



# Gretton Neighbourhood Plan

## ENVIRONMENTAL INVENTORY



**CODING**



Local Green Space



Important open space



Environmental significance (history)



Environmental significance (wildlife)

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502	<p><b>St James Churchyard</b></p> <p>The Church has been a permanent feature of the village for over 1,000 years. The present building was started in early 12<sup>th</sup> Century with later additions. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century chancel was raised to provide a crypt for the storage of the Hatton sarcophagi in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century.</p> <p>Some interesting gravestones which show some important family links.</p> <p>A Register is kept in the County Records of every grave in the village.</p> <p>One gravestone is for Rev Abner Brown and family. He did much to improve the villager's lives such as setting up the first school, the Allotment Society, the Fire Brigade and a lending library.</p> <p>Reservoir Woods – a gypsy and unofficial District Nurse well known for her herbal remedies. She died in 1911 and was such a popular person the villagers erected a large granite memorial to her.</p> <p>There are 2 military WW1 graves and a plaque to inform visitors of these.</p>	Yes	5	3	2	3	5	4	22	Y	Low	Y	3	Y	
503	<p><b>Paddock Park</b></p> <p>Protected as a <i>Fields in Trust</i> site.</p> <p>Designated wildflower area, various trees, human sundial, pond with great variety of wildlife. Used by school for Forest School.</p> <p>Set up by Parish Council and supported by a group of dedicated volunteers who meet monthly to maintain the paths and mowing various areas as well as planting wildflower patches, pruning shrubs and trees and placing birdboxes on various trees. Some of the benches and trees have been donated by village clubs and by individuals in memory of known village people.</p> <p>Used for petanque. Popular picnic area.</p> <p>Working pump. Human sundial.</p>	Yes	5	3	2	4	3	4	21	Y	Y	Y	5	N	
TBC	<p><b>Brookfield Plantation</b></p> <p>Now owned by TATA as British Steel reclaimed land after being used for steelworks. Gas pipe runs underneath and believed to have tanks of waste under the ground.</p> <p>A campaign was set up a few years ago as there were plans to build a Resource Recovery Plant which would have disturbed the land.</p> <p>Through 1970s planting and natural regeneration the area has many natural species of trees as well as planted conifers and an</p>	No	2	3	2	2	2	4	17	Y	N	No	0	N	

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	abundance of wildlife and plants. Deer, muntjacs, badgers and foxes can be found in this area. A shoot uses this land too. It would make an ideal route for a cycle path to Corby and so avoid the many commuters along the very twisty road to the town. Includes six Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and areas of <i>lowland calcareous grassland, lowland meadow</i> and <i>Priority Habitat: deciduous woodland</i> (NBRC and Natural England designations)														
127.1	<b>Park Lodge Quarry</b> Last worked face of large opencast ironstone quarry, abandoned c. 1960's Was part of Park Lodge pit complex. Although overgrown, the site preserves several potential exposures of the sequence from Northamptonshire Sand into the Lower Lincolnshire Limestone, with drift above. Candidate Local Wildlife Site (cLWS, NBRC) for geology and flora. Full of variety of wildlife Variety of fauna including wild orchids Archaeological interest Rock formations Footpath	Yes	2	2	1	2	2	4	13	Y	Low	N	2	N	
501	Hall Field The site of the Manor House, with fishponds and mounds, lies north of the church. This is located on a slope falling steeply to the River Welland. A good example of the local effect of geology on topography: the upper part is on limestone, the slope to the north-west is lias clay. On the 1587 map of the village it is marked as 'Hall Yarde'. Other notes state the 'yarde' was divided into two parts where 'sometime stood the Manor House'. Local tradition states that much worked stone has been removed from the site to build houses in the surrounding area. NCC HER site. Down the steep slope to the west is a large fishpond. This would have been filled with spring water which breaks out where it meets the underlying clay. The pond was formed by a large rectangular depression cut back into the slope with a massive dam 3 metres high. Smaller ponds are linked to it at the north-east corner.	Yes	5	2	1	0	4	3	15	N	N	N	0	N	
073	Westhill Ridge & furrow Anthills – grant from DEFRA Sledging field Popular for walking Most spectacular view of valley	Yes	2	3	2	2	3	3	15	Y	Low	N	0	Y	
511	Southfield Road Allotments	Yes	5	2	1	3	1	2	14	Y	Low	Y	0	N	

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	These are very popular and there is constantly a waiting list for local residents to join this group. There are also several beehives in various fields owned by villagers which produce delicious honey.														
509	Fullwell Avenue Allotments Under-utilised allotments available for villagers use and owned by CBC.	Yes	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	Y	Y	Y	0	N
*	Private orchard/bird sanctuary	Yes	5	1	0	0	0	0	2	8	N	N	N	0	N
082.1	Small spinney at south edge (on steepest hillside) of 082 is site of Roman to medieval quarrying (ironstone) and iron smelting. Includes traces of old pits, slagheaps, etc. <b>NHER sites MNN136166, 27356, 12093 and 12094. NB southern parts of the feature have been destroyed by recent conversion of field 079 to arable.</b> Spinney is mixed deciduous, breeding site for yellowhammer, warblers, etc.	No	2	2	2	0	4	2	12	N	N	N	0	Y	
047	Small field to encourage wildlife, ridge and furrow, pond Ridge and furrow.	Yes	1	1	0	0	1	2	5	N	N	N	0	N	
504	War Memorial and Village Green The memorial is unusual because it gives recognition by naming all those who served as well as those who died in the First World War. Villagers subscribed £450 towards the memorial and Lord Winchilsea gifted the land. It is also notable that it is designed to be used by villagers. The crescent shaped stone wall enclosed a sheltered area with oak bench seating (now missing), where people could contemplate the church and watch the sun setting over the Welland Valley. It was built in 1925. Unique as names in different coloured lettering to show those who returned from the War. Oak tree planted to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. Annual Remembrance service held here every November, a multi faith service, march through the village with the Gretton Silver Band, Scouts and locals.	Yes	5	3	1	2	4	1	16	Y	Med	Y	2	N	
506	Paddocks and gardens behind Haringworth Road and south of Stone Cottages. Medieval village (closes and house platforms) preserved as earthworks: <b>NHER site MNN1595</b>	Yes	4	1	1	0	4	1	11	Y	Low	N	0	N	
508	Recreation Ground Important green space for the village. Various clubs use it Multi gym -muga Children's play area	Yes	5	1	0	5	1	1	13	Y	Y	Y	3	N	

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	Band practice in room Social Club								
014 & 015	Pasture 15 Ridge and Furrow Footpath	Yes	5	1	1	1	3	1	12
011	Woodland – recently planted plantation	Yes	5	2	0	0	0	1	8
020 -031	Pasture – horses in 3 of them Ridge & furrow in 21,22, 28,29 & 30	Yes	4	0	0	0	3	1	8
127	Park Farms Field	Yes	3	1	1	1	0	1	8
074	<b>Pasture</b> (horse paddock) Earthworks and cropmarks: enclosed post-medieval to modern field system <b>NHER site MNN2676</b>	Yes	4	1	1	1	4	1	12
074 076, 077, 078, 080, 081, 082, 083	Pasture – 074 = horses 076 & 081 – beautiful views of the valley – ridge 074 -076, 078,081-083 are ridge and furrow	Yes	2	0	1	3	0	1	7
133	Jubilee trees field in corner Recent history as Queen’s Jubilee 2012 This area was donated by a local landowner and the village was invited to buy a tree and plant it in order to celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee in 2012.	Yes	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
012 013, 016 & 019	Arable fields Ridge and furrow	Yes	2	1	0	1	0	1	5
032 -034, 035, 039, 040, 042, 043, 045, 048, 052, 056, 057, 063, 064, 069	Pasture Trees recently planted by Welland Conservation group in 33 Ridge and furrow in 032-035, 043 and 064	Yes	2	0	1 Fishermen use it	1 Fishermen use it	0	1	5
001 --010	Arable fields Field 7 has a WW2 pillbox = 2 for historical value A big change in the agricultural scene took place with the Enclosure Award by Act of Parliament in 1837. This meant the open strips in the open field were exchanged and consolidated into square or rectangular fields separated by quick-thorn hedges.	No	2	1	0	0	0	1	4

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14 No 15 yes	N	N	0	N	
N	N	N	0	N	
N	N	N	0	N	
Y	Low	N	0	N	
N	N	N	1 Walkin g	N	
N	N	N	1 Walkin g	N	
Y	N	N	0	N	
Y on footpaths	N	N	0	N	
N	N	N	0	N	
N	7= accessible from road but not for disabled	N	0	Y	

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051, 062 & 072	Pasture Ironstone workings	Yes	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	N	N	N	0	N	
084, 805, 086, 087, 079, 075	Arable Badgers, pheasants rearing in 75	Yes	0 75 is	1	1	1	0	1	4	Y on footpaths	N	N	0	Y	
097-126	Arable (field 98 site of charcoal burning, field 120 stone age tools found and given to Northampton Museum ) Footpaths in certain fields	Yes	0 (25% are closer)	0	0	1	2	1	4	Some due to footpaths	N	N	0	N	
134, 135, 136	Pasture Field 136 recently planted Spinney Reclaimed from ironstone workings	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	Some due to footpaths	N	N	0	N	
036, 037, 038, 041, 044, 046, 049, 050, 053, 054, 055, 058, 059, 060, 061, 065, 068, 70, 071 & 093	Arable Pond in 36, 44, 46 Ridge and furrow in 053, 061, 065 and 067.	Yes	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	N	N	N	0	N	
128-132, 137, 138	Arable Part of Winchelsea estate, farm fields	Yes	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	N	N	N	0	N	
088, 089, 090	Pasture	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	N	N	N	0	N	
092, 093, 094, 095 & 096	Pasture	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	N	N	N	0	N	
091	Arable	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	0	N	
n/a	<b>Railway land</b> Runs from parish boundary on Haringworth Road to the tunnel entrance on Brookfield Plantation Home to badgers, foxes, hares, rabbits, birds including owls and woodpeckers. Range of flora and fauna due to being unattended as no longer passenger line. Still freight traffic but no steam engines to cause damage	Yes	4 - 1	1	0	0	3	5	11	N	N	N	0	Y	

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	Railway: During 1870 the Kettering to Manton railway was being built by the Midland Railway to provide a line with a gentle gradient for the heavy coal trains from the Nottinghamshire coalfields to London.														
n/a	Spinneys Various 'pockets' of trees in the area around fields between Gretton Brook Road and Kirby Hall	No	1	2	1	0	0	4	8	N	N	N	N	Y	
n/a	Rivers borders the Parish Boundary Private fishing Runs through wildlife meadow – Lyddington Meadow Nature Reserve set up by the Geoff Hamilton Trust – organic as no pesticides used ever Recent tree planting by Welland Trust Weir- encouraging fish to move up the river- Milling, the water mill operated from pre Norman times until the 1930's, though was probably rebuilt several times. It was demolished in the 1970's. Popular area to walk through	No	3	2	2	3	4	5	19	Y	Low	N	0	Y	
n/a	Phone Box at corner of Arnhill Road and High Street	Yes	5	0	0	0	3	0	8	Y	Y	N	N	N	
	Footpaths around the village and surrounding area: 1. Gretton, Brookfield Plantation to Rockingham and Back. Starts Gretton Village Hall (grid ref SP902944) 8 miles. This walk provides some wonderful rural views including a heavily wooded area, the fabulous Rockingham Castle, the delightful village and Welland Valley when descending Rockingham Hill and then walking back along Jurassic Way to Gretton. 2. Gretton and Kirby Hall Starts Gretton Village Hall ((grid ref SP 902944) 5.5 miles This walk takes in fields and down through the slate pits where stone would once have been quarried and on to a magnificent view of Kirby Hall, now protected by English Heritage, before walking down the drive past the entrance. It is then up and back to Gretton where once there would have been quarries all around, now back filled, landscaped and taken back by nature.	Yes	5-1	3	2	5	4	5	22	Y	Med	N	2	Y	
507	Pick Playing Field Small field historically used by the village as a playing field prior to the creation of the Play Area on the Recreation Ground. Used mainly by the Scouts for activities.	Yes	3	0	0	4	0	1	8	Y	Y	Y	N	N	
513	Church Gap It is a large stone-lined rectangular trough fed by local springs with sloping access for wagons and livestock. Believed to be early 17 <sup>th</sup> Century in its general form although likely to have been a source of water for this part of the settlement since earliest times.	Yes	5	3	4	2	5	4	23	Y	Y	Y	2	Y	

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512	Huntsfield Drive Open Public Space Balancing pond for Huntsfield Drive housing.	Yes	5	0	0	0	0	0	5

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