

Reydon Neighbourhood Plan

Proposed Local Green Spaces

This study describes and illustrates the eight sites proposed in our draft Neighbourhood Plan for designation as Local Green Spaces (LGS).

Our consultation with our community confirmed that all of these sites have special significance for, and are of great value to, our residents.

Some of our proposed LGS are also important wildlife sites of regional, even national, significance and already enjoy protection for these reasons and as part of the Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We hope we have showed that they are also very precious to the community to which they belong. Even if designation as LGS does not add further protection for these areas, we want our Neighbourhood Plan to underline their importance to our community and give voice to its concerns that they remain undeveloped.

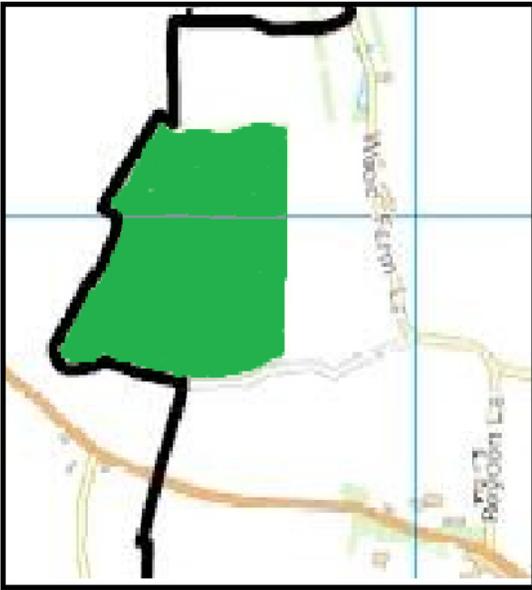
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***NOTE:** Suffolk Wildlife Trust as the owner of these sites has not agreed to their designation as Local Green Spaces as they feel the existing protections for these sites are stronger than that afforded by LGS. It is, therefore proposed to delete these sites from the list in Policy RNP7 and to amend RNP Map 4.

****NOTE 2:** The landowner of Reydon Common Marsh has also not agreed to its designation as a Local Green Space as he believes this is not compatible with it being part of a working farm. It is therefore proposed to delete this site from the list in Policy RNP7 and to amend RNP Map 4.

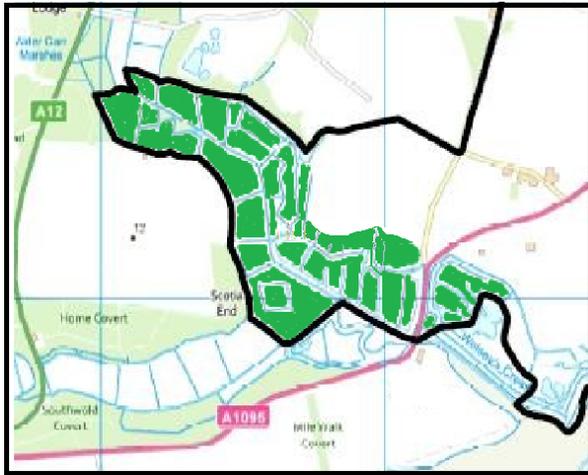
Reydon Wood



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| Site Name and Location | Reydon Wood Nature Reserve, Wood Lane off B1126, IP16 6SL |
| Ownership | Suffolk Wildlife Trust |
| Organisation Proposing Site for Designation | Reydon Parish Council |
| Owner Support for designation | Not given (see note on P1) |
| Planning Status | Undeveloped; protected as part of AONB |
| Area | 16.62 hectares |

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| Is it an “extensive tract”? | Whilst not a small site, this reserve is a compact area of woodland. It takes approximately 30 minutes to stroll around its circular nature trail. |
| Is it Local in Character? | Yes. This site is much valued by the community of Reydon and a frequent destination for local walkers and cyclists. This is, of course, in addition to its wider significance as an important nature reserve. |
| Is it in close proximity to the community? | Yes. It is approximately 2km walking/cycling distance from the boundary of the settlement, via School Lane, Rissemere Lane East and Wood Lane, a route that is regularly used by local people. |
| Why is it special to the community? | This wood, like all old woods, is a cultural place and local people have made a significant contribution to the rejuvenation of the habitat. In turn for a share of the firewood they have helped re-instate a 20-year cycle of coppicing that has resulted in a spectacular eruption of spring flowers to rival any Suffolk wood, including swathes of bluebells, yellow archangel and greater stitchwort. Look out for tawny owl, sparrowhawk, long-tailed tit, woodcock and treecreeper, while in spring the recently coppiced areas are alive with the liquid song of blackcap and nightingale. |
| Which NPPF criteria does it meet for designation as a Local Green Space? | <p>For the reasons set out above, this site is of particular local significance because of its:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beauty • Historic significance • Richness of wildlife • Recreational value • Tranquility |

Hen Reedbeds

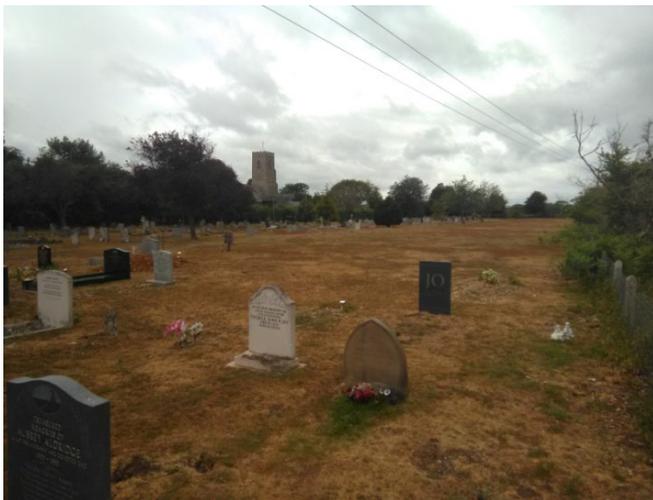
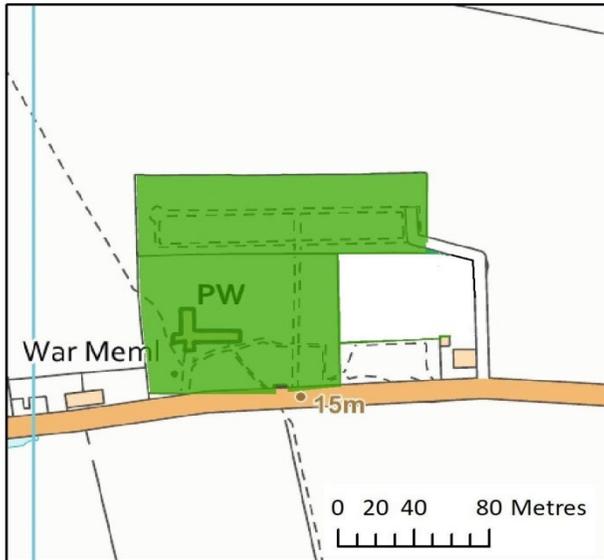


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| Site Name and Location | Hen Reedbeds Nature Reserve, A1095 Halesworth Road, IP18 6SH |
| Ownership | Managed by Suffolk Wildlife Trust, owned by Henham Estates |
| Organisation Proposing Site for Designation | Reydon Parish Council |
| Owner Support for designation | Not given (see note on P 1) |
| Planning Status | Undeveloped; protected as part of AONB |
| Area | 55 hectares |
| Is it an “extensive tract”? | It is a large site but easily enjoyed from a number of hides close to access paths. |
| Is it Local in Character? | Yes. This site is much valued by the community of Reydon and a frequent destination for local birdwatches, walkers and cyclists. This is, of course, in addition to its wider significance as an important nature reserve. |
| Is it in close proximity to the community? | Yes. It is approximately 4km cycling distance from the boundary of the settlement, via Wangford Road and Mardle Road or 3.5km walking, via Shepherd’s Lane and the Blyth and Wolsey Creek river walls. Both are routes regularly used by local people. |
| Why is it special to the community? | A rich mosaic of wonderful wetland habitat and a real treat for anyone interested in birds, Hen Reedbeds is a blend of reedbeds, fens, dykes and pools created in 1999 to provide new breeding habitat for bittern and other wildlife. In summer look out for bittern, marsh harrier, heron, bearded tit, norfolk hawk and |

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| | even hobby hunting over the reeds and dykes. Reed and sedge warblers sing to their hearts' content alongside clouds of iridescent damselfly and nimble dragonfly such as the four-spot chaser and hairy dragonfly. |
| Which NPPF criteria does it meet for designation as a Local Green Space? | For the reasons set out above, this site is of particular local significance because of its: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beauty• Historic significance• Richness of wildlife• Recreational value• Tranquility. |



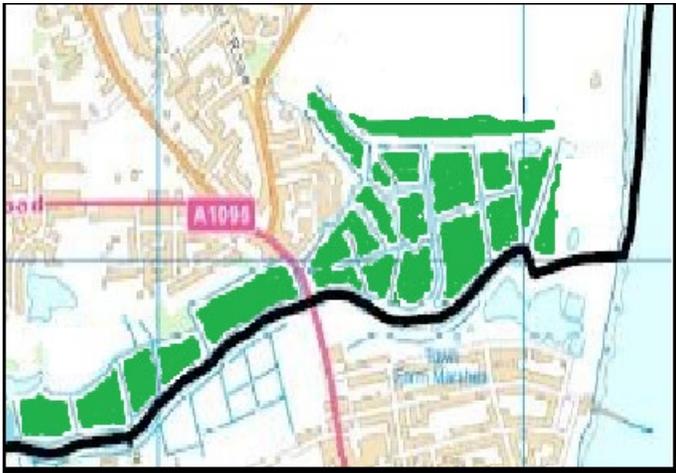
Reydon Churchyard and Reydon Cemetery



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| Site Name and Location | Reydon Churchyard and Reydon Cemetery |
| Ownership | The Churchyard surrounds St. Margarets Church which owns and is responsible for its upkeep. To the North is the Public Cemetery which is owned and run by East Suffolk Council. |
| Organisation Proposing Site for Designation | Reydon Parish Council |

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| Owner Support for designation | Given by the Vicar for the Churchyard Awaiting confirmation from ESC for the Cemetery |
| Planning Status | Unknown |
| Area | Including the church, the whole area is 1.5 ha. |
| Is it an “extensive tract”? | No |
| Is it Local in Character? | Yes |
| Is it in close proximity to the community? | The Church is just outside the boundary of the settlement but is easily accessed from all parts of the settlement by foot, cycle or car. |
| Why is it special to the community? | The Churchyard is well tended and still in use, albeit almost full. It contains the village war memorial where the Remembrance Day ceremony takes place each year. The Cemetery is equally well tended and regularly visited; it is approximately half full. Both parts of the site are rich in trees, shrubs and support a wide range of birds and small mammals. |
| Which NPPF criteria does it meet for designation as a Local Green Space? | For the reasons set out above, this site is of particular local significance because of its: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beauty • Historic significance • Richness of wildlife • Community use • Tranquility. |

Reydon Common Marsh



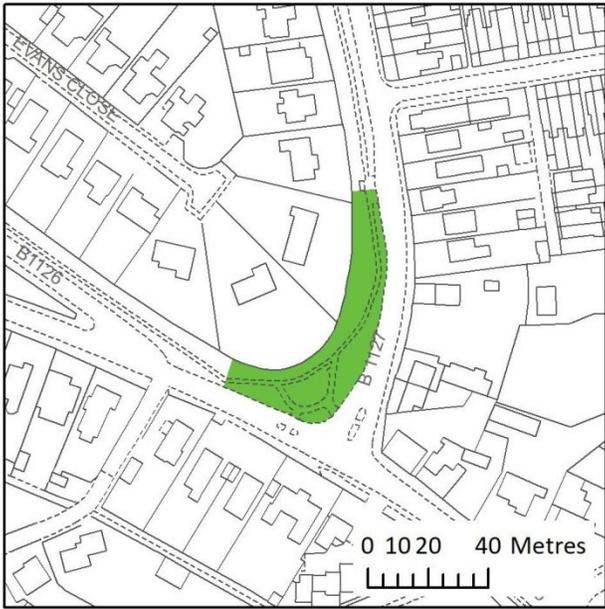
Reydon Common Marsh West of Might's Bridge

Reydon Common Marsh East Of Might's Bridge

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| Site Name and Location | Reydon Common Marsh which lies to the west and east of Might's Bridge along the boundary with Southwold. The area to be designated terminates at the fishing ponds to the west and at Easton Marshes to the west; its northern boundary is the footpath from Covert Road/Lowestoft Road to the sea. |
| Ownership | It is believed there are various owners. The footpaths are in public ownership; a part of the grazing Land is owned by Andrew Thompson and others parts are unknown. Most of the land is let out for grazing. |
| Organisation Proposing Site for Designation | Reydon Parish Council. |

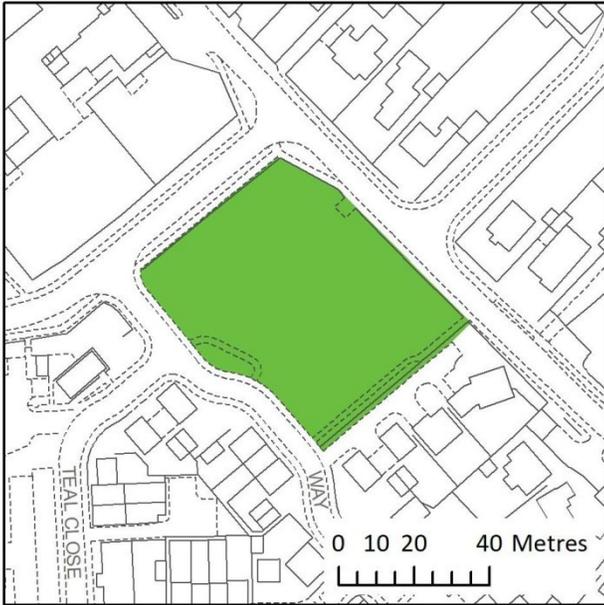
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| Owner Support for designation | Not given. See Note on P 1. |
| Planning Status | Undeveloped and/or agricultural land; protected by its status as part of the AONB. |
| Area | 25 ha |
| Is it an “extensive tract”? | It is quite a large site but access to it is by three main footpaths along its edges which are well used. |
| Is it Local in Character? | Yes |
| Is it in close proximity to the community? | Yes; the site is adjacent to the boundary of the settlement. |
| Why is it special to the community? | This site is an important setting to the village viewed from Mights Bridge. It allows grazing of cows and sheep along with a menagerie of other wildlife especially wild geese, ducks and swans and the area is much favoured by bird watches throughout the year. The Area is described monthly in a local magazine where the author describes and photographs the various bird species to be found there. Along one of the footpaths, there are tank traps left from WW2. |
| Which NPPF criteria does it meet for designation as a Local Green Space? | For the reasons set out above, this site is of particular local significance because of its: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beauty • Historic significance • Richness of wildlife • Recreational Value • Tranquility. |

ReydonCorner



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| Site Name and Location | Reydon Corner, at the junction of Halesworth Road and Lowestoft Road, close to the southern entrance to the settlement. |
| Ownership | Unregistered but believed to belong to Reydon parish Council who maintain it. |
| Organisation Proposing Site for Designation | Reydon Parish Council |
| Owner Support for designation | Confirmed |

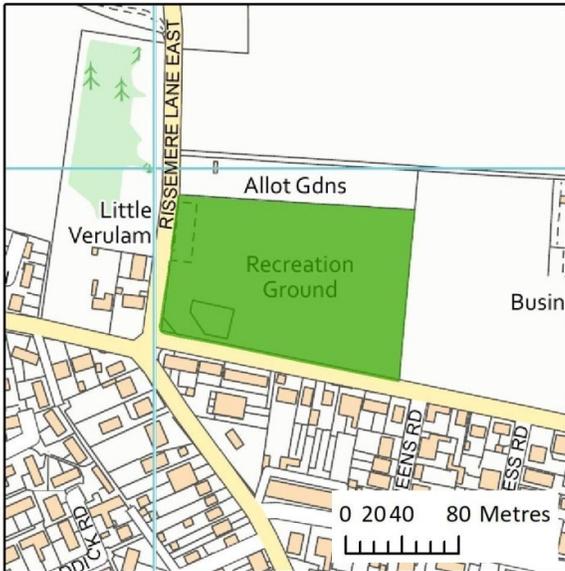
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| Planning Status | Unknown |
| Area | 1.5ha |
| Is it an “extensive tract”? | No |
| Is it Local in Character? | Yes |
| Is it in close proximity to the community? | Yes |
| Why is it special to the community? | The site has a prominent position southern entrance to the village. It is beautifully looked after at all times of the year with rich seasonal flower displays and enhances the sense of community. At Christmas a large crib is displayed and many of the village attend the advent service and carol concert there. |
| Which NPPF criteria does it meet for designation as a Local Green Space? | For the reasons set out above, this site is of particular local significance because of its: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beauty • Recreational Value • Community use. |



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| Site Name and Location | Jubilee Green which lies at the corner of Wangford Road and Nightingale Avenue in a central position in the village. |
| Ownership | Reydon Parish Council |
| Organisation Proposing Site for Designation | Reydon Parish Council |

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| Owner Support for designation | Confirmed |
| Planning Status | Unknown |
| Area | 0.32 ha |
| Is it an “extensive tract”? | No |
| Is it Local in Character? | Yes |
| Is it in close proximity to the community? | Yes |
| Why is it special to the community? | A space for a village green was part of the deal when Hopkins Homes obtained planning permission for their development. It was formally handed over to the Parish Council in August 2017. Since then it has been developed as an increasingly popular community asset, including a community garden, wildflower areas, and memorial benches. Several community events have been organised, and it is in daily use as a general meeting place, especially popular as a children’s play area and for dog walking. |
| Which NPPF criteria does it meet for designation as a Local Green Space? | For the reasons set out above, this site is of particular local significance because of its: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beauty • Recreational Value • Community use. |

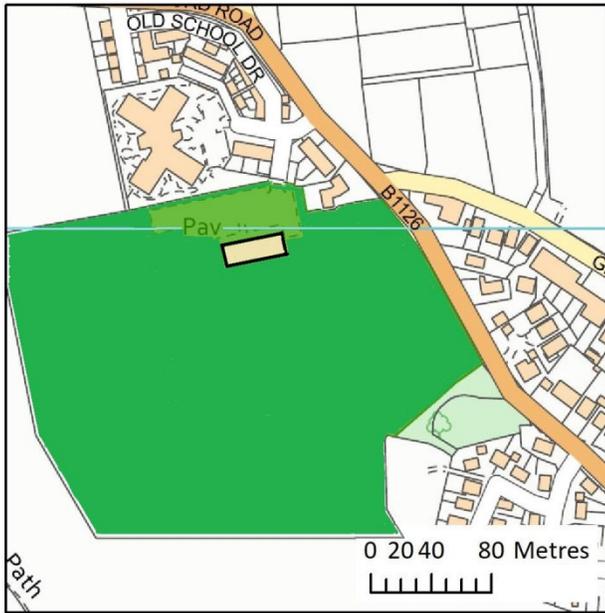
Reydon Recreation Ground



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| Site Name and Location | Reydon Recreation Ground at the junction of Rissemere Lane East and Cox's Lane. |
| Ownership | Reydon Parish Council |
| Organisation Proposing Site for Designation | Reydon Parish Council |
| Owner Support for designation | Confirmed |
| Planning Status | Unknown |
| Area | 18.2 ha |

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| Is it an “extensive tract”? | No |
| Is it Local in Character? | Yes |
| Is it in close proximity to the community? | Yes; it is on the northern boundary of the settlement and easily reached by walking or cycling but also has a small car park. |
| Why is it special to the community? | The Reydon Recreation Ground is owned and maintained by Reydon Parish Council and is free to use by the community of Reydon. There is a well used Children’s Play Area and Adult Exercise Area, a Netball/basketball basket and large field for general sport. |
| Which NPPF criteria does it meet for designation as a Local Green Space? | For the reasons set out above, this site is of particular local significance because of its: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beauty • Recreational Value • Community use. |

Reydon Playing Fields



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| Site Name and Location | Reydon Playing Fields, off Wangford Road via Rye Terrace |
| Ownership | Reydon Playing Fields Charity (RPFC) |
| Organisation Proposing Site for Designation | Reydon Parish Council |
| Owner Support for designation | Confirmed by Graham Langley, Chair of RPFC |
| Planning Status | Unknown space but it is an area of open space in the AONB |
| Area | 7.68 ha |

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| Is it an “extensive tract”? | No |
| Is it Local in Character? | Yes |
| Is it in close proximity to the community? | Yes: it is adjacent to the western boundary of the settlement. |
| Why is it special to the community? | <p>The playing fields were originally on the site of the old Reydon Secondary School which closed on 31st August 1990. The school playing fields were taken over by a local community group and was formally purchased in 2002. The group became a registered charity in 2013 when extra land was purchased with S106 monies from the Hopkins development on the former Eversley School playing fields (where Shearwater housing now stands), together with a Sport England grant.</p> <p>A new community and sports pavilion was built to replace the youth centre building and will be formally opened in 2020.</p> <p>The fields are bordered by lines of mature trees and enjoy extensive views across open countryside to the west.</p> |
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