

Norton St Philip

Excerpt from Annex B of the Greenspace SPD detailing characteristics of OALSs in the village

Site Reference	Description	Reasons for Designation
OALSNSP001	Area of garden rising from Norton Brook to Wellow Lane at Old Hopyard.	Site contributes to the village's rural character and the street scene. Although some parts of it are enclosed it still creates a sense of openness, with vistas glimpsed through gaps in the enclosing walls and vegetation and a sense of open space above and behind the frontage. The openness of the site is particularly important to this part of the village, which is rural in character. The land is much higher than the meadows at the bottom of Ringwell Lane and is an important feature when viewed from this direction.
OALSNSP002	Lyde Green. Triangular green area at the junctions of Wellow Lane, Ringwell Lane, Chevers Lane and The Barton with grass and a number of small trees.	Site contributes to the village's rural character and the street scene. It allows views along the network of lanes that join around the triangle and is important to the rural character of this part of the village, characterised by a network of narrow lanes interspersed by open spaces, and divided by walls, trees and historic buildings.
OALSNSP003	Great Orchard. Area of grassland surrounded by high walls, residential buildings and Bell Hill garage within the built up area of the village. Numerous trees adjacent to the boundary walls.	Site contributes to the village's rural character and the street scene. It is important to the rural character of this part of the village, characterised by a network of narrow lanes interspersed by open spaces, and divided by walls, trees and historic buildings. The open space can be glimpsed through breaks in the walls that surround it and there are views from the elevated ground to north east, across and over the site. The openness of the site is also an important feature in the historic development of the village, marking a break between the rural character of the lower village and the more densely built upper village, mirroring Church Mead on the other side of Bell Hill. It is important in views of the village from footpaths to the south of the village. These views are particularly significant and the historic settlement can be seen marching up the hillside towards the ridgeline.
OALSNSP004	Ringwell Lane. Greenfield area alongside Ringwell Lane, made up of field surrounding Norton Brook and steeply rising land to the east.	Site contributes to the village's rural character and the street scene. It is important to the rural character of this part of the village, characterised by a network of narrow lanes interspersed by open spaces, and divided by walls, trees and historic buildings. The open space can be seen through breaks in the vegetation that surrounds it and the openness creates important views from Ringwell Lane, which open up suddenly on approach. Both the field and the embankment to

		the east are important to the site's contribution to the street scene. Vegetation in the gardens to the south is particularly important as a backdrop to the views from Ringwell lane.
OALSNSP005	Church green. This is a triangle of green space at the front of the church.	The site is important to the character of the church and the surrounding area. It frames views of the Church and adds to the sense of tranquillity of the area.
OALSNSP006	The churchyard adjoining Church Mead	<p>The site is extremely important to the character of the village. It provides an appropriate and tranquil setting for the church and the churchyard is important in views across Church Mead, which are pivotal in defining the character of Norton St Philip.</p> <p>The churchyard includes many listed graves. The site also includes an adjoining paddock which is visually connected to the churchyard and vital to its setting. Although the paddock is private land the current owners make it available for occasional community events."</p> <p>.</p>