

Application for Local Green Space designation for  
**OALSNSP002** known as **Lyde Green**  
On behalf of Great Orchard Preservation Group

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# Norton St Philip Checklist and Criteria for Local Green Space Designation

OALSNSP002

1.	<b>General Information</b>	Tick where evidence is attached
	<b>Name and address of site – including all known names</b>  <i>Lyde Green, The Barton/Wellow Lane, Norton St Philip</i>	
1.2	<b>Site Location Plan</b>	<i>See attached</i>
1.3	<b>Organisation or individual proposing site for designation</b>  <i>Great Orchard Preservation Group</i>	
1.4	<b>Ownership of site, where known</b>  <i>The Green is “common land”</i>	
1.5	<b>Is the owner of the site aware of the potential designation? Do they support the designation?</b> <i>Not applicable</i>	
1.6	<b>Photographs of site</b>	<i>See attached</i>
1.7	<b>Community served by the potential Local Green Space</b>  <i>The land is a village asset enjoyed by the whole community</i>	
2.0	<b>Planning History</b>	
2.1	<b>Is there a current planning application for this site? If permitted/allocated could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?</b>  <i>No</i>	
2.2	<b>Is this site allocated for development in the Local Plan Part 2? If allocated, could part of the overall site still be used as a Green Open Space?</b>  <i>No</i>	

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3.0	<p><b>Size, scale and 'local nature' of proposed Local Green Space</b></p> <p><i>Lyde Green is a small triangular shaped area of grass and trees surrounded by narrow lanes and grass verges. On two sides there are houses set back behind local rubble stone walls, while on the third side there is a verdant bank of broadleaf trees and shrubs behind a very fine drystone wall averaging two metres in height which is listed by virtue of its curtilage connection to Manor Farm, the Grade 2 listed building situated 100 metres away. Behind the tree screen lies The Great Orchard, which is an open field of very high visual significance and which is the subject of a separate application for Local Green Space status.</i></p> <p><i>All the above characteristics contribute to the open rural nature of this corner of the village.</i></p>	
3.1	<p><b>Area of proposed site</b></p> <p><i>The area of the site including roads and verges is 1/3 acre, the Green itself less than ¼ acre</i></p>	
3.2	<p><b>Is the site an extensive tract of land? The small size of the site fits with one of the main criteria for LGS designation</b></p>	
3.3	<p><b>Is the proposed site 'local in character'?</b></p> <p><i>Lyde Green is the focal point of the network of green spaces, lanes and footpaths at the lower northwest corner of the village. The lanes are not heavily trafficked and are extremely popular pedestrian routes to the open countryside to the north and west, and to the heart of the village to the south and east. The open nature of the adjoining houses contributes strongly to the "loose grain" which characterises this part of the village.</i></p>	
4.0	<p><b>Need for Local Green Space</b></p>	
4.1	<p><b>Is there a need for a local green space in this location?</b></p> <p><i>The popularity of this part of the village with walkers and children demonstrates the need for the Green to be protected as a local green space.</i></p>	
5.0	<p><b>Evidence to show that 'the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves'. See below</b></p>	
5.1	<p><b>How far is the site from the community it serves? Is the site within 2km of the local community?</b></p> <p><i>The site is less than 1 kilometre from the centre of the community in the High Street and around Church Mead.</i></p>	
5.2	<p><b>Are there any barriers to the local community assessing the site from their homes? ("accessing"?)</b></p> <p><i>No, there is pedestrian and vehicular access from the three corners of the Lyde Green triangle, on the Barton, Chevers Lane and Wellow/Ringwell Lanes.</i></p>	

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6.0	Evidence to show that the green area is 'demonstrably special to a local community'.	
6.1	Evidence of support from Parish Council – <i>See below</i>	
6.3	Evidence of support from community leaders such as ward members, district councillors etc. <i>See below</i>	
6.4	Evidence of support from other groups –  <i>The response to the village survey is typified by the work of the Great Orchard Protection Group, as indicated on their flyer which has been widely circulated throughout the village.</i>	
7.0	Evidence to show that the green area 'holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty' The particular significance of Lyde Green is that it is the <b>only</b> remaining parcel of Common Land remaining in the parish.	
7.1	Is this criterion relevant to this site? Yes	
7.2	Describe why the community feels that the site has a particular local significance for its beauty.  <i>The charm of Lyde Green is largely due to its unspoilt nature. The grass and verges of the green have a natural quality because they are not intensively managed, and there are no intrusive modern developments to spoil its tranquillity. Local Green status will preserve these essential qualities.</i>	
7.3	Site visibility  <i>The discreet location of the Green on gently sloping ground precludes its visibility from any distance, but therein lies its charm as a secluded, quiet open space within the fabric of the village.</i>	
7.4	Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?  <i>No, the site is not intensively managed or landscaped.</i>	
7.5	Is the site specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments or historical documents?  <i>No such documents are in common knowledge.</i>	
7.6	Does the site contribute to the setting of a historical building or other special feature?  <i>The 14<sup>th</sup> Century dovecote in the grounds of Pond Barton is visible from the Green.</i>	
7.7	Is the site highlighted in literature or art? <b>Not known</b>	

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8.0	<p>Evidence to show that the green area 'holds a particular local significance for example because of its historical significance'?</p> <p><i>The events of the 1685 battle during the Monmouth rebellion occurred in close proximity to Lyde Green. The main action took place in the fields adjacent to Lyde Green, and the Green itself would have figured in the movements of troops and their temporary accommodation of the personnel involved.</i></p>	
8.1	<p>Is this criterion relevant to this site? Yes</p> <p><i>Yes, there are plans to establish a "Heritage Trail" in the village, with the support of the Battlefield Trust. The Green will be an important marker in this trail with possibly an information board sited on the Green.</i></p>	
8.2	<p>Are there any historical buildings or remains on the site? No</p>	
8.3	<p>Are there any important landscape features on the site?</p> <p><i>The most significant landscape feature on the site is the beautiful Listed drystone wall along the east boundary, which forms part of the boundary of Great Orchard formerly part of the architecturally important Manor Farm, nearby.</i></p>	
8.4	<p>Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village?</p> <p><i>The evolution of Common Land was an important part of the historic development of the English landscape, and the steady erosion of common land into private ownership adds to the significance of the common at Lyde Green.</i></p>	
8.5	<p>Did any historic events take place on the site? <i>See above</i></p>	
8.6	<p>Do any historic rituals take place on the site? No</p>	
9.0	<p>Evidence to show that the green area 'holds a particular local significance, for example because of its recreational value including as a playing field (if appropriate).</p> <p><i>The particular local significance of Lyde Green is as an unspoilt and safe environment for pedestrians, hikers, children playing, and riders on horseback.</i></p>	
9.1	<p>Is this criterion relevant to this site? Yes</p>	
9.2	<p>Is the site used for playing sport? No</p>	
9.3	<p>Are the public able to physically access the site?</p> <p><i>Yes there is pedestrian and vehicular access to all sides of Lyde Green.</i></p>	

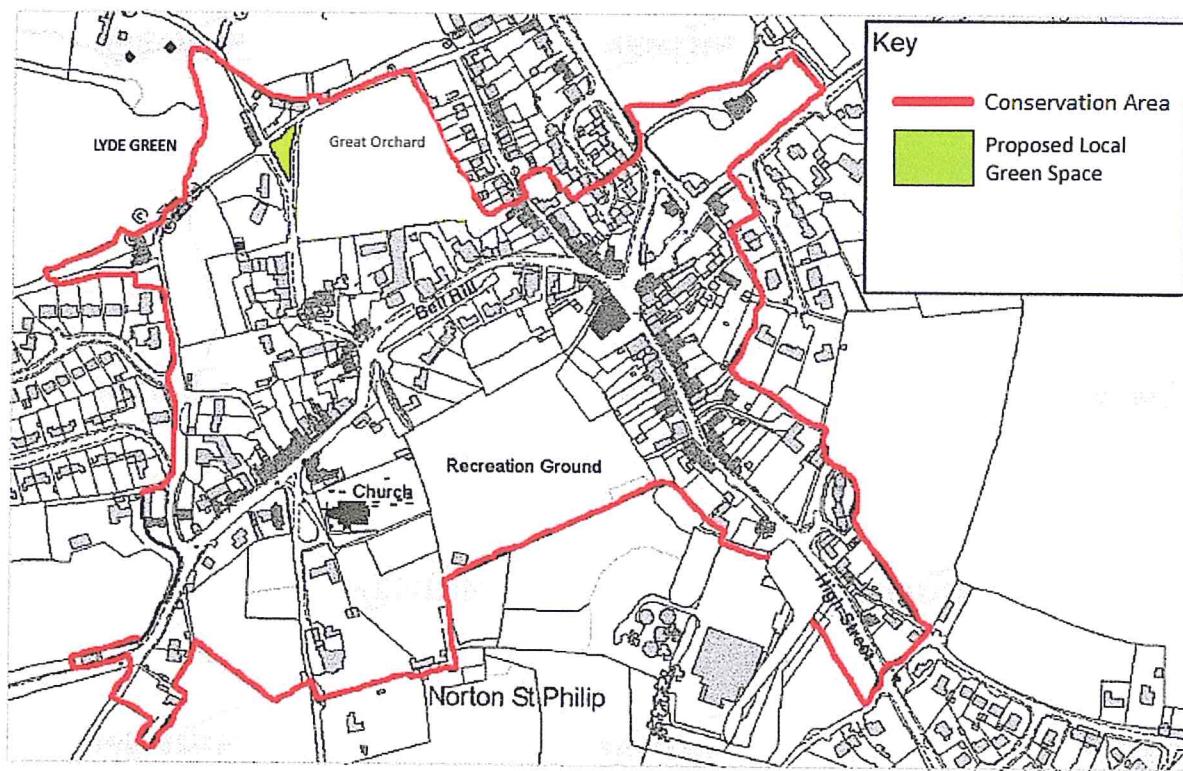
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9.4	<p>Is the site used by the local community for informal recreation? And since when?</p> <p><i>The local community and visitors to the village enjoy full use of the Green</i></p>	
10.0	<p>Evidence to show that the green area 'holds a particular local significance, for example because of its tranquillity'? See above</p>	
10.1	<p>Is this criterion relevant to this site? Yes</p>	
10.2	<p>Do you consider the site to be tranquil?</p> <p><i>The Green is a tranquil refuge from the busier parts of the village around Bell Hill and The High Street.</i></p>	
10.3	<p>Is the site within a recognised tranquil area?</p> <p><i>Yes, the lack of through traffic makes Lyde Green a particularly tranquil area of the village.</i></p>	
11.0	<p>Evidence to show that the green area 'holds a particular significance for example because of its richness of its wildlife'?</p> <p><i>No particular evidence exists, but bird and mammal wild life flourishes at Lyde Green due to the lack of intensive landscape management.</i></p>	
11.1	<p>Is this criterion relevant to this site? Yes</p>	
11.2	<p>Is this site formally designated for its wildlife value? No</p>	
11.3	<p>Are any habitats or species found on this site? No</p>	
11.4	<p>What other wildlife of interest has been found on the site?</p> <p><i>Frogs toads, hedgehogs and pheasants</i></p>	
11.5	<p>Is the site part of a long term study of wildlife by members of the local community? No</p>	
12.0	<p>Evidence to show that the green area 'holds a particular significance for any other reason'? N/a</p>	
12.1	<p>Is this criterion relevant to this site? N/a</p>	
12.2	<p>Are there any other reasons why this site has a particular local significance for the local community? No</p>	

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Lyde Green – Site Plan – Photo



# OALS Norton St Philip

Scale 1:4000

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