

Local Green Spaces (May 2023)

Local Green Spaces within the Bentley Settlement Boundary

Introduction:

The Parish of Bentley lies between Farnham and Alton along the line of the old A31, which prior to 1995 ran through the centre of the village.

There are several small “green spaces” that must be protected from development by designation as Local Green Spaces. The notes and illustrations that follow briefly describe the sites. A few of the small areas are within the Conservation Area.

Identified Local Green Spaces:

- i. **the Recreation Ground ***
- ii. **Carters Meadow ***
- iii. **the allotment site by Somerset Field ***
- iv. **the Old Recreation Ground ***
- v. **the green space at Somerset Fields**

* Included in 2016 Bentley Neighbourhood Plan

i. The Recreation Ground

This is the largest green space in the village and is used for football, cricket and general recreation. It is also used by the school for games. The land is owned by the Parish Council and is maintained by the Recreation Ground Committee



The northern edge of the playing field and the recreation area. The fenced area contains a variety of recreation equipment and is much used



ii. Carters Meadow

This is a substantial piece of ground which is used for the village fete and the annual firework display. At the southern end there is a surfaced entrance leading to a picnic bench. The ground is owned and maintained by the Parish Council and is regularly used by both residents and visitors to the village



Carter's Meadow from the south



iii. **The Allotments** This site is located on the north side of the surgery car park and has been established since 1962. It is owned by Simon Bladon and is administered by the Parish Council



iv. The Old Recreation Ground

This is a substantial plot of land currently being purchased for the village by the Parish Council. It is occasionally used for summer grazing but may be used as an amenity area in the future



v. The Green Space at Somersets Field

A very valuable amenity provided by the developers when Somerset Field was developed. The land is owned by the developer of the Somerset Field development and managed by their land agent

