






Hermitage Neighbourhood Plan

Green Spaces Audit August 2022

Name and address	Description and purpose	Quality of facility (including any deficiencies)
<p data-bbox="125 312 483 339">Dines Way Green RG18 9TF</p> 	<p data-bbox="763 312 1476 456">Informal, grassed open space containing oak trees protected by TPO extensively used by local dog owners, children and occasionally for informal street events"</p>	<p data-bbox="1498 312 2096 496">Bordered by the road on one side, 1.8m close boarded fence, recently replaced on another and houses. Partially surveilled. The grass is mown regularly and trees surveyed every 2 years.</p>
<p data-bbox="125 695 607 722">Hermitage Green play area RG18 9SL</p> 	<p data-bbox="763 695 1476 1038">Grassy area including children's playground, overlooked by housing on all sides. The play area itself is surrounded by a small area of landscaping containing bushes, shrubs and some 14 young trees. It consists of a number of items of play equipment securely mounted within a child-safe, 1.2m high fenced area with latched entrance gates. This play area is both popular and very well used by children during summer months.</p>	<p data-bbox="1498 695 2063 999">Encircled by roads, therefore casual surveillance is possible. The grass is mown regularly and hedges kept trimmed. Trees when damaged or diseased have been replaced in the past by West Berkshire Council (WBC). The playground equipment has been subject to annual health & safety inspections & repairs as necessary by WBC.</p>
<p data-bbox="125 1078 546 1106">Lipscomb Close Green RG18 9SZ</p> 	<p data-bbox="763 1078 1476 1302">Informal, grassed open space containing trees protected by TPO, including acer Drumondii, lime oak sycamore and oak monolith and Millennium memorial including time capsule. This informal space is used by residents for informal celebrations and youngsters for football.</p>	<p data-bbox="1498 1078 2085 1342">Bordered by roads on two sides, therefore casual surveillance is possible, close boarded fence on others, including an eco pile of the arisings from making the monolith safe and some houses. The grass is mown regularly. Trees are surveyed every 2 years</p>

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<p data-bbox="125 164 456 188">Pinewood Park RG18 9RP</p> 	<p data-bbox="763 164 1476 467">Children’s playground in informal grassed open space mostly mowed but some left for wildlife reasons, surrounded by and including trees including elm, oak, Scots pine, silver birch and whitebeam. Refurbished in 2005. A number of pieces of equipment The Scout hut is in the park. Very well used by the Cub Pack, offering a safe enclosed area to run a large number of weekly sessions/activities.</p>	<p data-bbox="1498 164 2096 387">The area is encircled with trees and partially surveilled by CCTV from the Scout Hut. Most of the grass is mown regularly. Some is retained for biodiversity The single ended MUGA needs replacing because of weld failure.</p> <p data-bbox="1498 395 2033 587">Weekly checks are undertaken by the council’s contractor, monthly ones by a councillor and annual health and safety checks by a ROSPA approved contractor. Trees are surveyed every 2 years</p>
<p data-bbox="125 595 645 619">Furze Hill Recreation Ground RG18 9WL</p> 	<p data-bbox="763 595 1476 898">This is a space that is well used for dog walking, regular junior football training and matches by a local football club, exercise classes and informal recreation. The multi use games area is popular with local youngsters. This is a wonderful community space and ever more important when it comes to staying healthy. It is also a centre for village activities such as fetes.</p>	<p data-bbox="1498 595 2096 738">The recreation ground is surrounded by embankments on 2 sides, woods to the east and is close to the Village Hall and carpark to the south.</p> <p data-bbox="1498 746 2051 778">There are 2 benches on the embankment.</p>
<p data-bbox="125 994 629 1018">Furze Hill Local Wildlife Site RG18 9WL</p> 	<p data-bbox="763 994 1476 1297">The site includes a butterfly meadow, woods, some open to the , some closed for the safety of both humans and resident wildlife and the Eling Way a very popular and well used active travel route. The whole site is subject to a TPO. Residents enjoy walking their dogs and seeing the flora and fauna which are often commented on in social media. It is even used for training the captive birds of prey owned by a villager.</p>	<p data-bbox="1498 994 2096 1377">This is an excellent and varied open space adjacent to the recreation ground bordered on the north by the M4 motorway, fields to the east and housing and a road to the south. Wildflowers such as wood anemone, bluebells, primroses and sanicle bloom in the woods in the spring. A health and safety inspection is made on the trees every 2 years. Many ash trees have recently been removed because of ash die back.</p>

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		The meadow has orchids amongst many other flowers in the summer.

Assessment of Existing Designated Public Green spaces within Hermitage village

Site name	Grid reference	Description and purpose	Statutory designation	Close to community it serves	Demonstrably special to its community	Local and not extensive
Dines Way Green RG18 9TF	SU511733	Informal, grassed open space containing oak trees protected by TPO extensively used by local dog owners, children and occasionally for informal street events"		Surrounded on 2 sides by dwellings, very short walk from others		0.274 ha
Hermitage Green play area RG18 9SL	SU504725	Grassy area including children's playground, overlooked by housing on all sides. The play area itself is surrounded by a small area of landscaping containing bushes, shrubs and some 14 young trees. It consists of a number of items of play equipment securely mounted within a child-safe, 1.2m high fenced area with latched entrance gates.		Encircled by dwellings very short walk from others.	This play area is both popular and very well used by children during summer months.	0.22 ha

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Lipscomb Close Green RG18 9SZ	SU506729	Informal, grassed open space containing trees protected by TPO, including acer Drumondii, lime oak sycamore and oak monolith and Millennium memorial including time capsule. This informal space is used by residents for informal celebrations and youngsters for football.		Short walk from some dwellings, surrounded on 3 sides by others.		0.0364 ha
Pinewood Park RG18 9RP	SU511735	Children's playground in informal grassed open space mostly mowed but some left for wildlife reasons, surrounded by and including trees including elm, oak, Scots pine, silver birch and whitebeam. Refurbished in 2005. Pieces of equipment The Scout hut is in the park		Very close to many dwellings. 15-minute walk from most of the settlement	Very well used by the Cub Pack, offering a safe enclosed area to run a large number of weekly sessions/activities. Enjoyed by many local children.	0.3833 ha

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Furze Hill Recreation Ground RG18 9WL	SU512739	This is a space that is well used for dog walking, regular junior football training and matches by a local football club, exercise classes and informal recreation.		Very close to about 40% of homes in the area, maximum of 25-minute walk from far end of settlement	This is a wonderful community space and ever more important when it comes to staying healthy The multi use games area is popular with local youngsters. It is also a centre for village activities such as fetes.	1.01 ha
Furze Hill RG18 9WL Local Wildlife Site	SU512739	The site includes a butterfly meadow, woods, some open to the , some closed for the safety of both humans and resident wildlife and the Eling Way a very popular and well used active travel route. It is even used for training the captive birds of prey owned by a villager.	Local Wildlife Site	Very close to about 40% of homes in the area, maximum of 25-minute walk from far end of settlement	Residents enjoy walking their dogs and seeing the flora and fauna which are often commented on in social media.	13.73ha