

Appendix B

Local green spaces

Open Space Value

a1. Land adjacent to Flacca Lodge, Burwardsley Road at entrance to Field Lane.

Proximity to Tattenhall Village Centre 0.2km. **Area:** 0.13 ha.

Semi-natural green space. Play area. Amenity space.

An open grassed area bounded on 2 sides by 21 trees, mostly oak, planted in 1995 by the developers of Flacca Court. The area makes a valuable contribution to the setting of the conservation area. The area is on the heavily used and admired Millennium Mile way, providing an attractive entrance to the Sports Club and cricket field as well as the offices on Barbour Square. There are extensive, much-loved views across the South Cheshire countryside to the Peckforton Hills, unique in the village. The footpath through the site is a well-used and accessible Public Right of Way, which is also suitable for disabled access and pushchairs. The grassed space is well used by local children for informal games and is highly valued for its recreational use. It is a major route beloved by dog walkers. The land is within Tattenhall Conservation area.



a1. Land adjacent to Flacca Lodge, Burwardsley Road at entrance to Field Lane.

a2. Land within Covert Rise Estate with willow trees.

Proximity to Tattenhall Village Centre 0.7km **Area:** 0.36ha

Semi-natural green space. Play area. Amenity space.

This area provides recreational space for children to play games and for families to get together. It creates a pleasant open aspect for the houses around it and creates a village green feel, in what would otherwise be a featureless suburban development.



a2. Land within Covert Rise Estate with willow trees

a3. Land adjacent to Gorsefield – small area looking towards the Continuing Care Retirement Community

Proximity to Tattenhall Village Centre 0.8km. Area: 0.14ha
Community Orchard.

This small area has been planted with fruit trees creating a community orchard. It has been named the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Orchard under the Green Canopy project for the Jubilee in 2022 and has a commemorative willow-woven crown at the centre. A large 'bug hotel' has been installed to encourage pollinators and other invertebrates. The orchard is open to the public at all times and maintained by volunteers. Members of the public are free to collect any fruit.



a3. Land adjacent to Gorsefield – small area looking towards the Continuing Care Retirement Community

a4. Land adjacent to the Spinney and Millbrook End

Proximity to Tattenhall Village Centre 0.4km. **Area:** 0.4ha.

Natural green space.

The land, surrounded by all-weather paths, has been planted as a wild flower area with a re-created dipping pond. Benches have been provided and there are a number of picnic areas. The area, adjacent to the Mill Brook and the Spinney is particularly tranquil and forms an integral part of the Nature Park linking to Glebe Meadow.



a4. Land adjacent to the Spinney and Millbrook End

a5. Land enclosed within the curtilage of Rean Meadow

Proximity to Tattenhall Village Centre 0.4km. **Area:** 0.06ha.

Semi-natural green space. Play area. Amenity space.

The grassed areas provide recreational spaces for children and relief for the semi-urban feel to the development.



a5. Land enclosed within the curtilage of Rean Meadow

a6. Land, with trees on the corner of Smithfields and Harding Avenue

Proximity to Tattenhall Village Centre 0.7km. **Area:** 0.04ha

Natural green space

A small area of open space abutting Smithfields and Harding avenue.



a7. Fenced land with trees, one a London Plane, adjacent to bungalow at the top of Harding Avenue

Proximity to Tattenhall Village Centre 0.5km. **Area:** 0.04ha

Natural green space

Small area of open space adjacent to sheltered housing at the top of Harding Avenue, containing, amongst others, a London plane tree. View across farmland and towards Beeston Castle.



a7. Fenced land with trees, one a London Plane, adjacent to bungalow at the top of Harding Avenue

a8. Land on right hand side of Park Avenue backing onto Rean Meadow
Proximity to Tattenhall Village Centre 0.5km. Area: 0.08ha
Natural green space.

Small triangular area of open space. View into surrounding field.



8. Land on right hand side of Park Avenue backing onto Rean Meadow

a9. Land around junction of Keysbrook and Keysbrook Avenue (3 sides of road)

Proximity to Tattenhall Village Centre 0.6km. **Area:** 0.09ha

Amenity space.

Small area of green space breaking the monotony of housing lining both sides of the road.



a9. Land around junction of Keysbrook and Keysbrook Avenue (3 sides of road)

a10. Land on at entrance to Millbrook Park estate

Proximity to Tattenhall Village Centre 0.1km. **Area:** 0.01ha

Amenity space.

Very small triangle of land adjacent to the High Street and Millbrook but contributing strongly to the character of the area, especially in front of listed Georgian buildings.



a10. Land on at entrance to Millbrook Park estate

a11. Land at entrance to Newall/ Breen Close

Proximity to Tattenhall Village Centre 0.2km. Area: 0.01ha

Amenity space.

Small area of open space in front and to rear of 14 new affordable homes. The area forms a natural addition to the War memorial especially on Remembrance Sundays. There is an information panel relating to an historical tour of the village.



a11. Land at entrance to Newall/ Breen Close

a12. Open spaces within Oaklands, Greenlands, and Rookery Drive areas.

Proximity to Tattenhall Village Centre 0.4 - 1.0km. Area: 0.22ha.

Semi-natural green space. Recreation/play area.

This area consists of rough grass and mature native trees. Although a service road traverses the site, the area provides valued visual and recreational amenity. Local families regularly gather there for celebrations and community events.





a12. Open space Greenlands

a13. Land in front of, and to rear of, Grakle Croft properties

Proximity to Tattenhall Village Centre 0.6km. **Area:** 0.03ha

Amenity space.

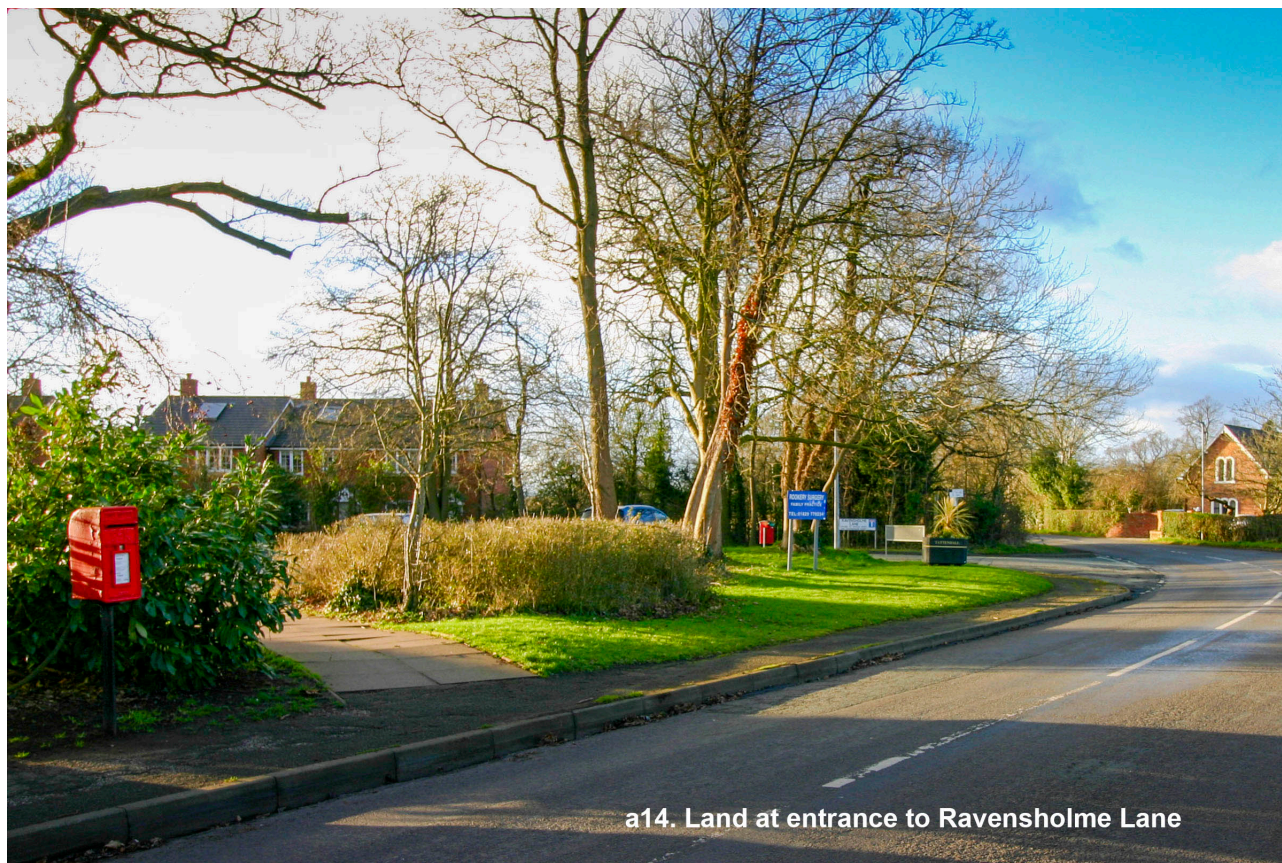
Small area of open space in front and two rear of 14 new affordable homes.



a13. Land in front of, and to rear of, Grakle Croft properties

a14. Land at entrance to, and along, Ravensholme Lane
Proximity to Tattenhall Village Centre 0.5km. Area: 0.08ha
Amenity space.

Small area of space. An interpretation panel for the Millbrook wildlife corridor is located here.



a15. Land on Castlefields

Proximity to Tattenhall Village Centre 0.9km. **Area:** 0.01ha

Amenity space.

Small areas of open space with pond.



Sites of Sport, Recreation and Amenity Value

b1. Castlefields play area

Proximity to Settlement 0.7km. **Area:** 0.08ha

Children's playground.

Situated in the heart of the Keysbrook, Castlefields and Smithfields developments. This is a small playground, which provides play facilities for children living close to Keysbrook and Harding Avenue. It is well used complimenting the main playground on the Park. The site is easily accessed by foot, cycle and car and there are no barriers to accessing the site. It is open throughout the year at all times. The playground is mainly used by local families. Older children meet there to use the basketball nets after school in the early evening. Historically, there has been a playground in this area since the houses were built more than 60 years ago. Grandparents who used the old playground now bring their grandchildren to the newer play area. Public access is freely available and there is good disabled access. Car parking is on the surrounding roads but most people walk there. The play equipment complements the equipment on the park playground. Older children can practise their shooting skills for either netball or basketball. It is a safe meeting place for young teens and young mums with toddlers. It is regularly used by local people. There are roads nearby which make it easily accessible but they are not busy roads and the area is quiet. It is a safe place as the area is clearly visible from local housing and people regularly walk past.



b1. Castlefields play area

b2. Park Playing Field

Proximity to Settlement 0.1km

School field **Area** 1.38ha

Public field **Area:** 1.33ha

Children's playground and field.

In the centre of the Village between the Park School and Tattenhall Road. The Park Field is divided between the Park School and a public area by a security fence. The school field is not open for public use, but it is used extensively for usual school outdoor activities including its own play equipment. The remaining grassed area is the site of the expanded children's play area, open to the public. It is in the centre of the village beside the Primary School and includes wildflower area. The play equipment is used daily throughout the year by local children and families gather there to picnic and to play football on the adjacent grassed space. This is one of the few areas open to the public where there is room for ball games and is also used regularly by dog walkers and by residents accessing the village centre. Community events such as the King's Coronation are held on the whole Park including the School owned part. The dimension, layout and public accessibility contribute strongly to the distinctiveness of the Village. The land is within Tattenhall Conservation area.



b2. Park Playing Field

b3. Sport Tattenhall Playing Fields

Proximity to Settlement 0.3km. **Area:** 3.89ha

Sports and leisure facility.

On the edge of the Village separated from the High Street only by Barbour Square. Cricket pitch and nets, tennis courts, croquet lawn and football pitch are all situated on this large open grassed area close to the centre of the village. Indoor activities include a gymnasium, squash court and bar. This is a members' only club although it is much appreciated by residents for its open aspect and views across the countryside. The cricket ground hosts minor county games as well as regular League games and there are coaching sessions for children in a variety of sports. Many village-wide events are held on the field including regular evenings for family activities, annual gatherings and village celebrations.



b3. Sport Tattenhall Playing Fields

b4. Allotments on Rocky Lane and at Gatesheath

Proximity to Settlement 0.25km

Rocky lane area: 0.39ha

Part allotments. Part natural green space.

At the junction of the High Street and Rocky Lane. The Rocky Lane site is owned by the Bolesworth Estate and was given to the community to be used for allotments recognising that there was a need for more plots as the site as Gatesheath was full. The site has its own committee comprising plot holders, which oversees maintenance and rental. The area includes a pond (large marl pit) surrounded by mature oaks, a site of nature conservation value.



Gatesheath area: 0.19ha

Proximity to Settlement 2.5km

Allotments.

Within the hamlet of Gatesheath The Parish Council owns and runs the Gatesheath allotment site and plots are let to local residents. Plots are usually held for a number of years so vacancies occur infrequently.



Sites of Nature Conservation Value

c1. The Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor Area: 3.6ha

Natural green space.

Wildlife area.

A strip of land 3 metres each side of the Mill Brook crossing the High Street, passing through Mill Field, The Spinney, Glebe Meadow and Barn Field.

A site of nature conservation value. Wildlife corridors maintain viable populations that would otherwise suffer as a result of habitat fragmentation and isolation and, as a result, are extremely diverse. The Mill Brook is a significant wildlife corridor which links isolated habitats such as woodland and grassland, allowing species to disperse throughout the area. As a linear habitat, it is also important in the dispersal of seeds and in attracting insects for pollination. As the Mill Brook passes through the village of Tattenhall, much of this wildlife corridor is accessible to the local community and a permissive footpath through Jubilee Wood provides an important link with other foot-paths in the locality.



c1. The Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor Area: 3.6ha



c1. The Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor

c2. Jubilee Wood

Proximity to Settlement 0.7km. **Area:** 4.69ha.

Natural green space. Wildlife area.

At the southern edge of the village between Sport Tattenhall Playing Field and the Mill Brook.

Community woodland of 1,500 trees plant-ed to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 2012. Wood in three compartments comprising a hazel coppice and over 14 Cheshire native species planted within 1.5 hectares. The third compartment is an area of old woodland with distinctive ground flora including native bluebells which were planted in 2012. Leader money has been used to create five ponds, restore one pond and plant woodland wildflowers. Public right of way (FP2) and permissive footpath through the Woods used by the local community. Site qualifies as a Local Wildlife Site with over 20 species of butterfly recorded.



c3. Glebe Meadow

Proximity to Settlement 0.3km. **Area:** 1.1ha

Natural green space. Wildlife area.

In the centre of the Village beside the Church and between Chester Road and the Mill Brook.

Small area of unimproved grassland in which over 23 species of grass have been recorded. The meadow is an important and increasingly rare example of unimproved grassland, recognised by CWaC as a Local Wildlife Site. Local wildlife groups have used the site for field trips by local residents and students from the adjacent Primary school. The site is managed by the Parish Council as a hay meadow. The Parish Council has allowed public access confined to a permissive footpath as part of the Nature Park plan so that residents can appreciate the site at close quarters.



c4. Barn Field (land behind flats at Ravensholme Court)

Proximity to Settlement 0.5km. **Area:** 0.37ha

Unimproved grassland.

In the centre of the village between the Mill Brook and Ravensholme Court.

Barn Field is an area of unimproved grass-land which is now being restored and managed as a wildflower meadow. Lying adjacent to Mill Brook, it is an integral part of the Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor and is a valuable habitat for wildlife. Surrounding trees provide suitable nesting sites for songbirds and, during the summer months, hoverflies, bees and other insects can be identified. Peacock, small skipper and small tortoiseshell butterflies are common here. Several species of bat also roost in this area. Support is provided for the field from residents of Ravensholme Court sheltered housing. Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor interpretation panel was installed 2013, providing a stopping point on the Millennium Mile footpath. The land is within Tattenhall Conservation area creates a pleasant aspect and setting for surrounding properties. Not currently open to the general public.



c4. Barn Field (land behind flats at Ravensholme Court)

c5. Land bounded by Barn Field, Glebe Meadow and the Spinney

Proximity to Settlement 0.3 km. **Area:** 0.35ha.

Natural green space.

In the village centre bounded by the Spinney, the Mill Brook, Millbrook End and the Covert Rise Estate.

The land, surrounded by all-weather paths, has been planted as a wild flower area with a re-created dipping pond. Benches have been provided and there are a number of picnic areas. The area, adjacent to the Mill Brook and the Spinney is particularly tranquil and forms an integral part of the Nature Park linking to Glebe Meadow.



c5. Land bounded by Barn Field, Glebe Meadow and the Spinney

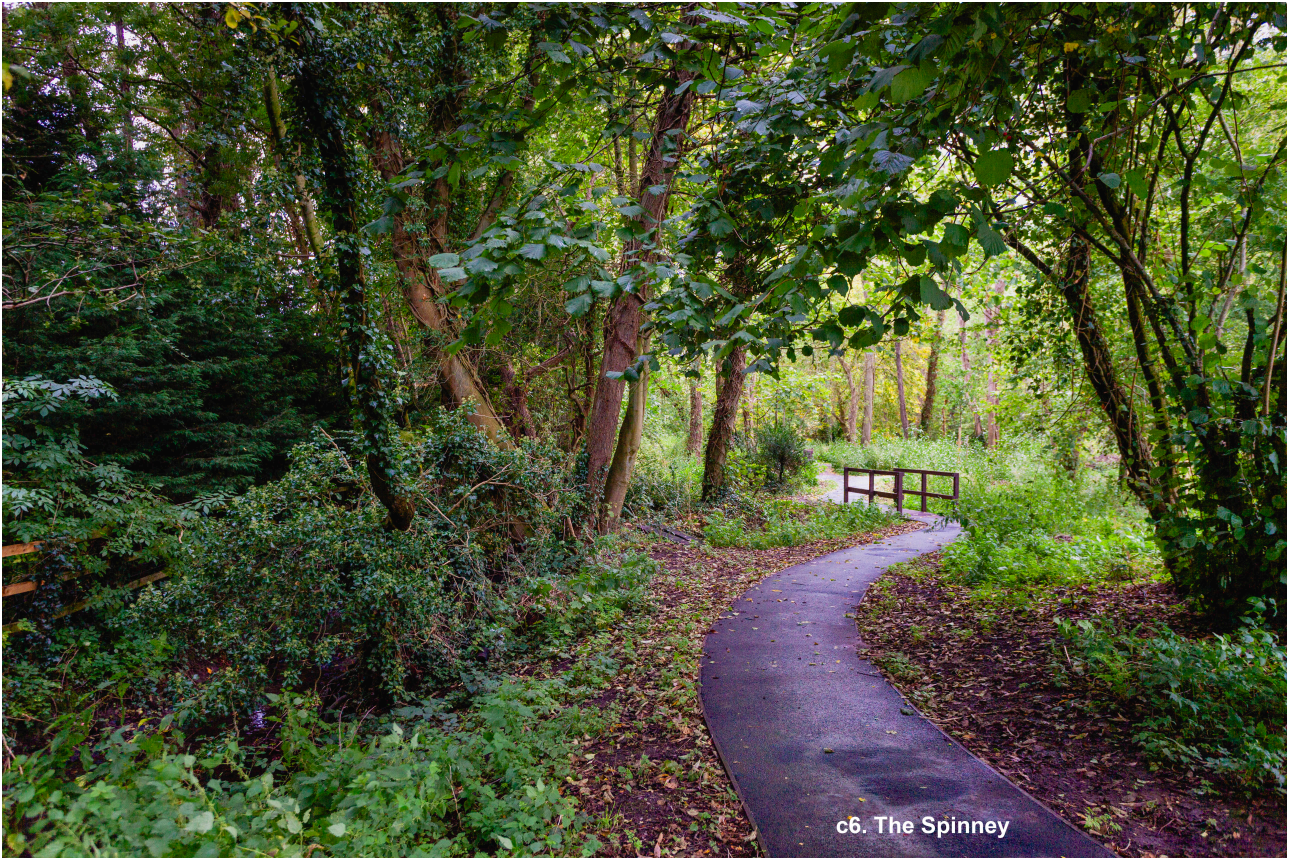
c6. The Spinney

Proximity to Settlement 0.3km. **Area:** 0.60ha.

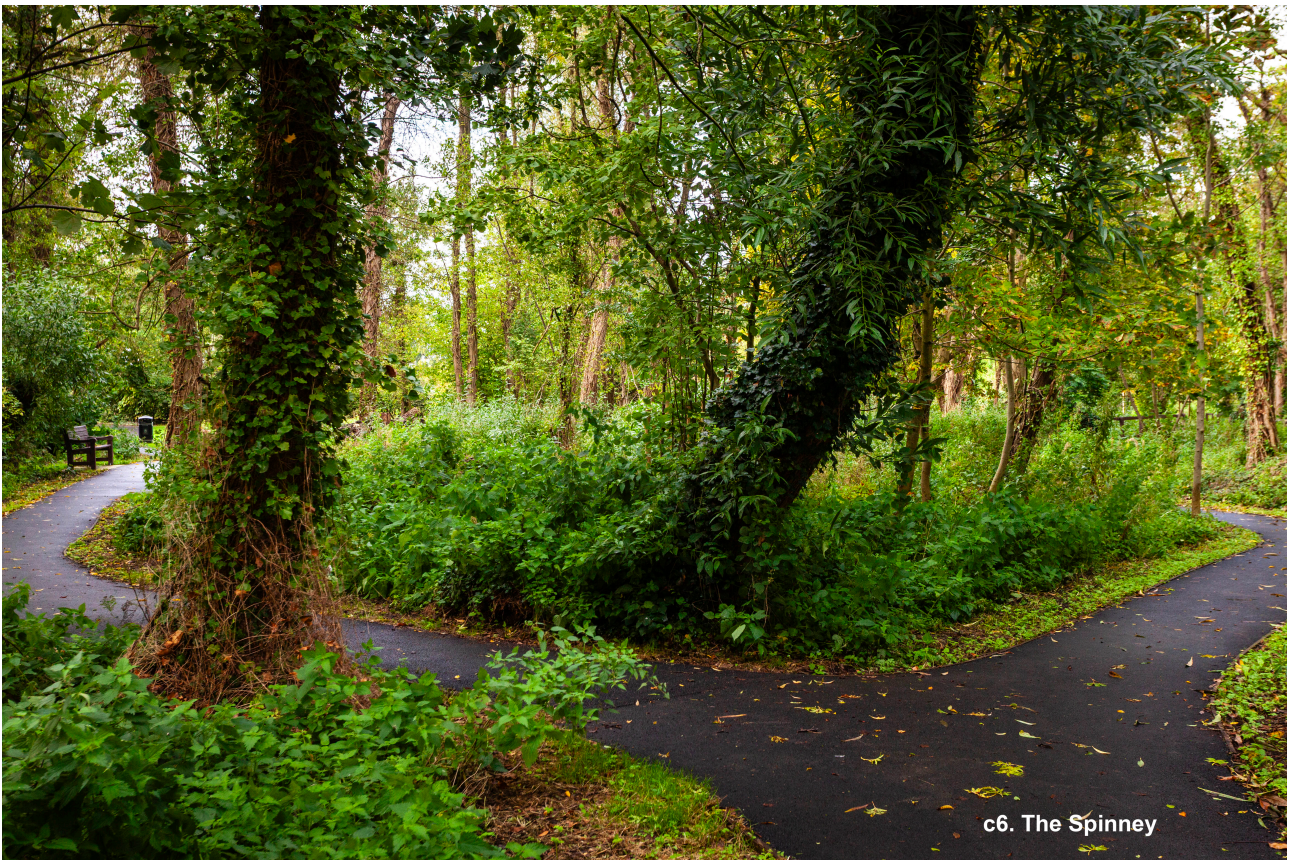
Natural green space.

In the centre of the village beside the Mill Brook.

The Spinney was created many decades ago by the owner of the Rookery, a large Edwardian house adjacent to Glebe Meadow, in order to improve their outlook. Latterly it had become overgrown making public access difficult. Renovation in 2021 has provided good paths and the woods have again become a very popular, safe area for all the village including young children, the elderly and people on disability scooters or in wheelchairs. There are now no barriers to accessing the site, being open throughout the year at all times. People from nearby villages frequently walk in the Spinney and specifically come to Tattenhall for this purpose. It is a very special place with many willow trees, cherry and hazel. Since more light has been let in, many wildflowers have returned, including bluebells, wood anemones, ramsons and celandine. A large rookery supports up to 25 nests. Tawny owls, tree creepers, nuthatches and great spotted woodpeckers are also present. Children from Sandy Bears Nursery use the area for Forest School activities. The Brownies and Opal Club which caters for the elderly also make use of the area for picnics and creative activities including Easter decorations for children which were placed in one of the trees. Several workshops have also taken their inspiration from the Spinney. A published book of poems and artwork have been created workshop by villagers and sold in aid of the Ukraine. A group of children created ephemeral art works in the Spinney with and environmental artist. The most recent event included the unveiling of a large willow woven fox and story-telling chair for children. The children really enjoy riding their bikes and scooters round the paths and. as there is no traffic, they are very safe. It is a very tranquil place because it is away from the traffic and all you hear is birdsong and the caw-caw of the rooks in the tallest trees. The Spinney feels very much part of the area which has been extended to allow for a wildflower area. A stream runs through both areas and otters have been seen in the Mill Brook. The area is near the church, Covert Rise, Ravensholme Court (housing for the elderly), the school and the Health Centre thus giving a wide range of people the chance to enjoy its peacefulness. The land is within Tattenhall Conservation area.



c6. The Spinney



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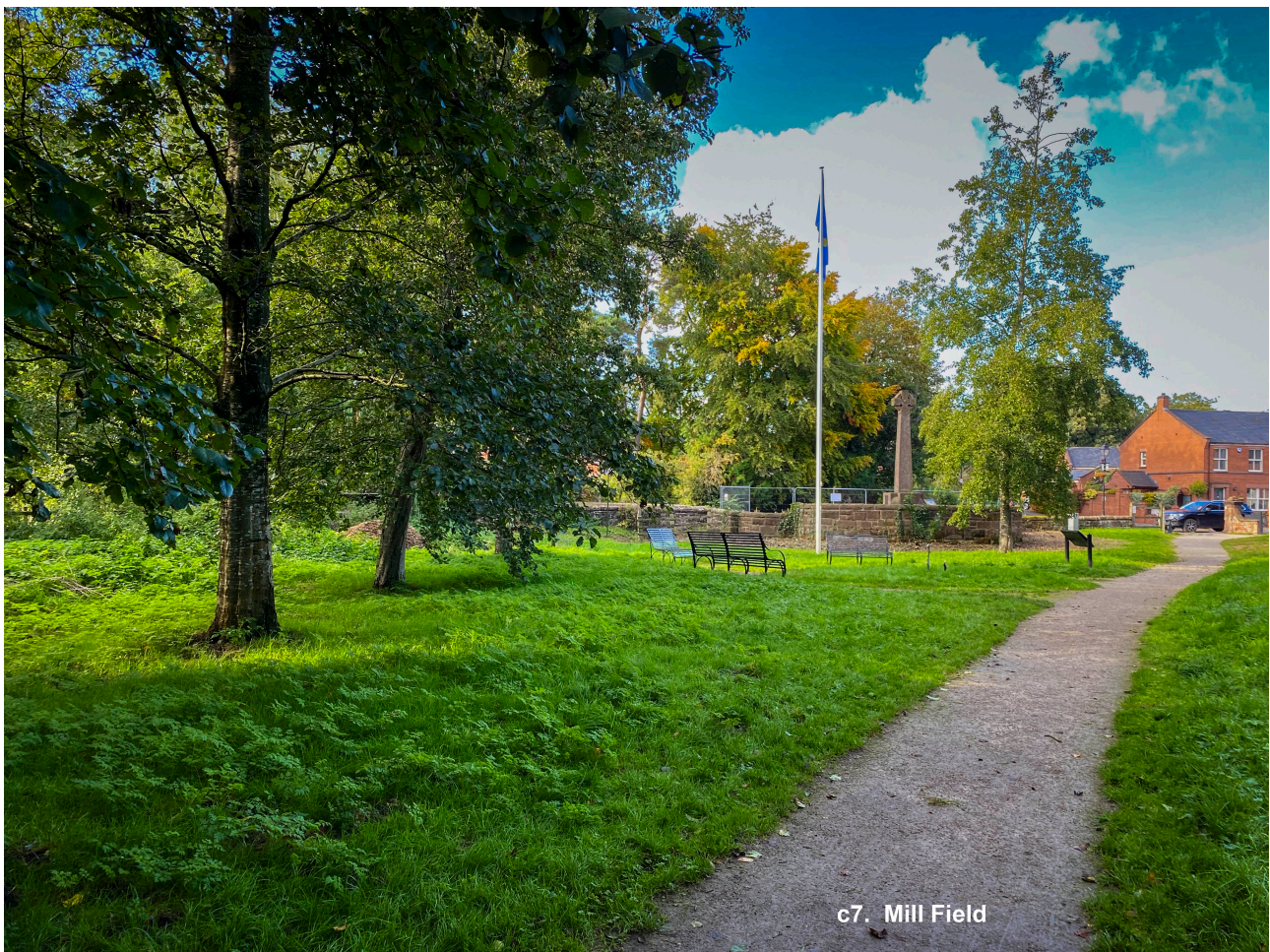
c7. Mill Field

Proximity to Settlement 0.2km. **Area:** 0.31ha.

Semi-natural green space.

In the centre of the village beside the Mill Brook and Barbour Institute.

A small field area in the centre of the village, owned by the Bolesworth Estate and managed by the Trustees of Tattenhall Community Association. The village War Memorial is sited at the edge of the field and a statue of a War Horse was installed on the field as part of the WWI commemoration in 2014. The field has seats which are regularly used by residents walking in the area as it forms part of the Millennium Mile way and affords a tranquil site near the memorials for personal reflection. The land is within Tattenhall Conservation area.



c8. Disused railway line between Chester Road and Frog Lane

Proximity to Settlement

3 sections:

1: 2.9km crossing Newton Lane near Gatesheath

2: 1.3km Gatesheath Hall to Mill Brook crossing Chester Road

3: 1.4km a short section near The Righi

Area: 1.2ha.

Local Wildlife Site.

Natural green space.

The disused railway line provides a significant terrestrial wildlife corridor crossing the Golborne Brook. Providing views into Tattenhall, to the Cheshire Sandstone Ridge and to the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley. These sections of the line are a Local Wildlife Site due to the presence of common spotted orchids, floristically a diverse wildlife corridor. Not currently open to the public.



c8. Disused railway line between Chester Road and Frog Lane

c9. Entrance to and field in front of Tattenhall Hall

Proximity to Settlement 0.3km. **Area:** 0.23ha.

Semi-natural green space.

In the centre of the village beside the Mill Brook on the High Street.

Although privately owned and maintained, the meadow is integral to the historic centre of the village with an open aspect to the Jacobean Tattenhall Hall 1622, English Heritage Grade 2 Listed. The meadow is opened to the public once a year. A significant wildflower meadow, it is located on the Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor and is part of Transition Tattenhall mini-meadows project. The land is within Tattenhall Conservation area and is an essential contribution to the striking appearance and character of the centre of village adjacent to Mill Brook and Grade 2 listed War Memorial.



c10. Allotment Pond, Rocky Lane

Proximity to Settlement 0.5km. **Area:** 0.06ha

Natural green space.

Wildlife area. Pond

Within the allotment site at the junction of the High Street and Rocky Lane.

The site has its own committee comprising plot holders, which oversees maintenance and rental. The area includes a pond (large marl pit) surrounded by mature oaks, a site of nature conservation value.



c10. Allotment Pond, Rocky Lane

c11.Land within curtilage of Tattenhall Marina

Proximity to Settlement 2.2km **Area:** 5.8ha.

Part semi-natural green space.

Beyond Tattenhall village at the hamlet of Newton-by-Tattenhall beside the Shropshire Union Canal.

A significant area of land surrounding three sides of the Marina has been developed for nature conservation and includes a series of ponds, wildflower meadow and planting of native trees. In addition, a new permissive footpath links the Canal with Newton Lane. The land is entirely within the Shropshire Union Canal conservation area.



c11.Land within curtilage of Tattenhall Marina



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