisions are made



The council's committees make decisions on issues put before them or make recommendations that are discussed at full council meetings – where the recommendations can be approved, rejected or sent back to the committee for a rethink. Decisions made by the council are implemented by the clerk or other council staff and can only be made at a meeting.

The agenda for each meeting is published one week before the meeting on the parish council's website and in the noticeboards around the village. A link is also included on our Facebook page. Only items on the agenda can be discussed – this is a legal requirement. "Any Other Business" is not permitted, to ensure everyone knows in advance what will be discussed.

No councillor has the authority to organise, arrange or promise anything - but can pass on requests, which then go through the committee/council procedure.

# Halls for Hire



## **Memorial Hall, Bedford Road**

Hall available for parties and meetings. The hall has a kitchen with serving hatch, toilets and use of tables and chairs.

For more information please contact **Naomi** on **07722 876 252** or **NaomiGroves@hotmail.com**

## **Wootton Scout Hut**

Children's Parties, Birthdays, Weddings, Meetings for individuals or groups. The hall is suitable for up to 80 people and has a kitchen with a serving hatch, toilets, plenty of parking, garden and use of table and chairs.

The fee to hire is £10 an hour and there are discounts available for people linked with the group or regular bookings. For more information or to book contact **Mark** on **07772 330 169**



## **Village Hall, Church Road**

Children's parties up to 11yrs old, plenty of room and open space out the back. A great hall to hire for parties. Also there is a small committee room to use for meetings. The hall is also used for Bowles, Fit Step, Yoga, Essential Dance, Friday Children Dance Class, Drama and Marshal Arts. For more information please contact **Jenny Lambert** on **01234 767 488**

## **Community Centre, Harris Way**

This has a main hall, a kitchen, a large meeting room plus toilets and changing rooms.

For more information please email **bookings@wootton.cc** or

contact **Lorna Rae** on **07897 276 538**



## Committees and Responsibilities

All council meetings are open to the public unless there is a legal reason why they should not be. There is provision for the public to speak at the start of each meeting. Details of meetings, including dates, agendas and draft minutes are published on the council's website home page (<https://wootton-pc.gov.uk>). More information can be found out under the heading "Wootton Parish Council". Information about each committee and their signed minutes can be found under the relevant committee name. Agendas can also be found on our noticeboards and they are displayed at least three clear working days before the meeting and on our website. We have meetings most Wednesdays throughout the year, except the last three weeks of December. The schedule of meetings can be found on our website either on our home page, right hand side near the bottom or under the heading "Wootton Parish Council", followed by "Meeting Dates".

Committees are either **executive** or **advisory**. An **executive** committee has the power to make decisions. An **advisory** committee does the background work and makes recommendation to full council.

### Full Council

Full Council is the main body of the parish council to which all advisory committees report to. All councillors sit on full council which meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

### Planning & Environment Committee

The Planning and Environment Committee is the only **executive** committee, meaning it can make decisions. It meets twice a month (second and last Wednesday) to consider and comment on all planning matters, and determines the parish council's view in respect of planning applications. If residents have concerns about a planning matter, they are welcome to attend the meeting at which the relevant application will be considered. It is vital however, that comments are also lodged with Bedford Borough Council, as the parish council is only one voice (same as any resident), despite being a statutory consultee. Bedford Borough Council has the final say on all applications, as the Local Planning Authority.

This committee also considers and comments on all highways matters including pavements and footways, oversees the management and maintenance of all burial grounds for which the parish council has a designated responsibility, ensures that agreed standards of provision and maintenance are met in respect of the parish council's street lighting, bus shelters and bins and considers any other matters relating to the local environment.

This committee has parish councillor members only.

### Leisure and Amenities Committee (L&A)

The Leisure and Amenities Committee is an **advisory** committee which oversees the development, management and maintenance of the parish council's leisure facilities. This includes the recreation ground, play areas, MUGAs (Multi Use Games Areas) and skate park, alongside the public open space for which the parish council has a designated responsibility (including grass cutting). It meets on the last Wednesday of the month\*. The committee is also responsible for the village war memorial.

This committee has parish councillor members only.

\*At the present time this committee's functions have been handed over to full council, whilst the

parish council continues to draft a Neighbourhood Plan.

### Finance and General Purposes Committee (F&GP)

The Finance and General Purposes Committee is an **advisory** committee which oversees the management of the parish council's finances and makes recommendation to full council. It meets on the last Wednesday of the month. It has executive powers for the purpose of payment authorisation **ONLY**. It also oversees the parish council's corporate governance arrangements, risk management procedures and insurance arrangements. The committee oversees matters relating to the employment and management of staff and any other matters falling outside of the remit of the council's other committees.

This committee has parish councillor members only.

### Fun Fest Committee

The Fun Fest Committee is an **advisory** committee, responsible for organising the annual Fun Fest. It meets two or three times a year. Its aim is to secure acts, stalls and events as appropriate and ensure all Health & Safety aspects are met, including public liability insurance and risk assessments. This group reports to full council which determines its annual budget.

This committee has both resident and parish councillor members. If you think you can help to improve our Fun Fest event we would love to hear from you.

### Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is an **advisory** steering group, created to work on the development of a Neighbourhood Plan, setting timescales, engaging with the community and reporting to full council on progress made. It meets on the last Wednesday of the month. Its aim is to produce a vision and plan which, when adopted, will be a legally binding document to help shape the future of Wootton.

This steering group has both resident, professional planning advisers and parish councillor members.

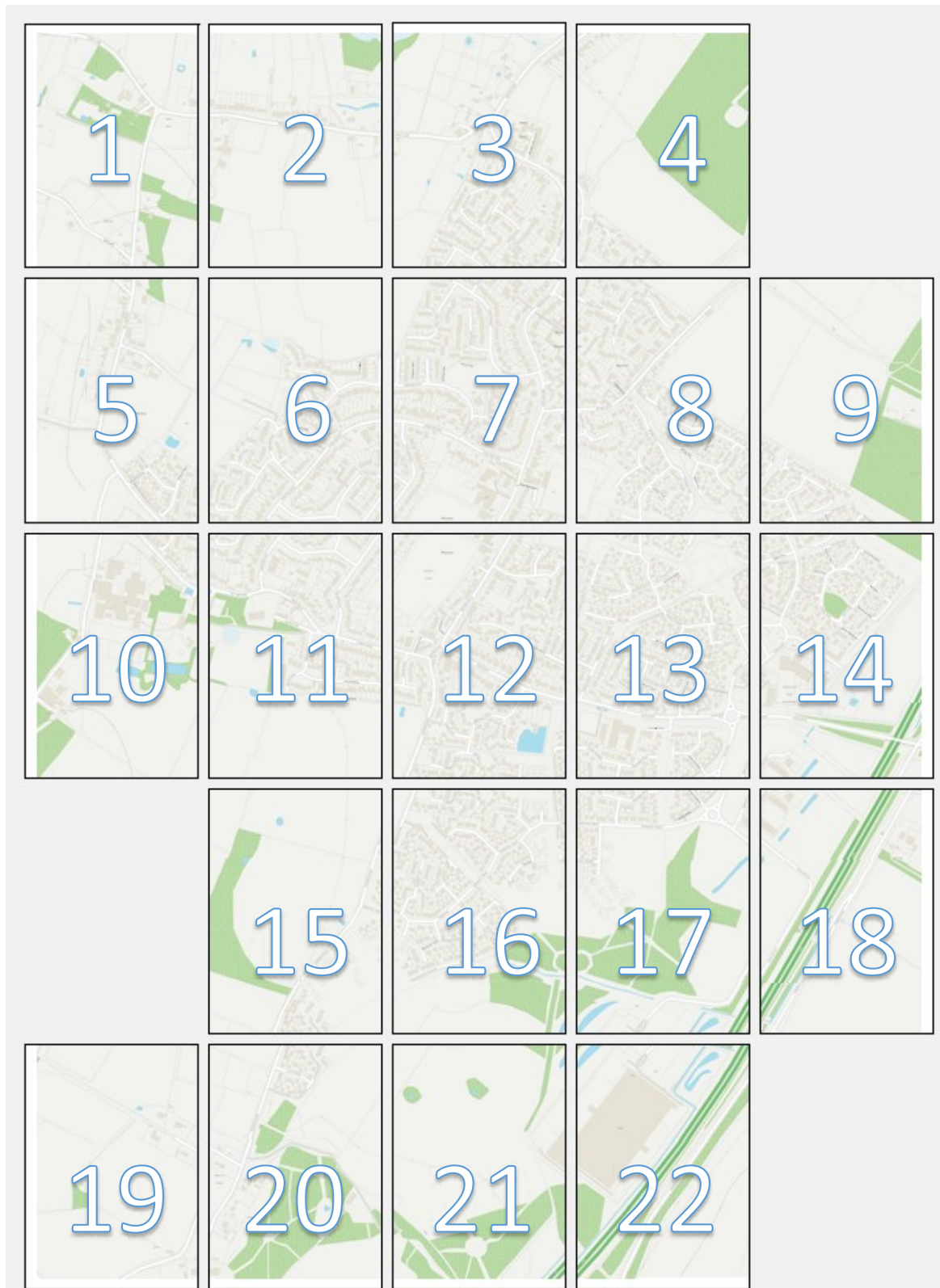
### Roads and Pavements Safety Steering Group

The Roads and Pavements Safety Steering Group is an **advisory** steering group, created to work on issues surrounding roads and footpaths and reporting to full council on progress made. It meets every other month. Its aim is to engage with the community, identify all relevant road and footpath issues before recommending how they might be best taken forward and resolved with Bedford Borough Council, as the Local Highways Authority.

This steering group has both resident and parish councillor members



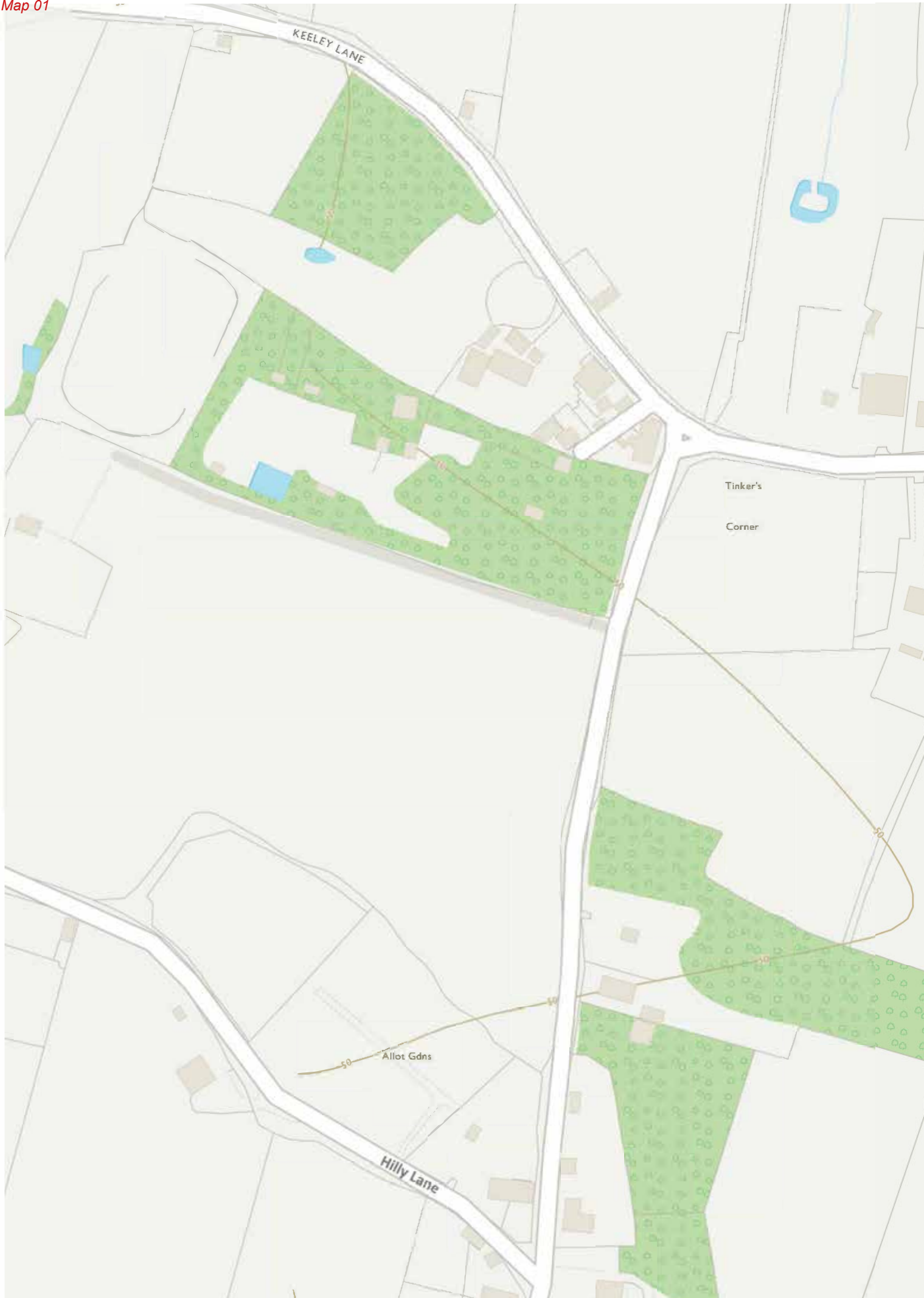
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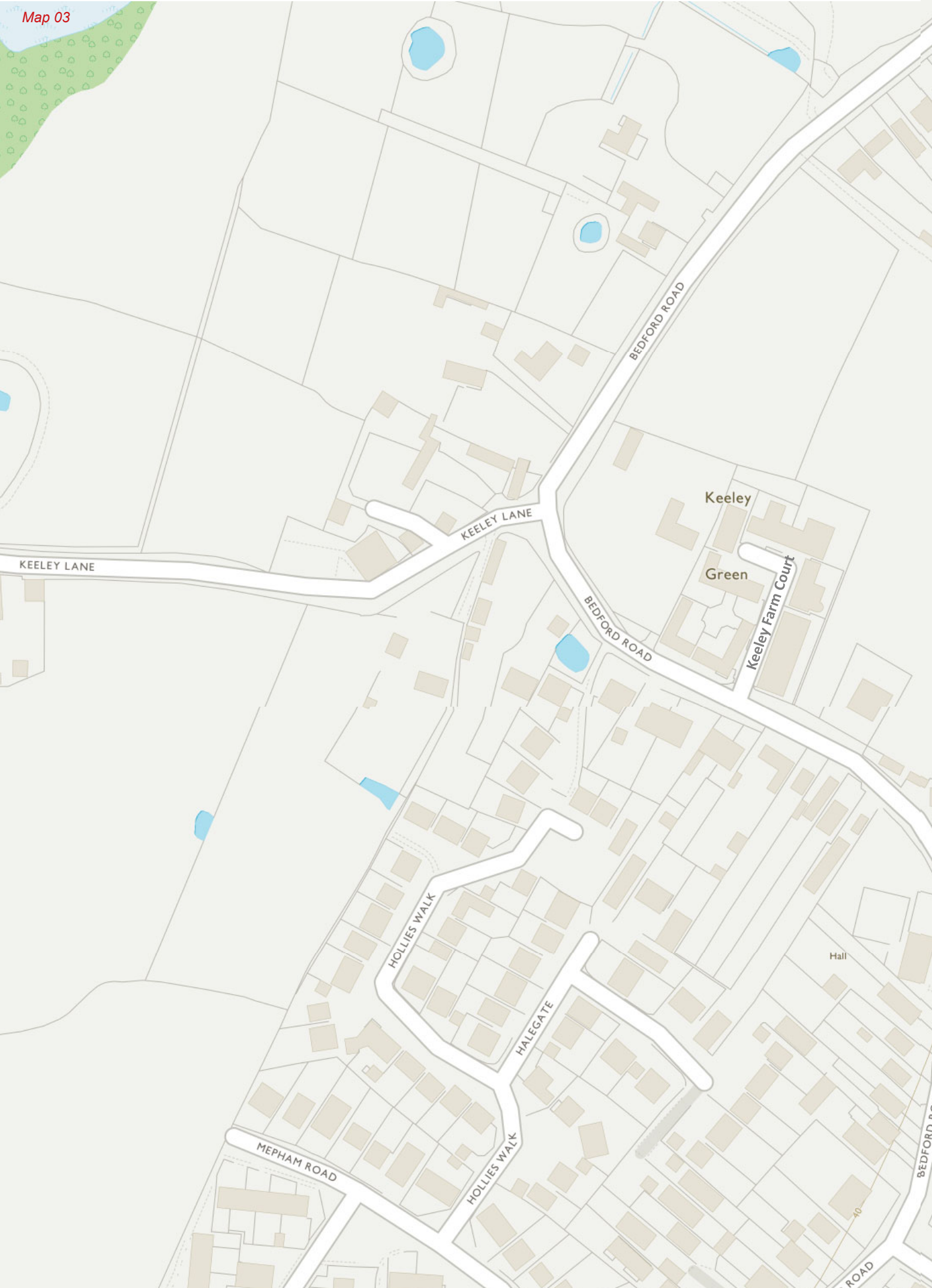
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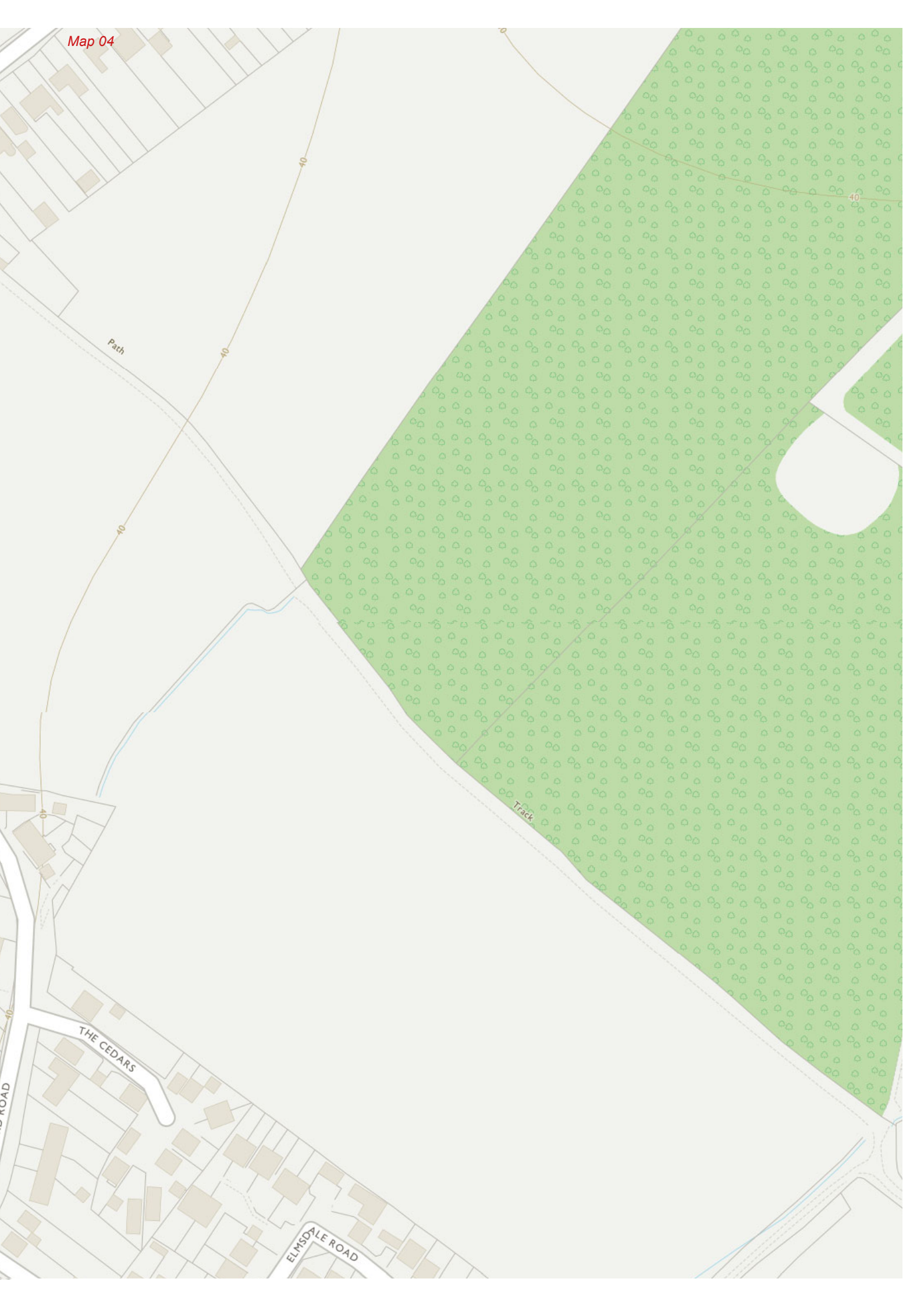
## A-Z Street names

| Street names     | Page           | Street names       | Page           | Street names      | Page       |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Arthur Black Way | 13             | Halegate           | 3              | Popes Way         | 6          |
| Ashpole Avenue   | 13             | Hall End Road      | 1, 5, 11       | Potters Cross     | 8          |
| Barnes Road      | 12             | Harris Way         | 13             | Robinson Close    | 14         |
| Beauchamp Road   | 12             | Haycroft           | 13             | Roundel           | 16         |
| Bedford Road     | 3, 4, 7, 12    | Hepher Close       | 16             | Roseberry Avenue  | 5          |
| Bellamy Road     | 12             | Hide Close         | 14             | Russell Way       | 11         |
| Billing Way      | 8              | Hillcroft          | 16             | Sanders Way       | 7          |
| Bosen Close      | 5              | Hilly Lane         | 1, 5           | School Lane       | 12         |
| Browns Lane      | 12, 16         | Hollies Walk       | 3, 7           | Sherwood Close    | 13         |
| Buckworth Drive  | 16             | Honeypot Lane      | 16             | Simms Close       | 9          |
| Burgoyne Avenue  | 15, 16, 17     | Hoo Close          | 6              | Smith Court       | 17         |
| Burraway Grove   | 5              | Hutchings Close    | 9              | Squires Road      | 12         |
| Canons Close     | 6              | Innovation Way     | 13, 14, 17, 18 | St Marys Road     | 6, 11      |
| Cause End Road   | 7, 8, 11       | Jenkyn Road        | 11             | Stables Court     | 8          |
| Church Road      | 11, 12         | Juffs Lane         | 13             | Steele Walk       | 17         |
| Church Row       | 11             | Keeley Farm Court  | 3              | Stevenson Walk    | 14         |
| Clews Grove      | 20             | Keeley Lane        | 1, 2, 3        | Stewart Court     | 13         |
| Cranfield Road   | 12, 15, 16, 20 | Lambert Close      | 13             | Studley Road      | 7          |
| Crisp Meadows    | 8              | Latimer Close      | 5              | Summerfield Drive | 12, 16     |
| Cynthia Court    | 13             | Littlebrook Lane   | 16             | Swallow Way       | 17, 18, 22 |
| Denny Street     | 8              | Lomax Gardens      | 13, 17         | Terle Bank        | 16         |
| Dimmock Road     | 6              | Lorraine Road      | 6, 7           | The Cedars        | 4          |
| Duncombe Drive   | 13, 17         | Lovell Grange      | 16, 17         | The Willows       | 7          |
| Early Mead       | 8              | Lunniss Way        | 8              | Thorpe Way        | 7          |
| Ellis Close      | 13             | Manor Road         | 8              | Tinkers Corner    | 1          |
| Elmer Crescent   | 8              | Mepham Road        | 3, 7           | Tithe Barn Road   | 7, 11      |
| Elmsdale Road    | 4, 8           | Monoux Road        | 13             | Turland Close     | 8          |
| Emerton Way      | 7              | Moore Close        | 13             | Tysoe Close       | 9          |
| Farrell Road     | 7              | Moore Gardens      | 13             | Waite Meadows     | 14         |
| Fields Road      | 12, 13, 14     | Neale Road         | 7              | Whitmore Close    | 16         |
| Folkes Road      | 8, 13, 14      | Neale Way          | 7              | William Close     | 8          |
| Foster Road      | 7              | Oak Close          | 8              | Winded            | 14         |
| Foster Way       | 7              | Old School Gardens | 12             | Yew Tree Court    | 8          |
| Frossell Court   | 13             | Orchart Gardens    | 9, 14          |                   |            |
| Gillspenny Way   | 16             | Parker Road        | 14             |                   |            |
| Goff Place       | 14             | Pateman Lane       | 8              |                   |            |
| Granby Way       | 8              | Payne Road         | 12             |                   |            |
| Grovebury Court  | 12             | Pilsbury Close     | 9, 14          |                   |            |



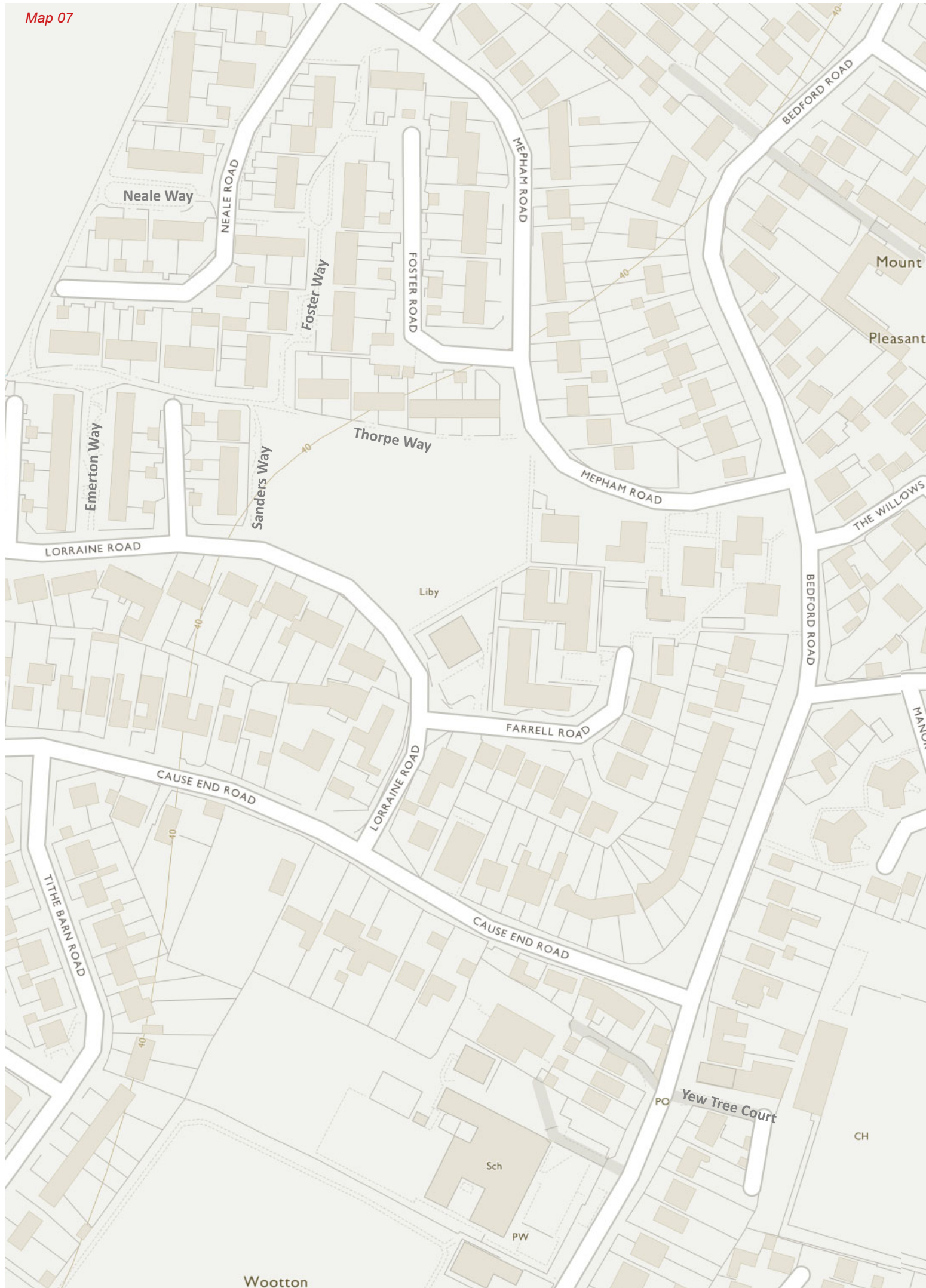




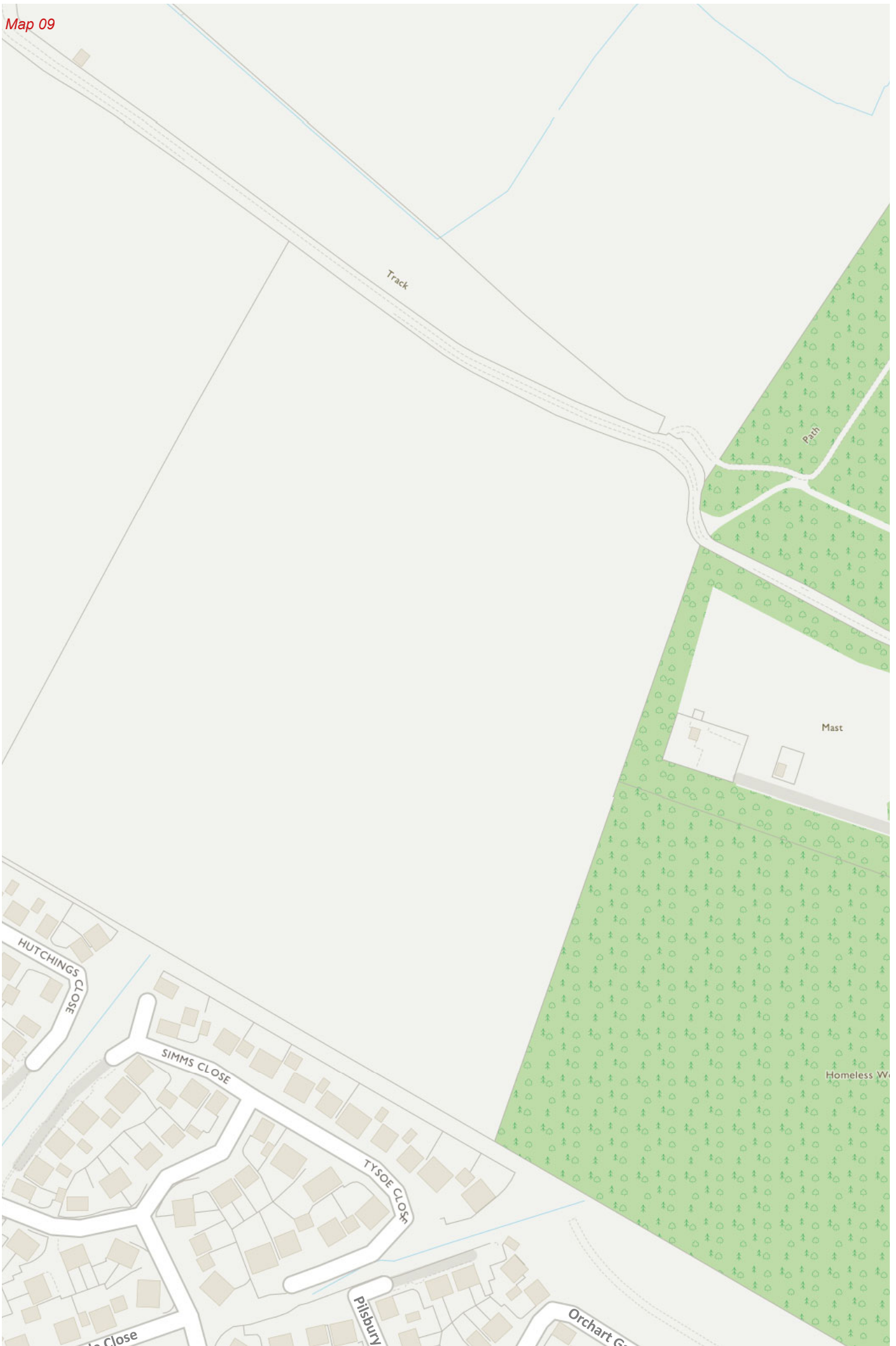






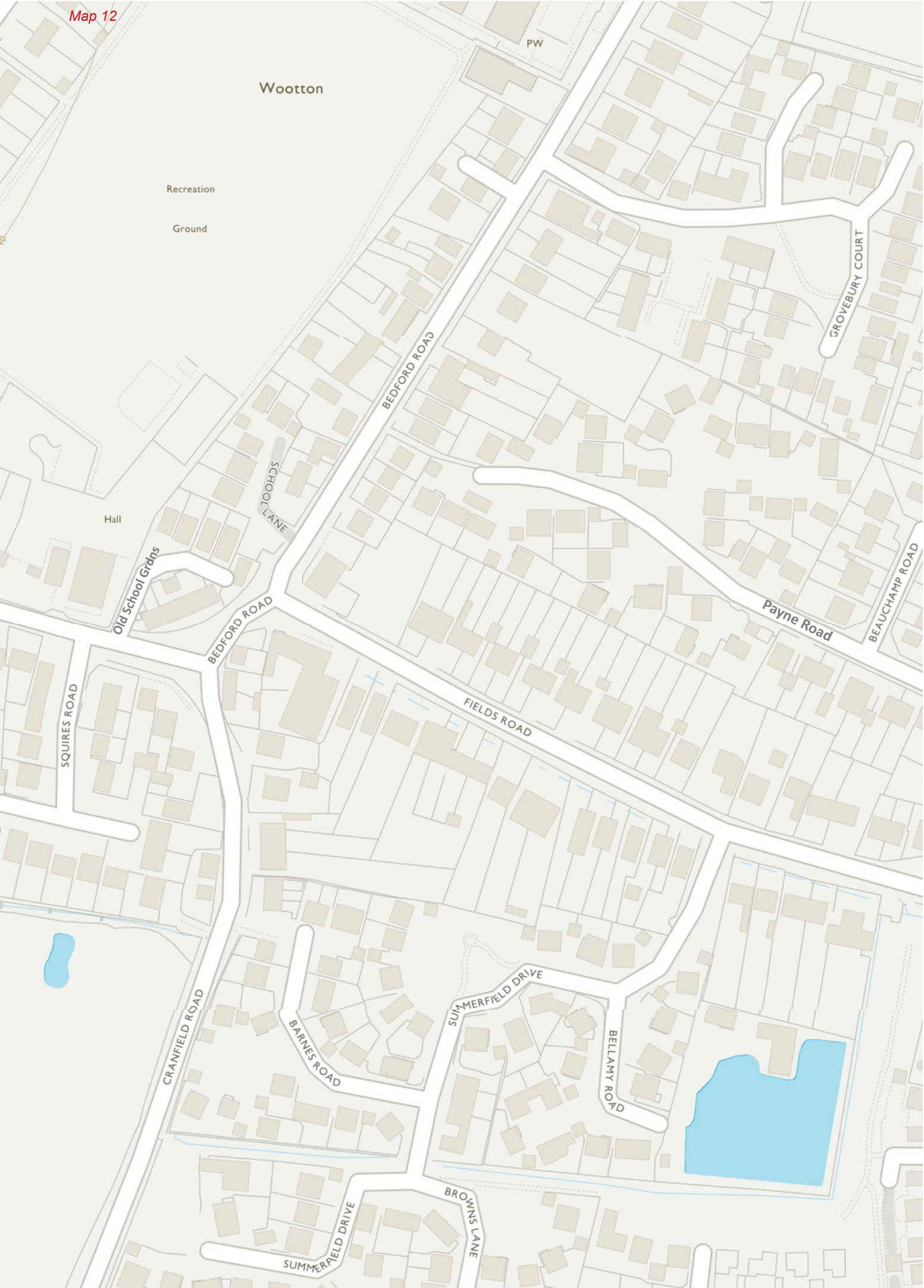


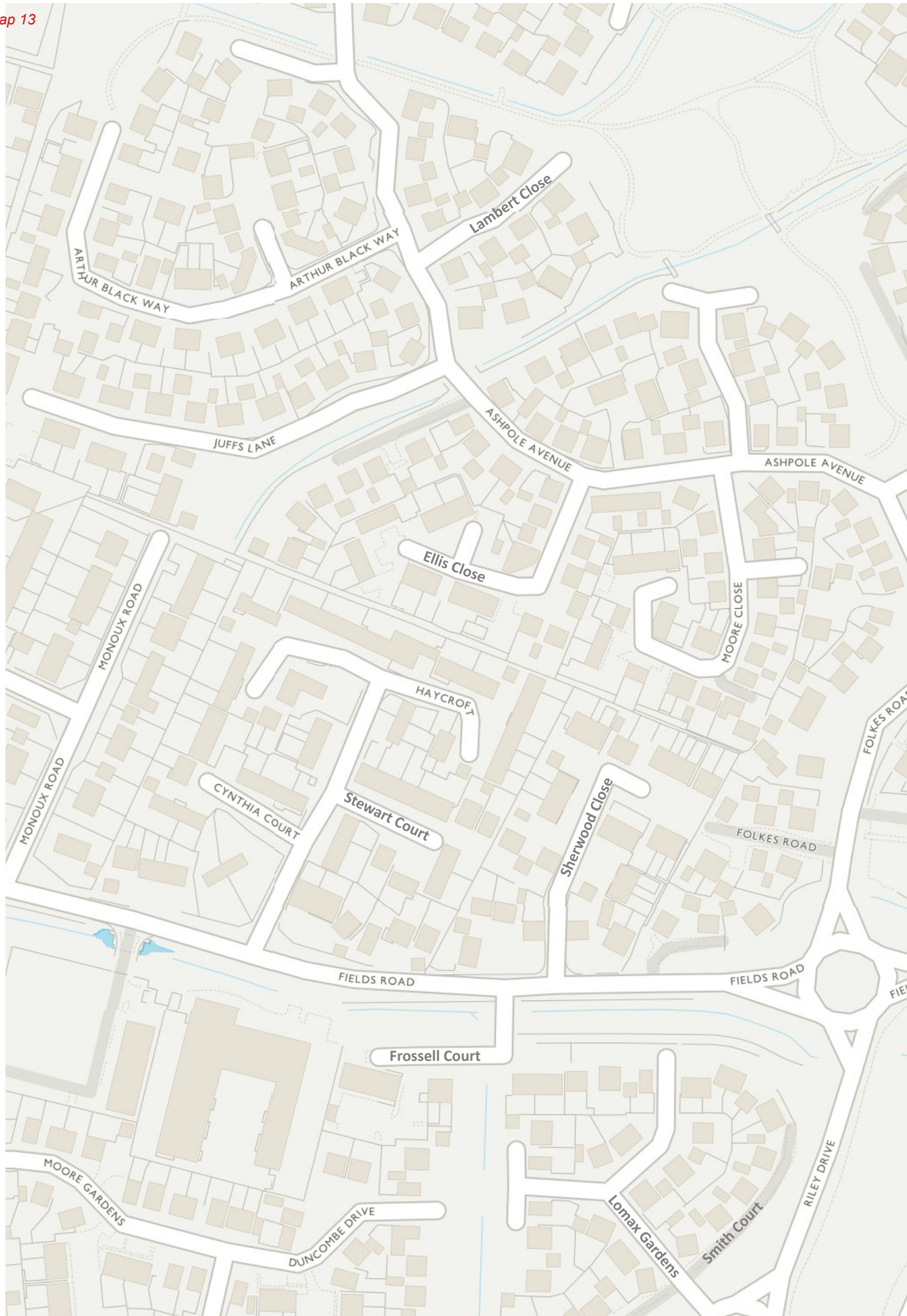


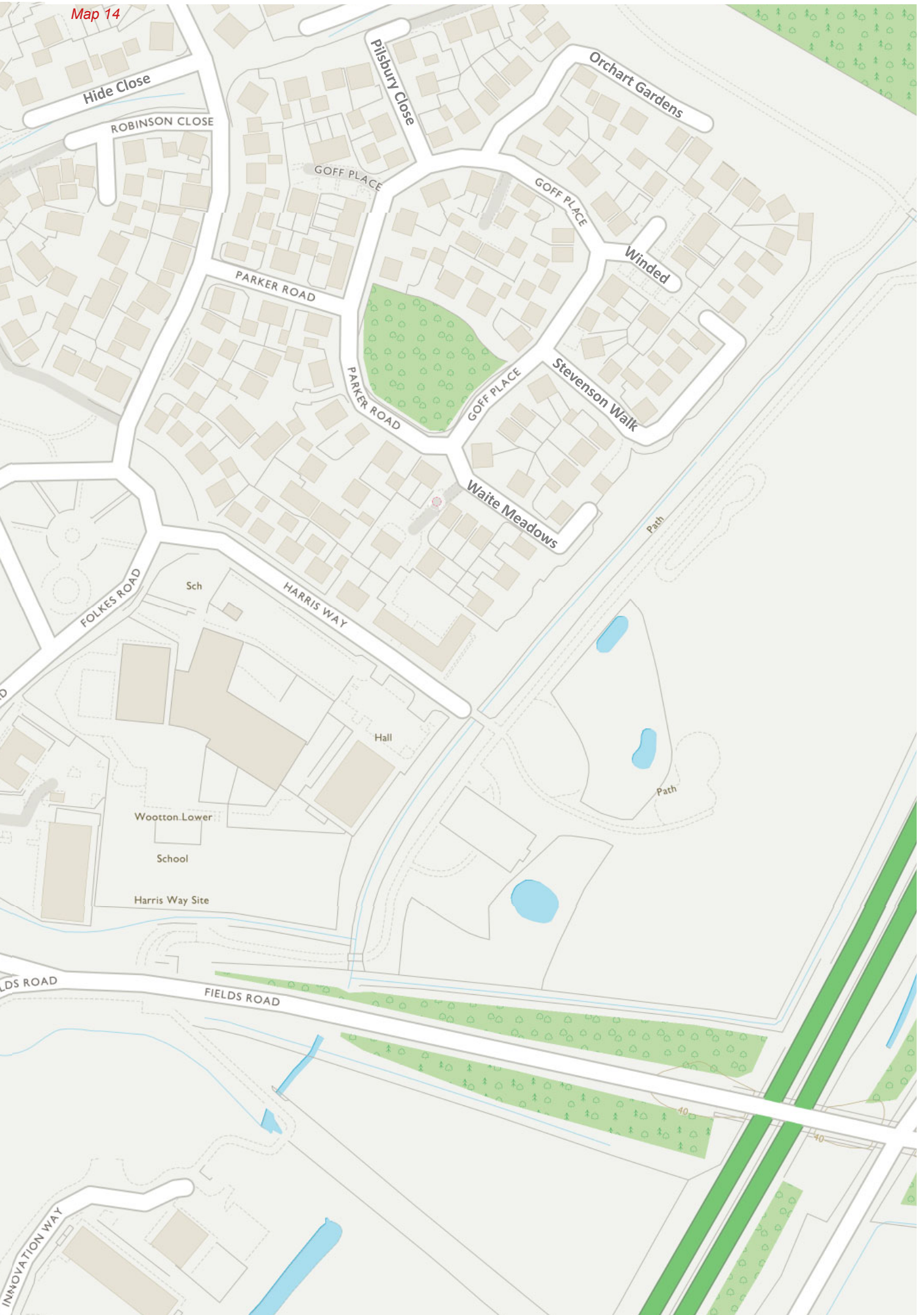


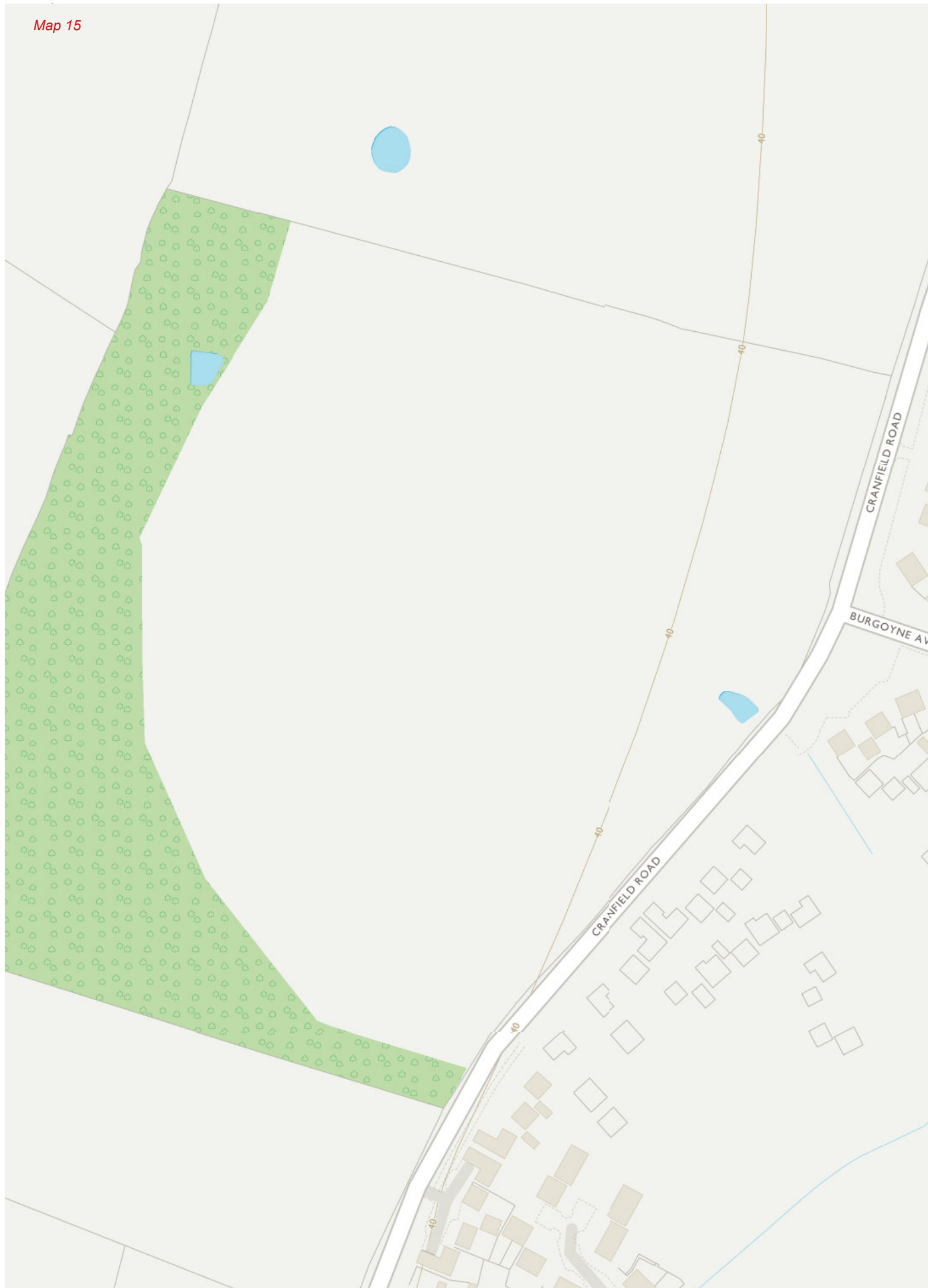








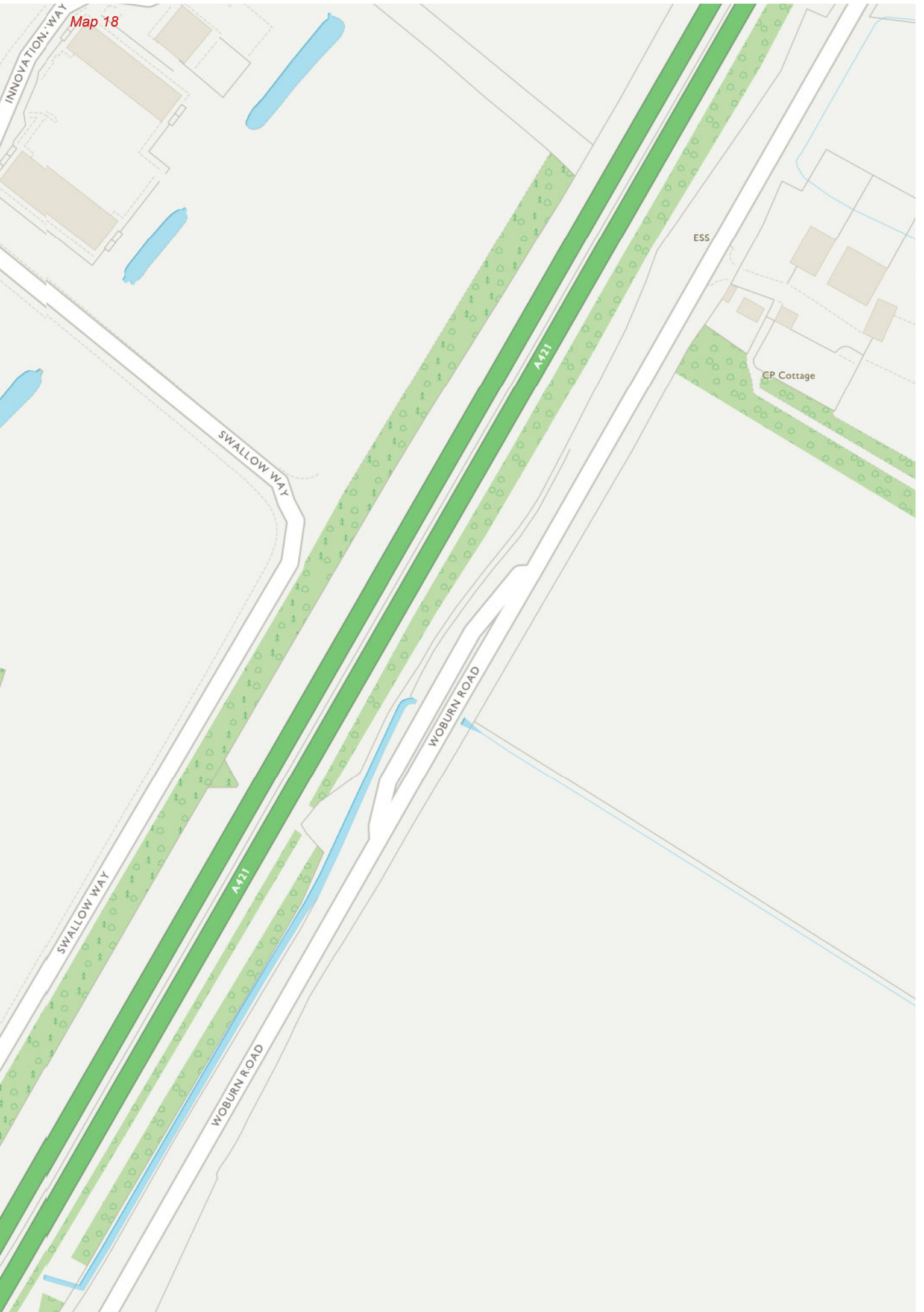






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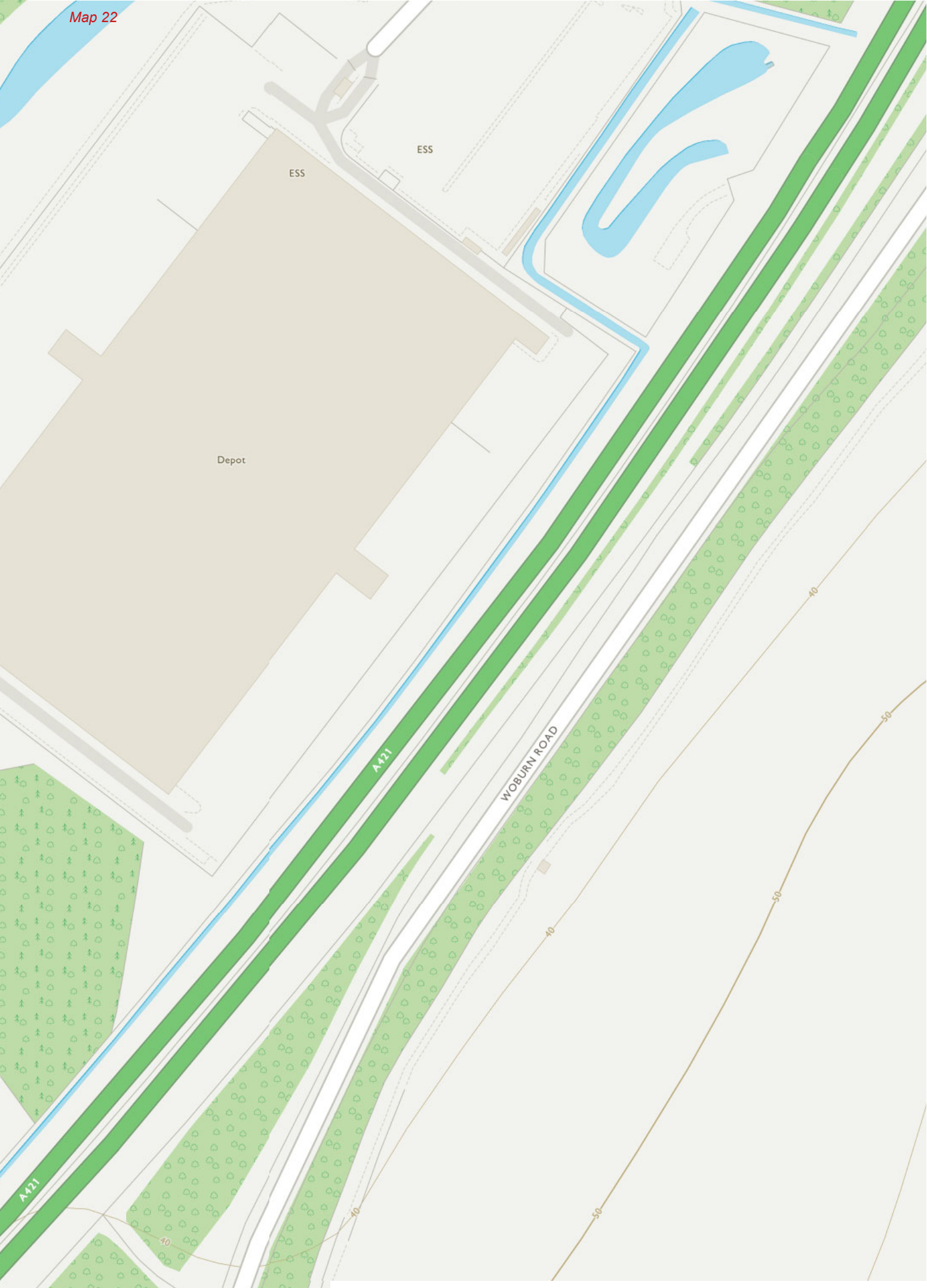




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## **We have three defibrillators in Wootton**

**Changing Room Wall,  
Village Hall,  
Church Road**



**Pharmacy Wall,  
Folkes Road**



**Memorial Hall Wall,  
Bedford Road**

