

Misterton Neighbourhood Plan Local Green Spaces Assessment

22nd February 2018

Site	Name/Location	Description	Local Value	Landscape	Historical	Recreational	Wildlife
1	Old School Field SK 7694 Owned by Misterton PC	Maintained area of grassland backing onto the old Primary School.	Remembered by villager as for many years the site of the Gala. Continues to be available for other community outdoor events	An area of flat open grassland, surrounded by thick mature hedging	Originally the old village school's playing field, The old school is now Grade 2 listed	Available for community outdoor events	The hedges provide nesting sites and food for many bird species, eg blackbirds, wrens robins etc and cover for other wildlife
							

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2	Church Meadow Owned by:	A maintained mainly grassy area with mature hedging, some trees and a children's play area, crossed by a FP (footpath). It is adjacent to Church Farm and All Saints Church, both of which are listed.	The area is important to parents and children as a safe play space.	A flat grassy area with trees, hedges and a play area. Its proximity to the Church and Church Farm is a reminder this was once the heart of the village	This was common land and on occasions previously used as a "meet" for a local hunt	Used for play by children. It is also the place where villagers gather to watch the annual turning on of the Christmas tree lights.	The hedges provide nesting sites and food for bird species, eg blackbirds and robins
							

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3	Windmill Gardens Owned by: Misterton PC	An open grassy area planted with daffodils with some mature trees, backed by an old brick wall and fronted by High Street. Sited on it are 2 benches, Parish noticeboard and post box.	A good place to sit and admire All Saints Church.	Opposite to the Church and across from Church Farm and Church Meadow, this space helps the village retain its "village" feel	Originally thought to be the site of a windmill, then the site of "The Windmill" public house. In 1977 the land was bought by the Parish Council	A place where people sit and rest when walking through the village	Birds from the nearby garden hunt for worms and insects
							

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4	An area of land between the Chesterfield Canal and the Church Farm Estate, Owned by:	An area of mature grassland, crossed by a footpath, with a small area of scrubland towards the western end of the footpath. The land slopes upwards here, with the bottom area very boggy in wet weather. A path branches off the footpath northwards and leads into the estate	The area is of great value as an easily accessible informal nature reserve, a place to walk and as an intrinsic part of the village's rural character.	The area falls within the Idle Lowlands, and brings the countryside to the doorstep of the Church Farm Estate	Previously part of the fields comprising the old Church Farm	Popular with walkers - the footpath connects with the Canal towpath, making a short varied circular walk, accessible from both Wharf & Cooper Bridges	An important habitat for birds, insects and small mammals. Its proximity to the Chesterfield Canal, a Local Wildlife Site, makes it likely wildlife migrate into the area (See list).
							

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5	Grange Estate Open Land Owned by: BDC	A flat mown grass area at the eastern end of the footpath linking the Amcott and Grange Estates.	The space is valued by residents given its proximity to the houses as its use by local children as a play area	The grassed area breaks up the uniformity of the housing and adds a rural feel to the estate.	The estates were built in 1949 and the early 1950s, on land formerly belonging to Grove Farm	A place where children play	Birds from nearby garden hunt for worms and insects
							

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6	Grange Estate Recreation Area Owned by: BDC	A flat maintained grass area behind the houses on the eastern side of the Grange estate. The space has been created from what once was one large field. The adjoining areas are now used for grazing animals	The recreation area is valued highly as a play area for children given its proximity to housing and as the estates own open space.	A flat area of grass land with open views to two sides to the surrounding fields	It is understood by residents that when the estate was built it was formally agreed that the land would always be kept as a recreation area	Children's play area, and a place where people exercise their dogs	Birds and insects associated with open grassland and grazing land
							

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7	Misterton Sportsfield Owned by: Oakdale Homes	An extensive flat area, on the eastern outskirts of the village. It comprises a grassed cricket ground, football pitch, bowling green, plus a surfaced multi use games area, skate-park, children's playpark and pavilion.	The sports field is home to Misterton's cricket, football and bowl clubs. With its various play parks is the heart of the village's sporting activities.	A flat open area within Flood Zone 3. The skate and games parks and bowls club are to the far end of the field with the football and cricket pitches to the front and the children's play to the side	Originally bought by Newells as a sports field for their workers, it was leased to the PCC in 1969 on a 60 year lease. The land has since been sold to Oakdale Homes	The games area, skate park bowling green, football and cricket pitches enable a wide range of outdoor activities to be pursued	The area has thick hedging to three sides with mature and young trees. The hedges and trees offer a useful habitat for birds and insects.
							

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8	Community Gardens Owned by: Notts County Council	A rectangular piece of land within Misterton Primary Schools' grounds, divided into 6 half-sized "allotment" type plots, with garden sheds and backed by a line of trees	It is used by local people for growing vegetables and flowers and allows for the involvement of the school children.	The gardens introduce a sense of domesticity into the schools environment and break up the structured nature of the grounds	A recently developed project	A chance for plot holders to pursue their horticultural interests.	The working of the soil encourages garden birds to visit and in the summer butterflies and bees



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9	(Misterton) Primary School Fields Owned by:	On Grovewood Road in the SW of the village, it is a flat mainly grassed area with a children's activity area, wildlife pond & children's gardening plots. There is mature hedging to 2 sides the third, tree-lined.	Gives the children the opportunity to learn & play a wide range of sports, eg football basketball, netball, cricket and, via the wildlife pond and garden plots, to learn a range of subjects in a stimulating environment.	Impresses as a well maintained interesting and varied space.	The primary school and its grounds are situated in what had previously been the site of the old Secondary School	Offers a wide range of activities and after school clubs that also utilise the space	The wildlife pond has newts & frogs, there are nesting boxes & the trees and hedges attract a variety of birds too.
							

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10	Chesterfield Canal Towpath through Misterton	The part of the towpath between Cooper's Bridge to the west and the railway bridge to the east.	As a footpath running from one side of the village to the other it defines the rural nature of the village, offering views of the adjoining fields, with hay bales etc and a variety of waterfowl	The path is mainly flanked by hedging to its north side and along the canal bank, with a variety of waterside plants	The canal was built in 1777 and the towpath was used by the horses pulling the barges	Very popular with walkers and used by narrowboats for temporary moorings	The tow path is a Local Wildlife Site with a wealth of flora and fauna, for eg herons, swans kingfishers, moorhens ducks (See also attached list)



