

**Austrey Local Green Space Assessment Table**

<b>Local Green Space</b>	<b><i>a) in reasonably close proximity to the community</i></b>	<b><i>b) demonstrably special</i></b>	<b><i>c) local in character</i></b>	<b><i>Include in NDP?</i></b>
Austrey Playing Fields	Easy walking distance from the village, with pavements all the way.	Very special to the village – dog walkers, football teams, annual Bonfire Night fireworks display, Austrey and Newton Regis Schools Gala, children’s playground, and the Annual Memorial football match. The ground is also used by Tamworth FC youth/second team games, for which they pay a small rent and also maintain the pitches. The playing fields also give access to the Hazel Meadows allotments for which there is great demand and a long waiting list.	Large area but fully enclosed by hedges so meets this criterion.	Yes
Bishops Field	‘Heart of the village’ with unique views of the Grade 2 listed St Nicholas Church. Very close to the Grade 2 listed pub and the village shop/PO, used by all.	Links residential areas into open space, links also to new houses on Wulfric Ave and the new village green. Possible archaeological significance. Includes a wood and a stream known locally as ‘the swamp’, with great diversity of wildlife including bats, barn owls, adders, grass snakes, voles, nesting kestrels, and other birds of prey	This is a well defined area with hedge boundaries.	Yes

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		including buzzards. Hugely valuable as a friendly social and exercise space. Dog walkers meet every day, and other walkers use the paths which connect one side of the village to the other, or to connect with other public footpaths through to Cinder Lane and beyond. Held in great affection and hugely valued by the village community. Views to the church in one direction, with sweeping extensive views towards neighbouring Warton Village in the other direction.		
Land behind Holly Bank	Easy walking distance from the village. Adjacent to houses on the east side of the village.	Unparalleled views of the village. Public footpaths provide lovely area for dog walkers and other users alike. Has ridge and furrow features which are historically and agriculturally important.	Enclosed by houses and fences.	Yes
Old Cricket Ground	In the centre of the village, behind Charity House and the Grade 2 listed Baptist Church.	Historic sporting significance, was used for many years by the village cricket teams. Views of the Grade 2 listed Baptist Church, also has public footpath which is very well used.	Is enclosed, and not extensive.	Yes
All green space around Newton Lane, especially area highlighted for HS2	Area not subject to access as belongs to HS2	Not demonstrably special	Extensive	No
Land north of Newton Lane		Not demonstrably special	Extensive	No
All fields surrounding the village		Not demonstrably special	Extensive	No

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Small plot of land at Orchard and Newborough Close	Is proximate to the village, situated to the side of a pedestrian walkway (known as a 'jitty') between Orchard/ Newborough Closes	Ripe for improvement as a Local Green Space with the addition of apple trees to make a small orchard, as suggested in public consultation. Funding for trees has been applied for.	Not extensive, bordered by houses and fences.	Yes
Green space between Warton Lane/Newton Lane and motorway	Not proximate	Not demonstrably special	Extensive	No
Woodlands off Cinder Lane (Fairy Woods)	Very proximate	Very special. Used by generations of walkers, children and village residents with great affection. Known as the Fairy Woods and with views of Bishops Field and the Grade 2 listed St Nicholas Church spire.	Not extensive	Yes
Windmill Hill Lane	Long track, under control of Highways		Extensive	No
Fields NW/SW/NW of the village			Extensive	No
Fields to the right (N/E) of Hollybank	Already in table (see above)			Yes
Fields behind St Nicholas School			Extensive	No
Fields adjacent to The Headlands		Not demonstrably special	Extensive	No
All fields outside the village boundary			Extensive	No
Field behind Glebe Rise	Yes	Not demonstrably special	Not extensive	No
Fields between Mt Pleasant Farm and Glebe Rise		Not demonstrably special	Extensive	No

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Fields behind back gardens on Main Rd, looking up towards Mt Pleasant farm		Not demonstrably special		
Fields on either side of Orton Hill		Not demonstrably special	Extensive	No
Fields to the right of Millview Gardens		Not demonstrably special		No
Field to the E and N of Baptist Church	Already in table as Old Cricket Ground, see above			Yes
Small parcel of land in Bishops Cleeve cul de sac	Yes	Unique situation with unobstructed views towards Grade 2 listed St Nicholas Church, which would be protected, and access to Bishops Field (see above).	Not extensive. Ownership unknown.	Yes
Area around church and pub	Yes	Valuable, but hard to define and no obvious area that would be vulnerable to development. However this area has Grade 2 listed St Nicholas Church and churchyard, also the Grade 2 listed thatched pub, the Bird in Hand.	Extensive, also too vague and not obviously vulnerable to development.	No
Village Green area on Wulfric Ave	Yes	This new addition to the village's open spaces was created in 2021 when new houses were built. Has lovely views and is immediately adjacent to Grade 2 listed St Nicholas Church. Also has extensive sweeping views towards Warton Village and beyond. There is great potential for many village events to be held here.	Not extensive	Yes

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Farm land between Norton Hill and No Mans Heath Lane			Extensive	No