

“Ringmer to 2030”

Appendix 4

Ringmer Green and other managed public open spaces

Policy 7.2 seeks to protect Ringmer Green and other managed public open spaces. This appendix provides additional information about the public open spaces covered by this policy.

Development briefs are provided below for the following sites

- OS1 Ringmer Green
- OS2 Ringmer Old Churchyard
- OS3 Cheyney Field
- OS4 Anchor Field play area
- OS5 Green Close green
- OS6 Rushey Green
- OS7 Mill Close green
- OS8 Gote Green
- OS9 Sadlers Way Diamond Jubilee green
- OS10 Middleham Close green areas
- OS11 The Forge Green
- OS12 The Forge Communal Open Space
- OS13 Fingerpost Field
- OS14 Broyle Lane play area
- OS15 Broyle Close green areas

The managed public open spaces in Ringmer village and the Broyleside are listed below. They are maintained for public use except where otherwise indicated. Strong protection for Ringmer Green and other managed green spaces was supported by 99% of respondents at the Neighbourhood Plan Exhibition held 2-4 February 2012.

Managed open spaces in Ringmer village

- OS1** **Ringmer Green**, a registered village green owned by the Glyndebourne Estate and managed by Ringmer parish council. The Green has a cricket pitch, with pavilion and club house, a large children’s play area, two well pumps formerly providing public water supply to residents, a large pond and a considerable amount of informal public seating. This is the centrepiece of Ringmer village, and within the Ringmer Conservation Area.
- OS2** **Ringmer Old Churchyard**, a closed burial ground surrounding Ringmer church, owned by the church and managed by Ringmer parish council. The medieval church is grade 1 listed by English Heritage and lies within the Ringmer Conservation Area. The Old Churchyard adjoins Ringmer Green.
- OS3** **Cheyney Field**, a large field within the Ringmer Conservation Area that is owned and managed by the Cheyney (Almshouse) Trust. The field is formally open only to members of the organisations listed below as tenants. There are two almshouses. The field has been developed to include a number of sports and leisure facilities, including the Bowls Club, the Scout Hut with some adjoining land, a cricket field and nets and a pitch used by the Croquet Club. Part of the field is managed as a wildlife reserve.

- OS4** *Anchor Field play area*, owned by Lewes District Council and leased to and managed by Ringmer parish council. Anchor Field includes a skateboard park, a football goalpost, a basketball hoop and swings. Part of this area was taken in 2009 to accommodate the new Ringmer Health Centre. This area is particularly well used for outdoor recreation by children and young adults. There is an estate road (Anchor Field) along one boundary, and a Lewes District Council car park, including Ringmer's main public recycling facility, along another.
- OS5** *Green Close green*, owned and managed by Lewes District Council, primarily for the benefit of local residents of this former council development.
- OS6** *Rushey Green*, owned by the Glyndebourne Estate and managed by Ringmer parish council. This is an area of registered common land maintained as grass for casual recreational use.
- OS7** *Mill Close green*, owned and managed by Lewes District Council, for the benefit of the residents of this council and housing association development for the elderly.
- OS8** *Gote Green*, ownership uncertain, managed by Ringmer parish council. This is a small area of roadside grass on Gote Lane managed for some years as a wildlife area.
- OS9** *Sadlers Way Diamond Jubilee green*, owned and managed by Ringmer parish council. Some improvements to this area of green space, including the provision of public seating, were made in 2012 to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.
- OS10** *Middleham Close green areas*, owned and managed by Ringmer parish council. These two small green spaces are grassed with some trees.
- OS11** *The Forge Green*, owned by Lewes District Council and managed by Ringmer parish council. Ownership is planned to be transferred to Ringmer parish council in 2015.
- OS12** *The Forge Communal Open Space*, owned by Lewes District Council and managed by Ringmer parish council. This includes a play area for small children. Ownership is planned to be transferred to Ringmer parish council in 2015.

Managed open spaces in the Broyleside

- OS13** *Fingerpost Field*, owned by Lewes District Council and leased to and managed by Ringmer parish council. This includes a children's play area and a large grassed area equipped with football goalposts.
- OS14** *Broyle Lane play area*, owned and managed by Ringmer parish council. This small fenced green area is equipped with small goalposts.
- OS15** *Broyle Close green areas*, comprises two grass areas owned and managed by Lewes District Council, primarily for the benefit of local residents of this former council development.