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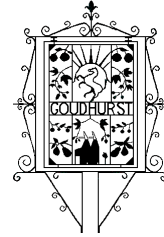


Amenities Committee 23 May 2023

MEETING
23 May 2023 19:30

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Goudhurst Parish Council



To: Cllrs Antony Harris (ex-officio), David Knight, Phil Kirkby, Geoff Mason, Ed Read-Cutting, Caroline Richards and Mrs Alison Webster.

I summon you to a Meeting of the Amenities Committee on Tuesday 23 May 2023 at 7.30 pm, in Goudhurst Village Hall, where business detailed on this agenda will be discussed.

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Claire Reed
Clerk to Goudhurst Parish Council
18 May 2023

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A quorum for Amenities Committee is 3 Members.

Agenda

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Owner</i>
Goudhurst Village Hall	23/05/23	

1. Committee to elect a Chairman
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Declarations of Interest
4. To resolve to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2023.
5. Questions from the press and public.
6. To confirm the objectives of the Committee.
7. To confirm the priorities of the Committee.
8. To review the outstanding projects and establish which to carry forward and confirm the timescales for their completion.
 - 8.1. To select which cycle stands to purchase.
 - 8.2. To select which bench should be purchased for The Plain.
 - 8.3. To establish whether to purchase the footpath sign for Balcombes Hill.
 - 8.4. To confirm the information to be included on the new board for The Plain.
 - 8.5. To establish whether to proceed with the Trail Tale.
9. Items for information.
10. Date of next Amenities Committee Meeting, Tuesday 22 August 2023, 7.30pm in Goudhurst Village Hall.

Goudhurst Parish Council



AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 7.50pm in Goudhurst Village Hall

Councillors Present: Cllrs Jill Andrew (until 8.50pm), Antony Harris, Phil Kirkby, David Knight (Chairman), Geoff Mason, Caroline Richards and Alison Webster from 8.20pm.

Officers Present: Claire Reed, Clerk.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr David Boniface (unwell).
2. Declarations of Interest: there were none.
3. It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2023.
4. Questions from the public and press: there were none.
5. **Proposal from TrailTale**
The proposal to have a history trail of the village professionally created and published on the free TrailTale app was considered. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should get feedback from Sevenoaks District Council who have a trail and investigate alternative providers. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Footpath Sign at the Public Conveniences**
The proposal to replace the sign which is faded and damaged was considered. It was **agreed** that a more modern version of the sign should be investigated perhaps with QR codes. **Action: Clerks**
7. **Information Board for The Plain**
It was noted that the Clerk and Cllr Alison Webster had met with a representative from Fitzpatrick Woolmer to discuss the proposal to introduce an information board on the Plain. It was resolved to recommend to council the expenditure of £2,490 for an information board with a map, photographs and local information. **Action: Clerk**
8. **Pétanque**
It was **resolved** to apply for a Members Grant from Cllr Sean Holden to install a pétanque pitch in the parish. **Action: Clerk**
9. **Tree works**
It was **resolved** to approve the expenditure of £68.00 to fell a small decayed oak tree on the Village Green. **Action: Clerk**
10. **Tree works**
It was **resolved** to approve the expenditure of £135.50 for a 40% reduction in the crown of a cherry tree on the Village Green that is affecting neighbouring trees. **Action: Clerks**
11. **Outdoor Gym**
Cllr Jill Andrew updated members. The proposal to establish a fundraising committee for the project was discussed but no decision was made. Cllr Jill Andrew will further investigate the

options and possible locations and report back to the committee at the next meeting. **Action: Cllr Jill Andrew.**

12. **Tree Seat for The Plain.**

It was **noted** that designs previously considered were not suitable as the tree is not circular. It was **agreed** that alternatives should be sought. The Clerk was asked to contact Memorial Benches UK, who are Council's preferred contractor for wooden benches in the parish, to see if they are able to create a suitable bench. **Action: Clerk**

13. **Cycle Racks**

It was **noted** that Goudhurst Club have agreed to the siting of racks on their property. Clerks were asked to investigate possible designs and costs. **Action: Clerks**

14. **The Queen's Green Canopy**

It was **noted** that the plaques for the trees on the Village Green (Goudhurst) and the Lower Glebe field are still to be installed.

15. **Green Spaces Management – Lower Glebe Field**

It was **noted** that the Sussex Lund Fund opens for funding applications in April. Cllr Geoff Mason is currently drafting a management plan which he will circulate to members. **Action: Cllr Geoff Mason**

16. **Goudhurst Village Pond**

It was **resolved** to draft a management plan for the pond for approval at the next meeting. **Action: Cllr Geoff Mason**

17. **Replacement Fountain for Goudhurst Pond**

It was **agreed** to defer a decision pending the preparation of the new pond management plan.

18. **Items for Information**

Next Amenities Committee Meeting on Tuesday 23 May 2023, 7.30 pm in Goudhurst Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at 9.18pm

Annual Budget - By Centre

Note: Budgets and YTD Expenditure

	<u>2021/22</u>		<u>2022/23</u>				<u>2023/24</u>		
	Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
202 Amenities including Footpaths									
1220 Kilndown Fishing Club	-50	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1221 GUFC & Dynamos Rent	-1,000	2,550	1,300	540	0	0	800	0	0
1224 GK School ann'l use Cheq Field	0	500	500	500	0	0	500	0	0
1226 Refund NNDR	0	0	0	308	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	-1,050	3,075	1,800	1,348	0	0	1,300	0	0
4200 The Plain: Maint Contractor	1,200	940	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4201 The Plain: General Maintenance	200	725	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4202 Water Trough Planting	100	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4206 Goudhurst Pond: Maint inc Pump	500	1,257	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4210 War Memorial	200	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4211 War Memorial Garden Maintenanc	200	383	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4212 War Memorial Renovation 2014	100	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4220 Play Area: Lurkins Rise Maint	1,000	3,551	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4221 Play Area: Lurkins Rise Hedges	100	850	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4225 Tattlebury Triangle Maint	150	167	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4226 Glebe Field Maintenance	8,500	5,620	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4230 The Plain & Street Furniture	2,000	1,771	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4231 Bus Shelter - Goudhurst	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4232 Tree Maintenance	2,000	670	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4233 Broadband to G'hurst Vill Hall	0	160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4234 Clean Up Day in Spring	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4235 Goudhurst in Bloom	350	1,543	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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4236	Christmas Lights & Trees	400	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4240	Quarry Pond Area Maintenance	4,000	4,668	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4241	Kilndown Fishing Club	260	280	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4242	Quarry Centre Maintenance Gran	300	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4243	Bus Shelter - Kilndown	350	456	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4244	Kilndown Vill Hall Maint Grant	550	550	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4245	Kilndown Millennium Green	550	2,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4246	Kilndown Phone Box - Defibrill	150	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4247	Defibrillators project	0	205	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4250	Goudhurst Parish Hall	1,750	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4260	Chequer Field Grounds Maint	7,700	6,227	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4261	Chequer Field Pavilion Maint	0	1,263	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4262	Chequer Field Utilities/Rates:	0	1,170	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4270	The Plain Light: E-on Charges	40	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4271	The Plain: Parish Hall Electri	250	1,815	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4283	Dog Fouling Campains	1,000	573	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4290	Balcombes Hill Toilets	13,000	13,470	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4291	Balcombes Hill Car Park	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4292	Civic Amenity Vehicle	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4295	National Events and London Bri	500	1,093	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5102	Toilets Utilities Elect/ Water	0	0	500	2,134	0	0	1,400	0	0
5104	CCTV electricity and B.Band	0	0	500	893	0	0	600	0	0
5105	CCTV Purchase	0	0	3,431	3,050	0	0	0	0	0
5109	The Plain Utilities	0	0	1,300	-17	0	0	1,500	0	0

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5180	Maps, Leaflets and Publicity	0	0	200	0	0	0	200	0	0
5221	Meeting costs Amenities	0	0	50	152	0	0	0	0	0
5300	Plain, Pond , War Mem, Bus she	0	0	550	1,765	0	0	900	0	0
5301	Plain: Maint Contractor	0	0	1,700	2,274	0	0	2,200	0	0
5302	Plain Street Furniture	0	0	900	610	0	0	0	0	0
5320	Hiller Field/Lurkins Rise Play	0	0	1,350	1,125	0	0	3,300	0	0
5330	Balcombes Hill Toilets	0	0	14,000	12,557	0	0	14,000	0	0
5331	Balcombes Hill Car Park	0	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
5343	The Glebe	0	0	4,000	5,035	0	0	6,500	0	0
5360	KD Quarry Pond Maint	0	0	5,000	3,761	0	0	1,980	0	0
5361	KD Quarry Pond Fishing club	0	0	300	0	0	0	0	0	0
5362	KD Bus Shelter Maint	0	0	350	703	0	0	550	0	0
5363	KD Millennium Green Maint	0	0	2,550	0	0	0	3,050	0	0
5364	KD Telephone Box Maint & Elect	0	0	150	34	0	0	170	0	0
5380	Tattlebury Triangle Maint	0	0	180	250	0	0	200	0	0
5381	Tree Safety survey	0	0	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
5382	Footpath Upkeep	0	0	1,000	30	0	0	1,100	0	0
5383	DO NOT USE	0	0	200	0	0	0	0	0	0
5388	CCTV Maintenance (not Utility)	0	0	500	610	0	0	550	0	0
5392	Parish Clean Up Day	0	0	200	234	0	0	300	0	0
5393	Dog Fouling Campaign	0	0	500	292	0	0	300	0	0
5702	KD Quarry Centre Grant	0	0	300	300	0	0	300	0	0
5703	KD Village Hall Maint Grant	0	0	550	2,300	0	0	550	0	0
5704	Goudhurst Village Hall Grant	0	0	2,500	2,500	0	0	2,500	0	0

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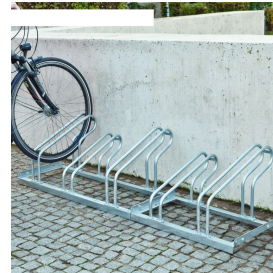
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5705 Neighbourhood Watch Grant	0	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	0
5714 Goudhurst in Bloom	0	0	1,000	0	0	0	1,100	0	0
5716 Donations	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	0	0
5902 G War Memorial Refurbish	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
5905 Parish Events	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	0
5907 Toilets Renovation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0
5910 Car park Resurfacing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,000	0
5911 Goudhurst Pond Renovation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0
5915 Christmas Trees/Lights G&KD	0	0	400	36	0	0	440	0	0
5917 Plain Tree Seat	0	0	2,300	0	0	0	0	0	0
5918 Bins and Notice Boards	0	0	1,500	1,206	0	0	0	0	0
5923 Cycle Racks	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500	0	0
5924 New AED	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,500	0	0
Overhead Expenditure	49,550	54,844	51,611	42,084	0	0	48,690	4,000	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(50,600)	(51,769)	(49,811)	(40,736)	0		(47,390)		
Total Budget Income	-1,050	3,075	1,800	1,348	0	0	1,300	0	0
Expenditure	49,550	54,844	51,611	42,084	0	0	48,690	4,000	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(50,600)	(51,769)	(49,811)	(40,736)	0		(47,390)		



LO HOOP CYCLE RACK

Product Code: SFD420



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The Lo Hoop Cycle Rack is available in 2 to 6 bike spaces and can be installed together to create longer cycle parking spaces. It provides easy and simple bike parking. The High and Low spaces allow bikes to be closer together by raising the handle bars of every other bike. Manufactured from Strong Galvanised steel. Accepts tyres up to 55mm. Ideal for domestic, retail and all public areas. Surface mounted.

Lengths

- 2 Hoop - 700mm
- 3 Hoop - 1050mm
- 4 Hoop - 1400mm
- 5 Hoop - 1750mm
- 6 Hoop - 2100mm

SPECIFICATIONS

Height	415 mm
Diameter	mm
Weight	0 kg
Fixing	Surface Mounted
Material	



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Home > Garden Benches > Saturn Teak Backless Round Tree Bench - 220cm

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Saturn Teak Backless Round Tree Bench - 220cm

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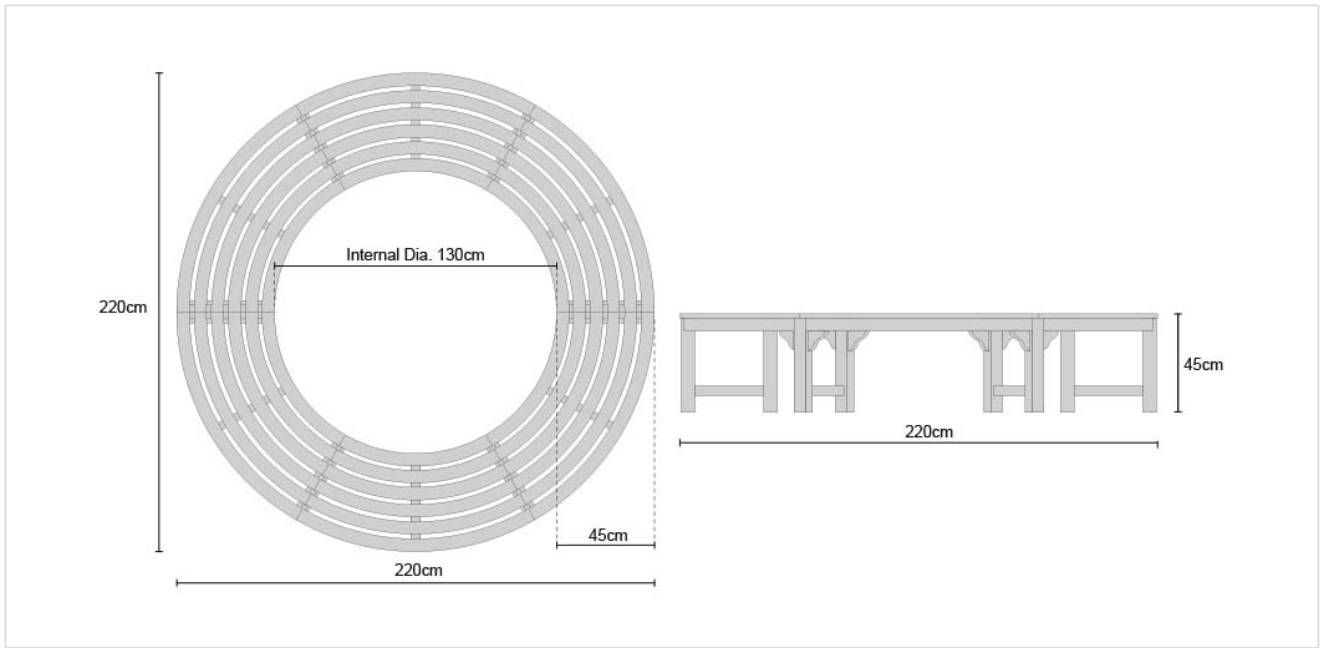
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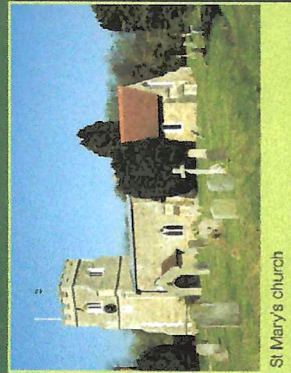
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Graveley Village



Key:
 — Footpath
 — Bridleway
 — Herfordshire Way
 — Parish Boundary
 ●●● Pond and Church Walk 1.3miles (2.2km)
 ●●● Church and Farmland Walk 1.1miles (1.8km)

- Graveley village history**
- Graveley grew up around the Roman road from Baldock to London. The Roman road was located to the west of the current High Street. The village was recorded as Graveley in the Doomsday Book in 1086.
 - Graveley, as it exists now, developed in the 16th and 17th centuries around the Great North Road and an important stage coach route linking London with York and Edinburgh.
 - There are many old and historical houses in the village, a few dating back to the 16th century.
 - Agriculture has always been important to Graveley. In the 17th century there were 10 farms in and around the village, now there are only 2: Graveley Bury Farm in Church Lane and Graveley Hall Farm near the church.



St Mary's church

St Mary's church

St Mary's church is about 800 years old – the first record is recorded in 1224 – but there was probably an earlier Saxon church on the site. The Chancel was added in the 13th century and the Tower in the 15th century. The North Aisle was built in 1839. Through the years, in good times and bad, the people of Graveley have continued to worship here, giving the church a peaceful and welcoming atmosphere.



Child plaiters in a village near Hitchin

An 18th century plaiting school

A plaiting school was run in the old house near the pond that is now called Pondsides Cottage. This provided young girls and boys from the village with some education in return for their labours to produce straw plaiting. The plaiters were sent to Hitchin and then on to Luton to be made into straw hats. By the 1900s straw plaiting was falling victim to competition from the Far East and gradually died out as a local industry.



Yellow Flag Iris



Water pump



Mallard



Moorhen

The picturesque village pond
 The pond was originally called Causy Pond because of the causeway that divides it. It would have been used as a source of water for those in the village with no well and a cobbled slope into the pond for horse and carts to fill up water tanks; can still be seen. In the 1880s a communal hand pump was erected in Oak Lane and can still be seen in the original spot.

The pond was emptied and restored with help from villagers in 2003. It was restocked with fish and is now a wildlife pond. The small pond on the other side of the causeway is an amphibian wildlife pond. Mallard and Moorhens breed on the pond and can be seen all year. In summer, yellow flag iris flowers around the edges of the pond and Swallows and House Martins can be seen swooping across the water. Butterflies and dragonflies are regular visitors.

Site of the first military air crash

In 1912 during an army exercise a Deperdussin monoplane, headed for the nearby village of Willian, crashed in a field behind the George & Dragon pub. The pilot and observer died instantly; these were the first fliers to be killed on active military service.

An obelisk is set on the road between Willian and Great Wymondley to mark the crash, but the actual site was in Graveley.



Wreckage of the aircraft in Graveley in 1912

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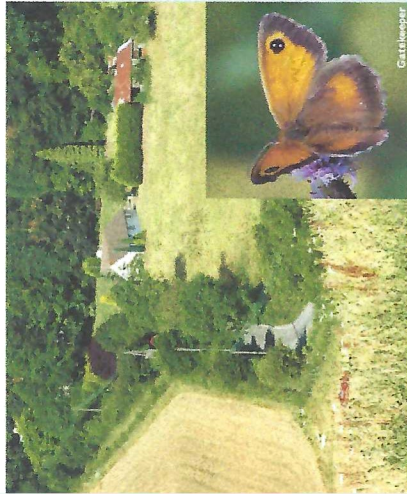
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Exploring Cudham Valley

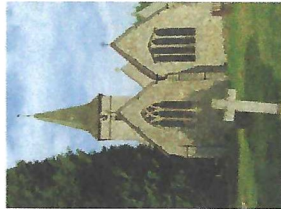
“The charm of the place to me is that almost every field is intersected by one or more foot-paths. I never saw so many walks in any other country” Charles Darwin - 1842

The beautiful Cudham Valley stores an amazing richness of natural and built heritage waiting to be discovered. The valley runs from north to south, meeting Farnborough at one end and the Kent Downs Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty at the other, and is nestled between the villages of Cudham and Downe.

The timber and flint built houses forming part of the historic settlements provide a clue to the clay-with-flint geology that underlies them and the large areas of ancient woodland (shaws) which fringe the upper slopes of the valley. The valley sides have thin chalk soil. Many of the fields are managed in a way that supports the growth of a wide range of wildflowers. They are cut for hay and grazed by sheep. Elsewhere in the valley crops are grown and horses stabled. Hedgerows line the roadsides and help define the valley shape as they cut across from one side to the other meeting up with wooded shaws. They harbour a rich assortment of climbing plants, trees and shrubs, all helping to support invertebrates, birds and small mammals.



Gatekeeper



The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Cudham:

The 12th century church was built in early English style from flint rubble. Two one-thousand-year-old Yew trees can be found in the grounds. Yews are a typically long-lived species found in almost every churchyard, representing the triumph of everlasting life.



Blacksmith's Arms, Cudham:

The early 19th century pub is the birthplace of 'Little Tich', a famous international music-hall artist of the early 1900's. One of fifteen children, he became famous for performing an acrobatic dancing act wearing 27" long-toed shoes and one of the original pairs he wore can be seen on display in the pub.



Down House:

Down House was the home of the famous naturalist Charles Darwin, best known for his work 'The Origin of Species'. In 1842 Darwin and his wife Emma (daughter of Josiah Wedgewood) moved to Down House from London where he lived with his ten children until his death in 1882.



Cudham Environmental Activities Centre:

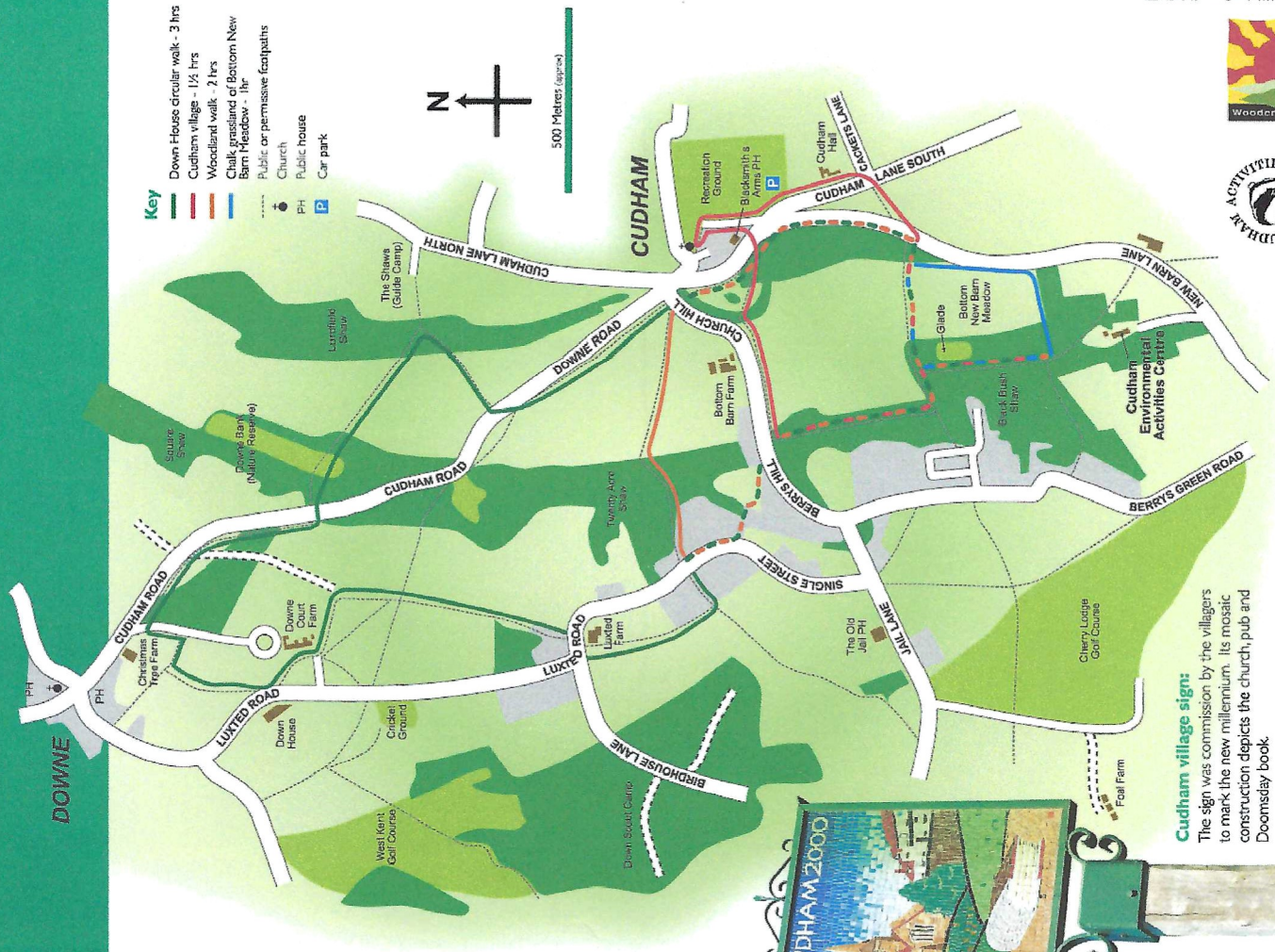
This Centre is owned by the Woodcraft Folk, which is a national organisation for young people. This interpretation board has been commissioned in memory of Dot Ballantine for her lifelong commitment to the The Woodcraft Folk and the education of children.



Speckled Wood



Exploring Cudham Valley



Key

- Down House circular walk - 3 hrs
- Cudham village - 1 1/2 hrs
- Woodland walk - 2 hrs
- Chalk grassland of Bottom New Barn Meadow - 1hr
- Public or permissive footpaths
- Church
- Public house
- Car park
- PH



500 Metres (approx)



www.cudhamcsc.org.uk

Charity number: 107365

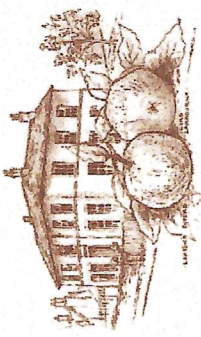
Cudham village sign:
The sign was commissioned by the villagers to mark the new millennium. Its mosaic construction depicts the church, pub and Doomsday book.

Tinwell footpath map



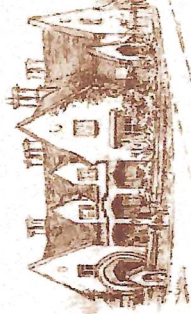
1. All Saints' Church

Churches have stood on this site since the Saxon period. The distinctive tower has an unusual saddle-back roof, rare in England, added in about 1350.



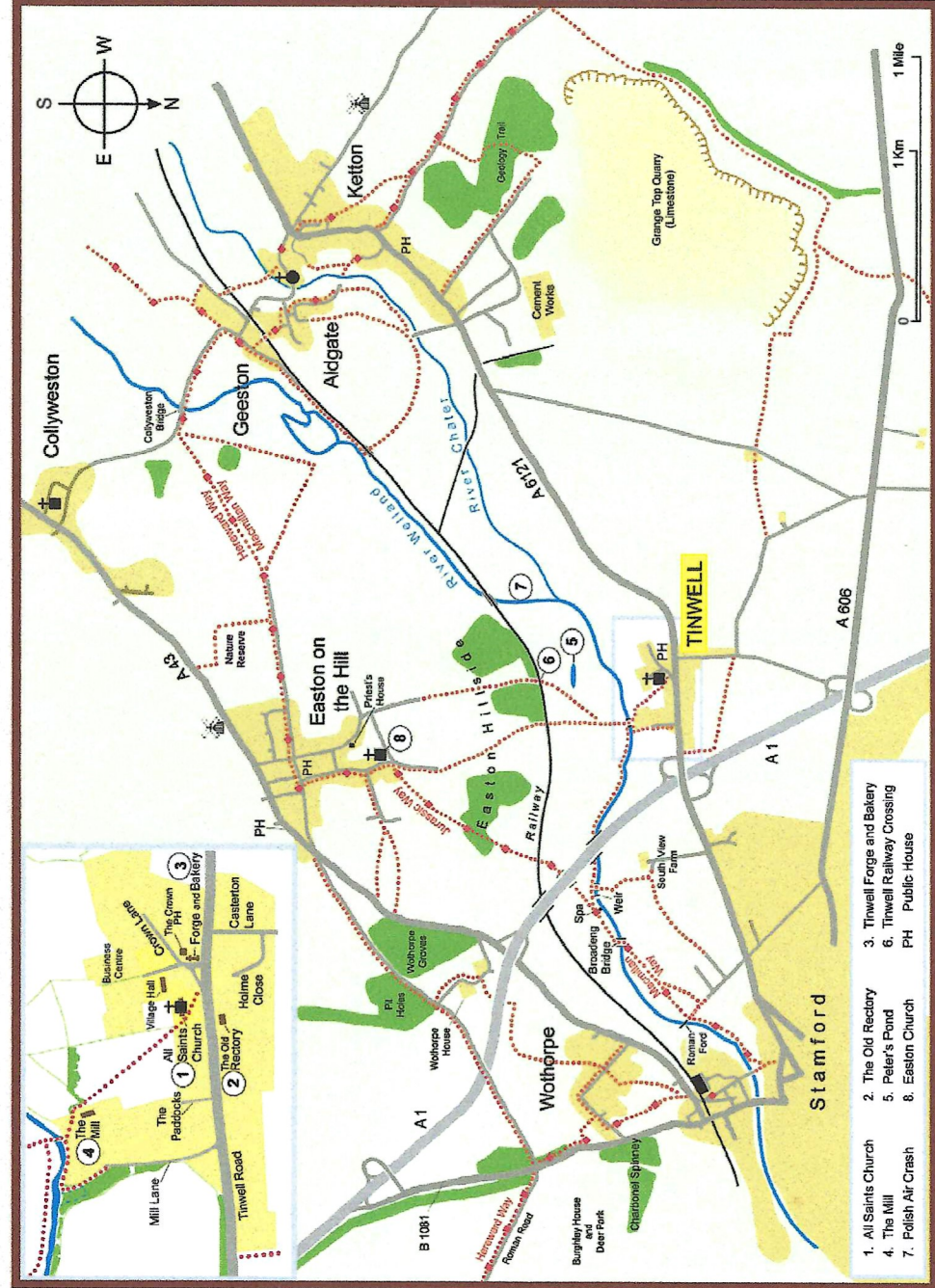
2. The Old Rectory, Birthplace of Thomas Laxton 1830 - 1893

Laxton conducted plant-breeding research, notably for Charles Darwin. Among many varieties bred by the family are 'Laxton Superb' and 'Laxton Fortune' apples, and the 'Royal Sovereign' strawberry.



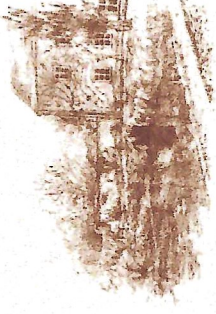
3. Tinwell Forge and Bakery

The forge and adjoining bakery were built in 1848. The stone surround to the spring in front of the forge was built for the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Note the Victorian post-box. The bakery closed in 1948.



4. Tinwell Mill

A mill stood on this site in the Domestay period. Steam power was installed in the 1840s. In 1887 an explosion there killed two men. It was destroyed by fire in 1897, rebuilt in 1896 and burnt down again in 1916. It is now a private house.



5. Peter's Pond

A pond, now smaller than before the river was diverted in the 1950s, is visible to the right of the path. It is a significant breeding place for frogs and toads every spring.



8. Easton on the Hill

The village of Easton on the Hill is well worth a visit with its Norman church, attractive stone houses and unusual small National Trust property, The Priest's House.



7. Site of the Polish Air Disaster

On 8 July 1944 two US Dakota aircraft collided above Tinwell killing 26 Polish paratroopers and eight Americans. The aircraft were part of a formation training for the Arnhem air assault. There is a memorial in Tinwell church.



6. Tinwell Railway Crossing

The path to Easton crosses the railway. The foundations of a crossing-keeper's cottage can be made out. The old track bed of a siding can still be seen; from here trucks carried ironstone from a quarry further up the hill.