

WENDRON NDP RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ASSESSMENT

1. **INTRODUCTION.** Attractive, safe & accessible parks and other open spaces contribute positive social, economic and environmental benefits. Open spaces including play areas are valued community assets improving public health, well-being and quality of life, and bringing regeneration benefits to an area.
2. The National Planning Policy Framework 2024 (para 103) requires that planning policies should be based on robust & up to date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. There is now an adopted methodology for Cornwall based around the main towns. Whilst this type of assessment is unlikely to produce usable data for small settlements of less than 50 houses or the more sparsely populated parts of a Parish, it is considered to be a worthwhile exercise for Wendron's villages as some exceed this limit. It is also considered appropriate to use the same definitions as set out in the adopted strategy for Cornwall towns, in order to ensure a consistency with the planning policies throughout the county. [see Figure 1].
3. **METHODOLOGY.** The assessment uses the typology as set out in the Cornwall Open Space Strategy. There are 8 types of green space included in this strategy, which are as follows: -
 - 1) Parks and gardens; Amenity green space; Civic spaces
 - 2) Natural and semi-natural green spaces, Green corridors, accessible countryside in urban fringe areas
 - 3) Public access sports facilities (outdoor): available for community games
 - 4) Children's play area – equipped facilities
 - 5) Provision for teenagers– equipped facilities
 - 6) Allotments, community gardens, and urban farms
 - 7) Cemeteries and churchyards
 - 8) School pitches and outdoor sports club facilities (No or limited public access)
4. For this assessment indoor facilities have been included in type 8.
5. The assessment has taken into account overall provision standards applying to each open space type, as follows:
 - **Quantity** – m2 of each type
 - **Accessibility and distribution** – the maximum distance that a resident should be expected to have to walk (radial measurement) taking into account barriers such as busy roads and severe topography.
 - **Quality** – an overview of the level of provision & features available.

Figure 1: Proposed open space provision standards for rural settlements in Cornwall.

Type of open space	Proposed accessibility standard ('as crow flies') depending on settlement size category				Min

	>1000 Dwellings	~500 dwellings	~200 dwellings	~50 & below dwellings	Size new (m2)
1. Parks, amenity	600m	720m	770m	1000m	1000
2. Natural space	800m	860m	960m	1000m	1000
3. Public sport	No limit				7000
4. Children’s Equipped Play	600m (N1) 750m (PS)	720m (N1) 870m (PS)	770m (N1) 920m (PS)	1000m	500
‘Playable space’ of any of the above types	330m	480m	600m	720m	500
5. Teen provision	800m (N1) 1000m (PS)	1000m (N1) 1200m (PS)	No limit		500
6. Allotments	No limit				2500
Nb: St Mawgan in Pydar Parish has approx. 500 dwellings					

6. Accessibility and quality provision standards can be analysed using a hierarchy [adapted from that used by Cornwall Council] that relates to the strategic significance of the space – i.e. the size of community the open space would potentially serve.

- **Regional significant** sites which are large or contain the best facilities, and will attract visitors from other communities well outside of the area.
- **Parish significant (PS)** sites such as large formal parks and destination play areas which contain sufficient facility to potentially attract visitors from outside the immediate community.
- **Neighbourhood 1 (N1)** sites which have local importance and contain sufficient provision to meet the needs of the local community
- **Neighbourhood 2 (N2)** sites which have the least equipped or most basic amenity, and merely serve residents from the immediate area.
- **Playable space.** Any useable, open space equipped or otherwise where children can safely play

7. Provision in Wendron Parish is assessed using the following figures.

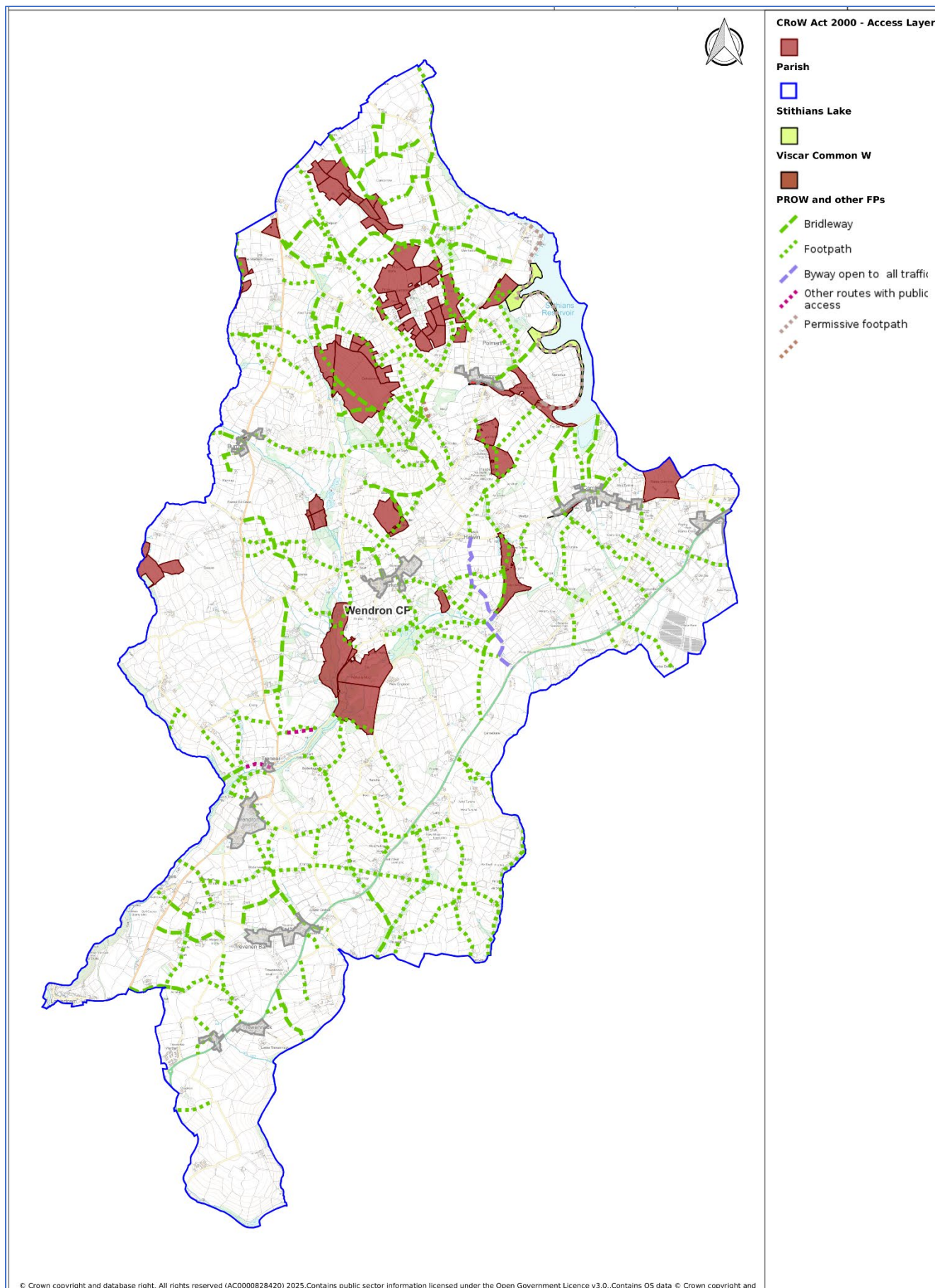


Figure 2: Map of Recreation and Open Space Provision Wendron Parish – Natural and semi-natural green spaces and Footpath Network.

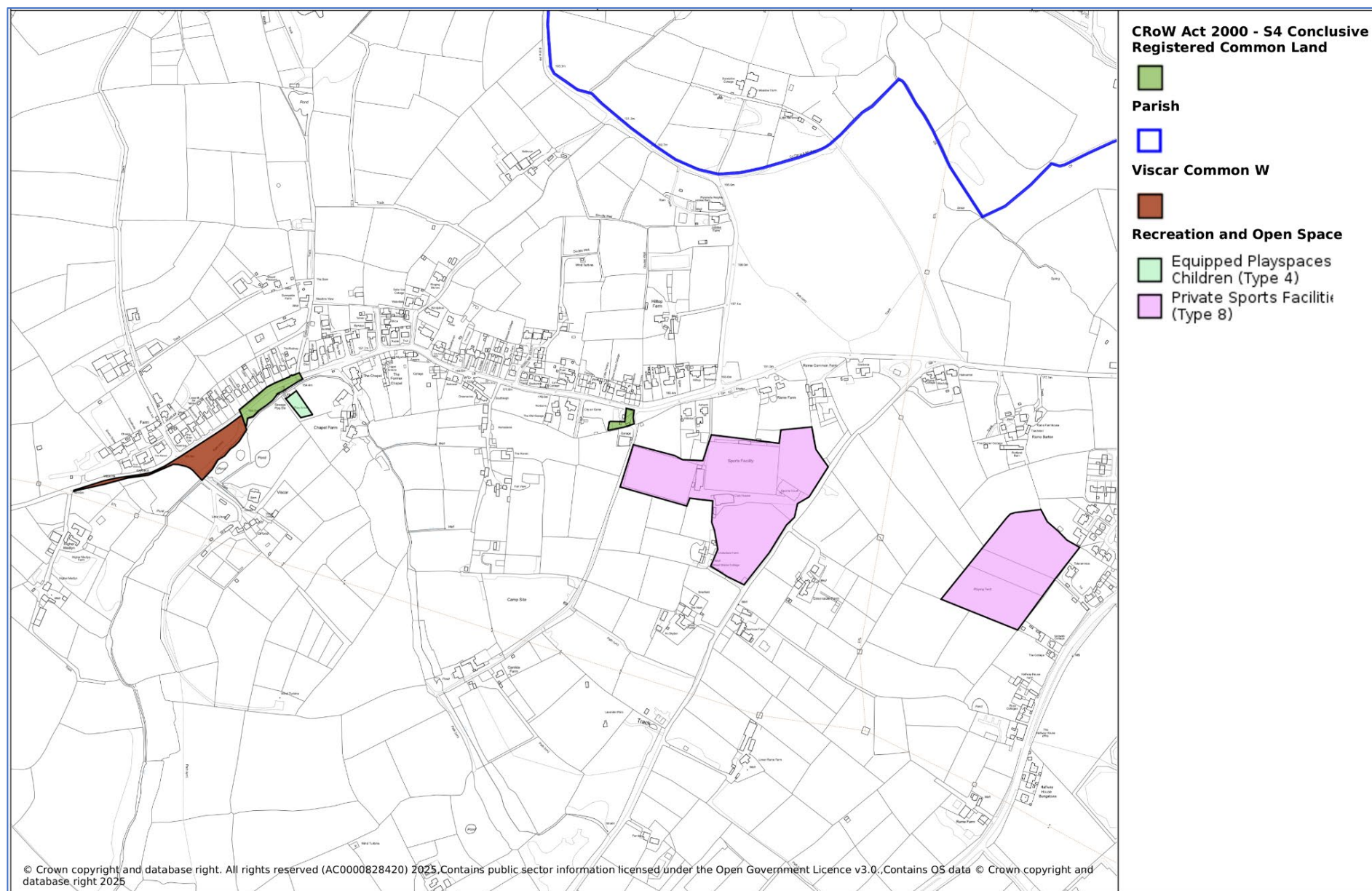


Figure 3: Map of Recreation and Open Space Provision Wendron Parish – Carnkie and Rame

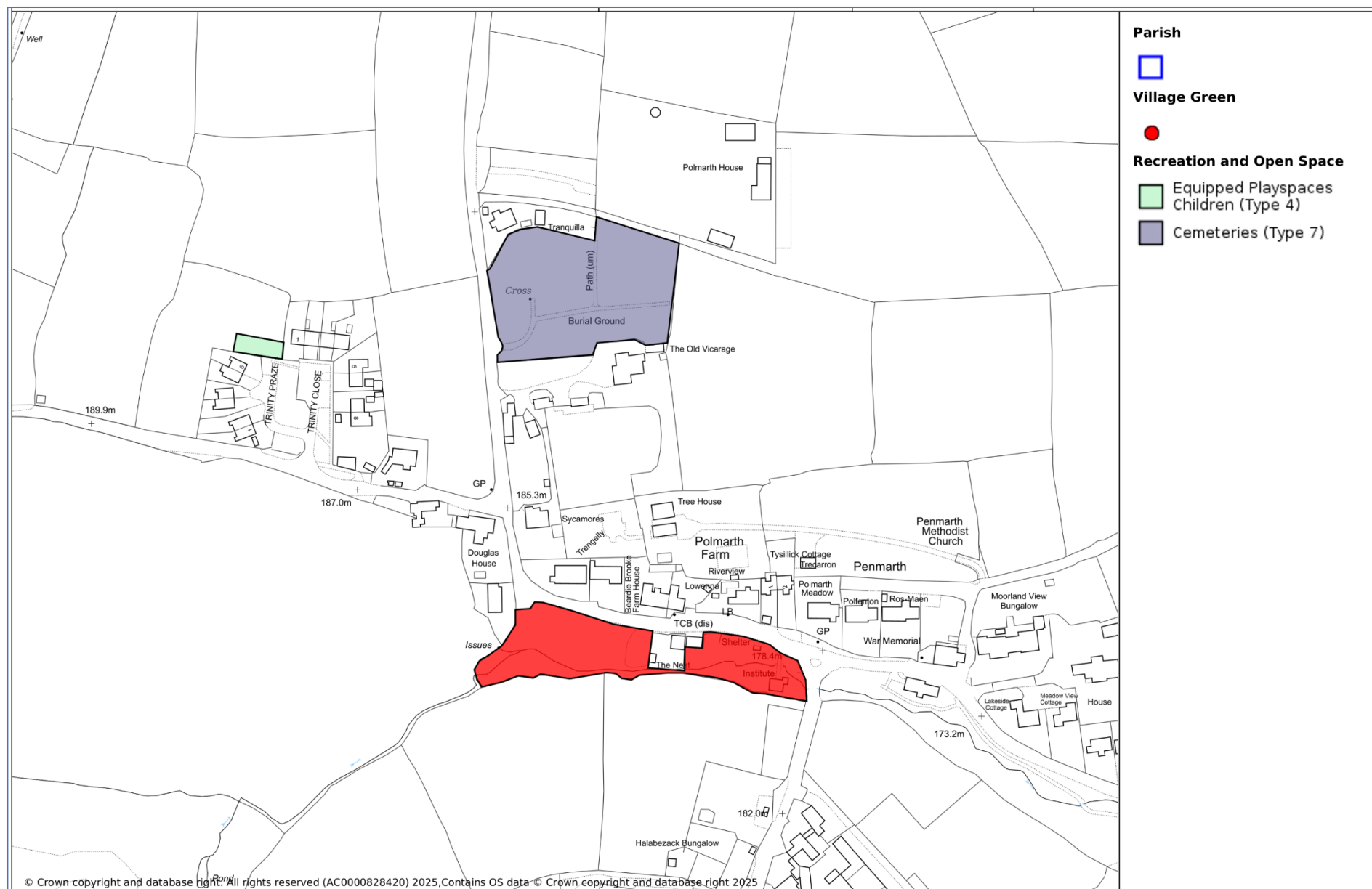


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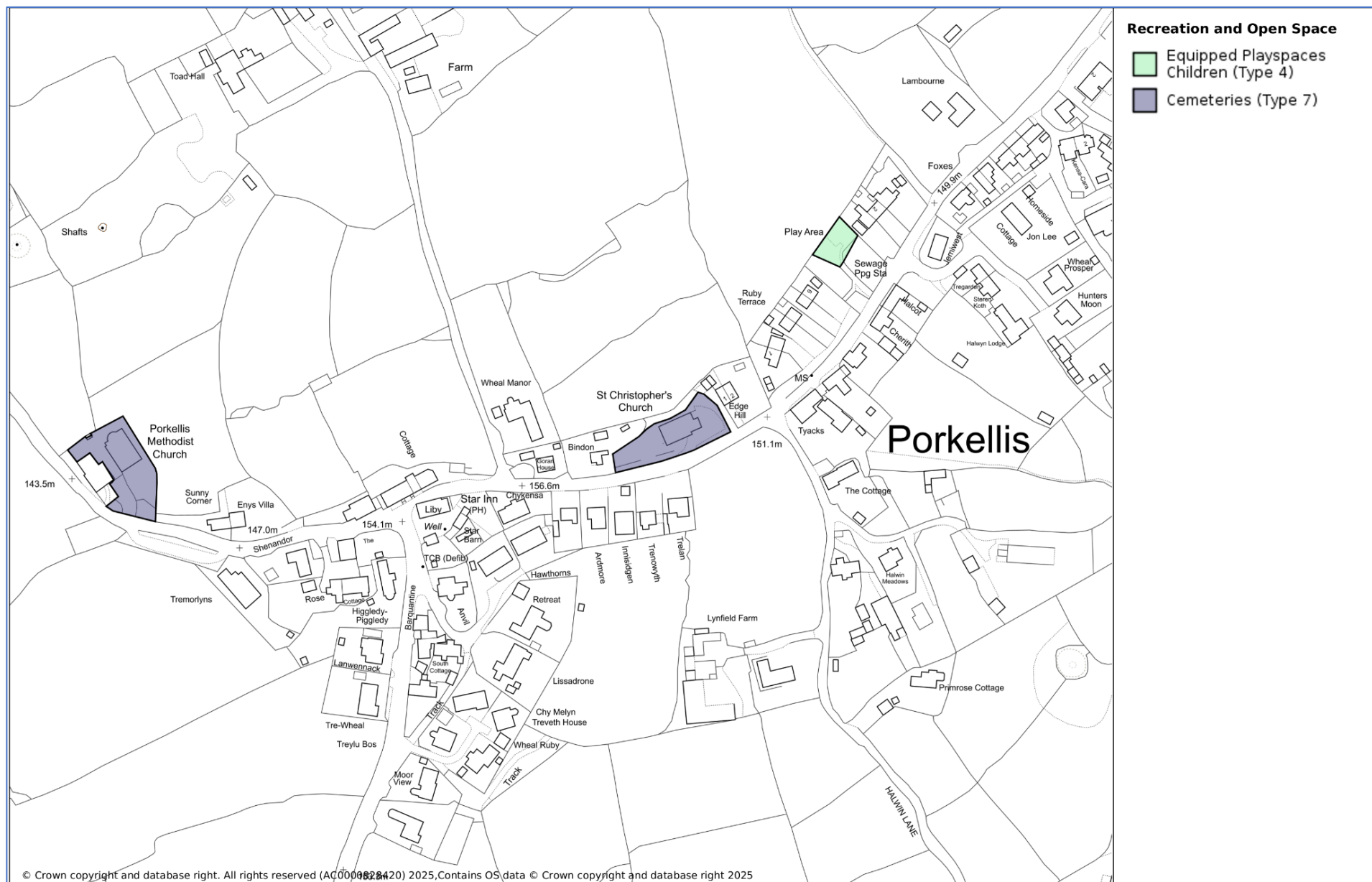


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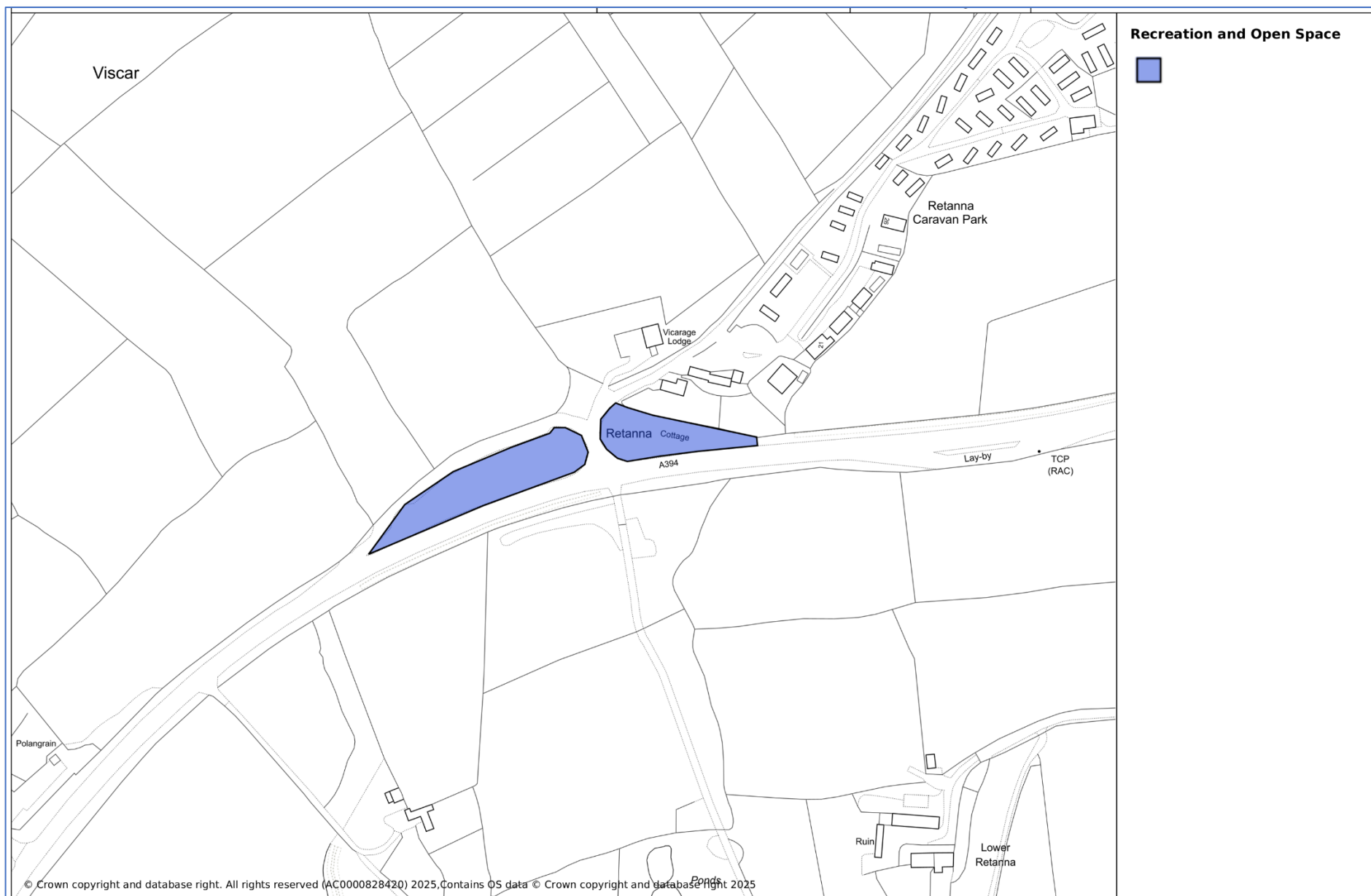


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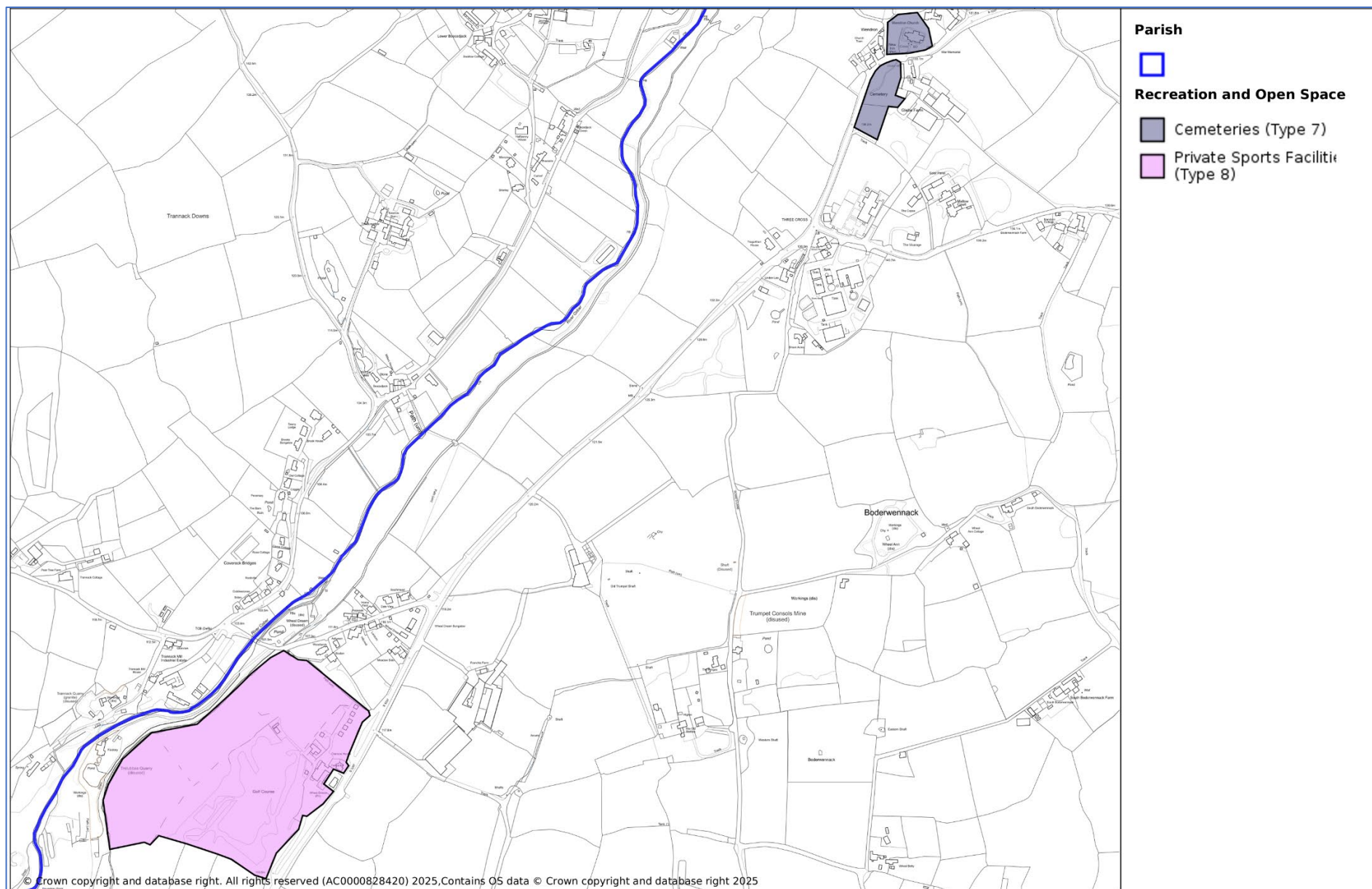


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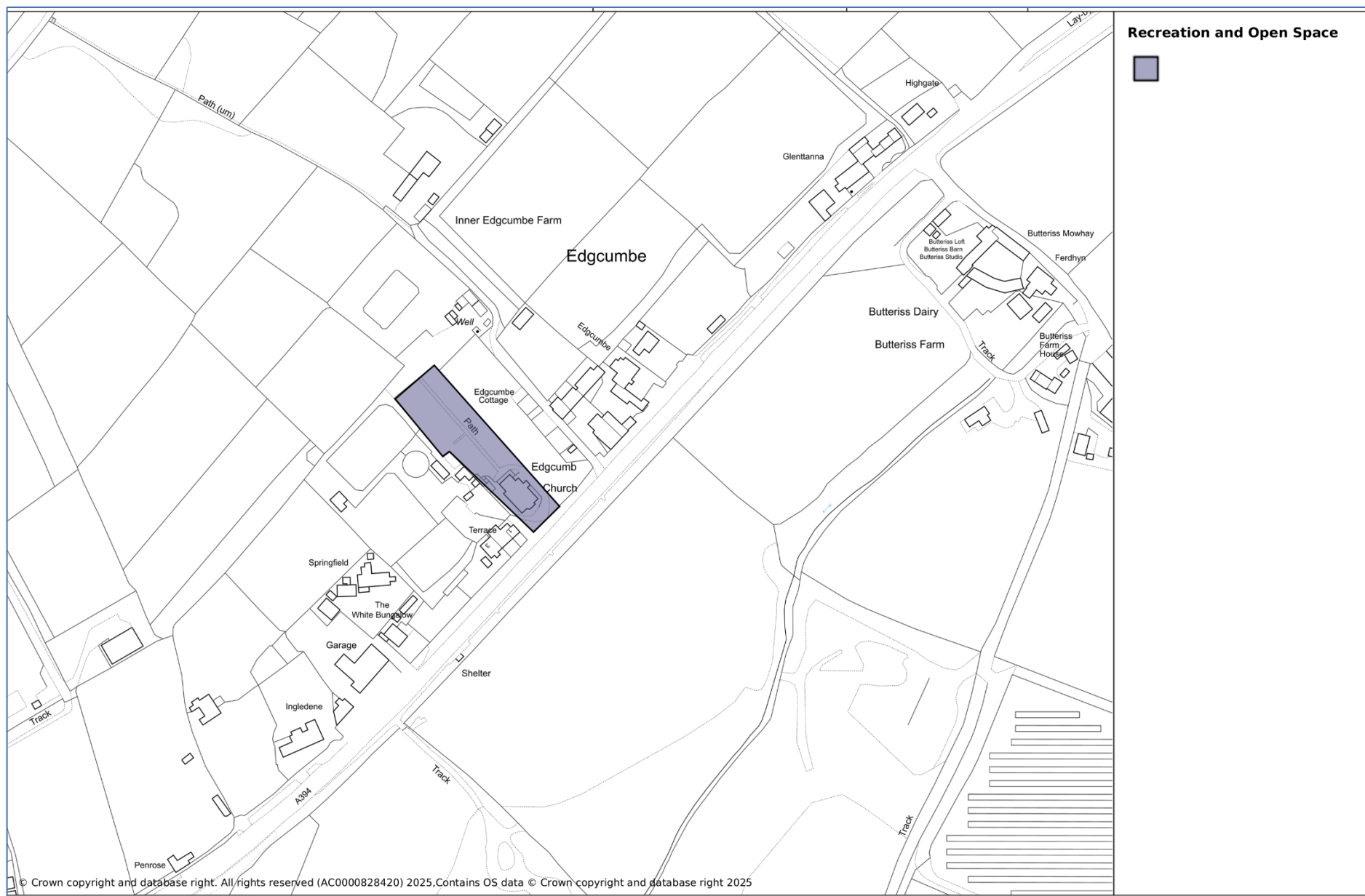


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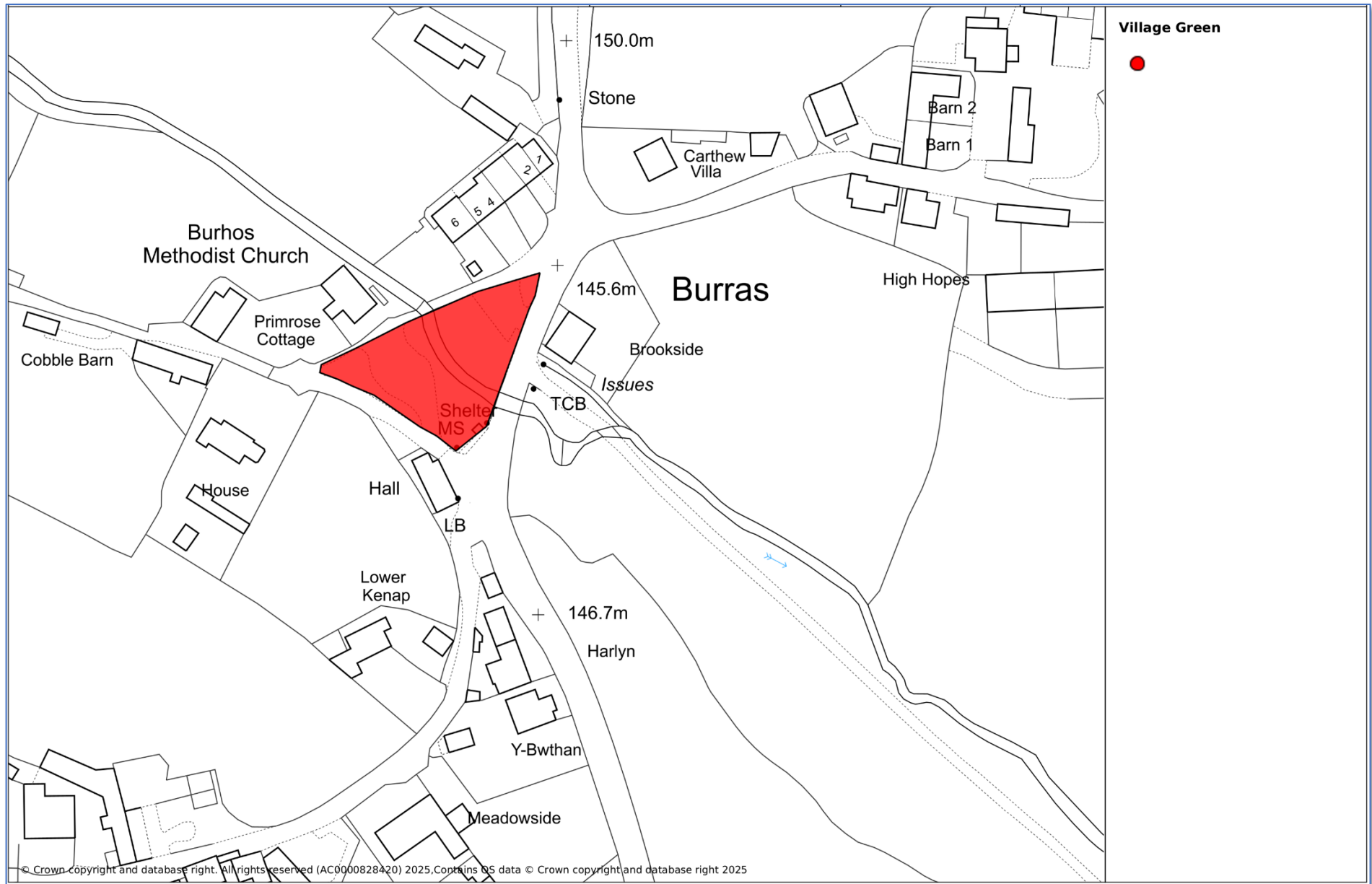


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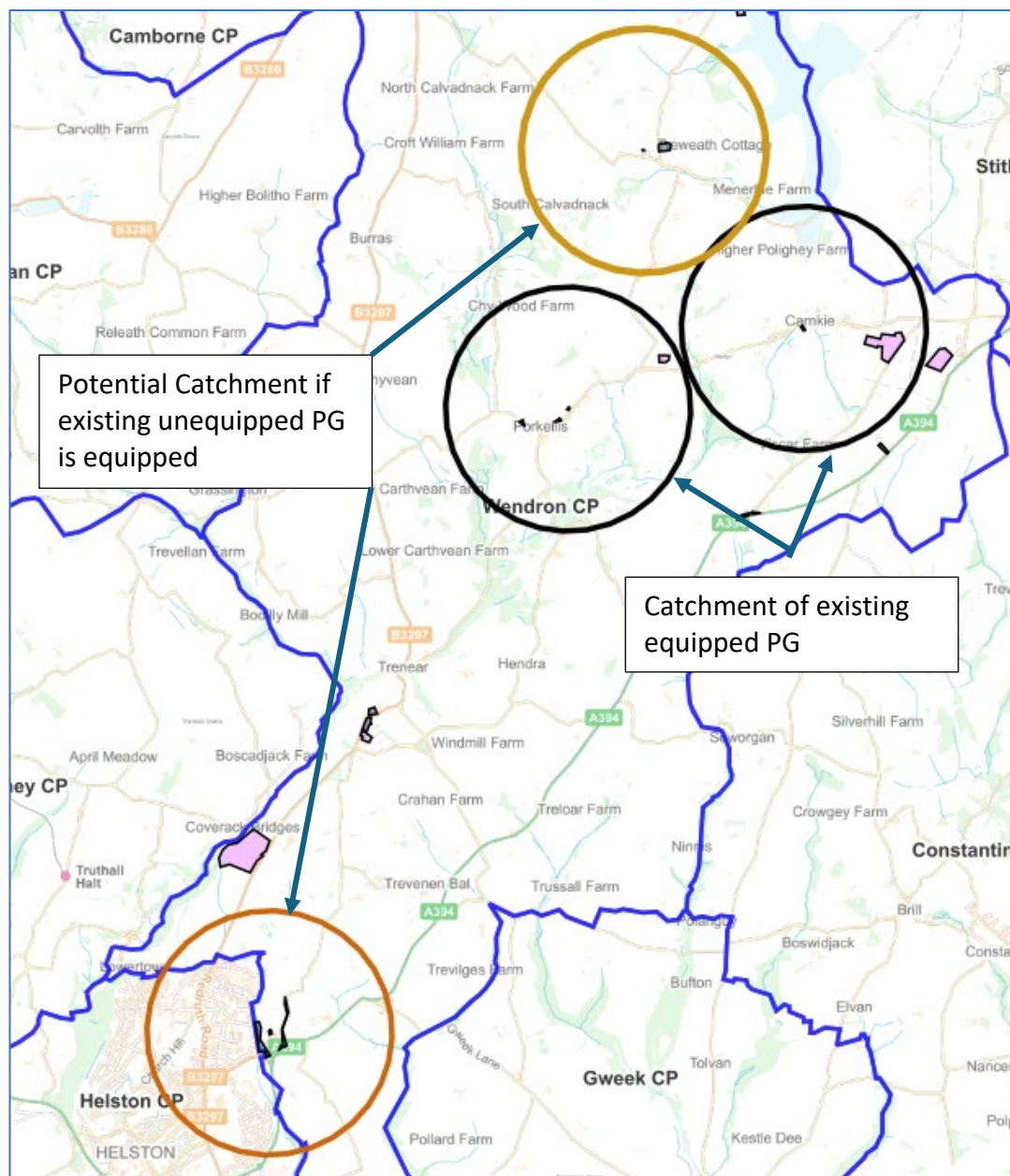


Figure 10: Catchment Areas of Type 4 Children's Playspace based on 1000m

Figure 11: Log of Recreation and Open Space Provision Wendron Parish

Name	Location	Type	Area (m2) or [ha]	Accessibility	Quality	NOTES
1. Parks and gardens; Amenity green space; Civic spaces						
Land W of Park An Fenten	Park an Daras Helston Urban Extension	1. Parks and gardens; Amenity green space; Civic spaces	0.9578 [ha]	N1	Good, simple footpath and planting with grassed areas dominating, but currently 'immature' in terms of establishment.	A footpath corridor with landscaping installed as part of the recreation and landscaping requirements for the Park and Daras Helston Urban Extension. The footpath will be extended northwards into the next stages of development and eventually link with similar provision to the east of Forth Gwedhen.
Land E of Treworles Wartha	Park an Daras Helston Urban Extension	1. Parks and gardens; Amenity green space; Civic spaces	0.5385[ha] 0.0695[ha]	N1	Good, but very simple grassed area that is currently 'immature' in terms of establishment.	Part of the recreation and landscaping requirements for the Park and Daras Helston Urban Extension. Comprises highway verge and footpath, plus extended green areas, some of which have now been used as informal kickabout opportunities.
Land at Park An Daras	Park an Daras Helston Urban Extension	1. Parks and gardens; Amenity green space; Civic spaces	0.0240[ha]	N1	Good, but very simple grassed area that is currently 'immature' in terms of establishment.	
Edgcumb Roadside	Adj. Vicarage Lodge	1. Parks and gardens; Amenity green space; Civic spaces	0.2377[ha] 0.137[ha]	N1	Good.	Wide area between two roads and junction

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		TOTAL TYPE 1	1.96 [ha]			
2. Natural and semi-natural green spaces.						
CRoW Act 2000 - S4 Conclusive Open Country	Lancarrow Moor	2. Natural and semi-natural green spaces.	23.7549	RS	Typically characterised by open, windswept expanses of semi-improved rough grassland, heath, and gorse, the moorland landscape is interspersed with patches of wet heath, rush pasture, and mires along the valley bottoms. Remnants of mining activity, spoil heaps, and leats remain visible across the area, which is enclosed in places by Cornish hedges and accessed by a network of public rights of way and minor lanes. The condition of the moorland varies: some areas remain ecologically rich, supporting heather, bilberry, and wet grassland species, while others have experienced bracken encroachment, scrub growth, or historic overgrazing. Peat and wet flushes are locally important for carbon storage and water	Under Section 2(1) of Part I of the CRoW Act 2000 , the <i>right to enter and remain on access land</i> for open-air recreation is subject to restrictions. That right applies to land mapped under Section 4 as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open country (mountain, moor, heath or down), and• Registered common land. Section 4 doesn't itself create the right, but it identifies which land the right applies to by making the mapping legally binding.
	Carnmenellis Moor		50.1962			
	Stithians Lake W		5.7339			
	Calvadnack Common		13.5723			
	Polhigey Moor		14.7367			
	Medlyn Moor		10.1046			
	South Porkellis Moor		70.2362			
	Boswin Moor		8.8924			
	North Porkellis Moor		5.2967			
	Boquio Downs		8.5944			
	Nine Maidens Downs		5.2237			
	TOTAL		216.342[ha]			

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					<p>regulation, though often vulnerable to erosion and drainage.</p> <p>Management generally involves a combination of grazing, periodic scrub clearance, and, in some cases, agri-environment schemes such as Countryside Stewardship, which promote low-intensity livestock use, habitat restoration, and the maintenance of Cornish hedges. However, active management can be inconsistent, depending on grazing rights and available resources.</p> <p>Overall, Wendron's moorland forms a distinctive and culturally significant landscape, valued for its biodiversity, open views, and sense of remoteness, as well as its historic mining heritage and continuing role in supporting traditional grazing and recreation.</p>	

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S4 Conclusive Registered Common Land	Polhigey Moor [Part] Polhigey Moor [Part] Yellow Wort Calvadrack Common Viscar Common Viscar Common Rame Common Carnkie Common TOTAL	2. Natural and semi-natural green spaces.	1.1194 5.5628 0.097 33.0291 0.2073 0.4743 12.5334 0.0623 53.0856[ha]	RS	Ditto	Ditto
Village Greens	Penmarth Village Green Burras Village Green TOTAL	2. Natural and semi-natural green spaces.	0.4052 0.128 0.5332[ha]	N1	Reasonably well-maintained, although used in some areas informally for non-recreational. uses such as car-parking.	Under the Commons Act 2006, Part 1 , and earlier under the Commons Registration Act 1965, village greens are areas of land that have been used “by the inhabitants of a locality for lawful sports and pastimes as of right for at least 20 years.” Once registered, they are legally recognised and protected as Town or Village Greens .
Stithians Lake	South West Lakes Trust, Stithians Water Sport and Visitor	2. Natural and semi-natural green spaces.	12.7416 [ha]	RS	The surrounding margin land for Stithians Reservoir, which is accessible to the public for walking and	There is a 5 mile circular route which runs adjacent to the lake through meadows, wet woodland and heathland, which are

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	Centre, Menherion, Redruth, TR16 6NW				informal recreation. Efficiently maintained by SWW and SW Lakes Trust.	environmentally managed by SW Lakes Trust dedicated Countryside Team.
		TOTAL TYPE 2	282.70ha			
3. Public access sports facilities (outdoor): available for community games						
Stithians Water Sport and Visitor Centre	South West Lakes Trust, Stithians Water Sport and Visitor Centre, Menherion, Redruth, TR16 6NW	3. Public access sports facilities (outdoor): available for community games	1.0703 [ha]	RS	Excellent	A wide range of activities available, including watersports, fishing, and cycling.
		TOTAL TYPE 3	1.0703 [ha]			
4. Children's play area – equipped facilities						
Stithians Water Sport and Visitor Centre	South West Lakes Trust, Stithians Water Sport and Visitor Centre, Menherion, Redruth, TR16 6NW	4. Children's play area – equipped facilities	489.3 m2	RS	Well maintained	'Adventure' style play structure, which is part of the Water Sports Centre. Likely to be of regional attractiveness due to the relationship with the Water sports Centre and nearby café, etc.
Carnkie Play Area	Play Area, Carnkie, Wendron, TR13 0DP	4. Children's play area – equipped facilities	795.4m2	N1	Well maintained.	Good equipment and a fairly central, accessible location.

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Porkellis Play Area	Ruby Terrace, Porkellis, Helston, TR13 OLD	4. Children's play area – equipped facilities	315.7 m2	N1	Currently closed, so on low maintenance.	Set back behind the SWW pumping station and a small rough grassed area, not very attractive and mainly of use for Ruby Terrace residents.
		TOTAL TYPE 4	1600 m2			
5. Provision for teenagers– equipped facilities						
Nil						
		TOTAL TYPE 5	0			
6. Allotments, community gardens, and urban farms						
Nil						
		TOTAL TYPE 6	0			
7. Cemeteries and Churchyards						
Burial Ground,	Penmarth,	7. Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.58 [ha]	N1	Well maintained.	
St Christopher's Church grounds.	Porkellis	7. Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.11 [ha]	N1	Currently neglected.	The village hall was actually the former St Christopher's church building (formerly a chapel of ease) that closed in the 1970s and became the village hall, run by a charity. That use ceased in 2024, and the property has reverted to the Church.

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Edgcumb Methodist Chapel	Edgcumb	7. Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.23 [ha]	N1	Well maintained	
St Wendrona's Church Cemetery	Wendron	7. Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.50 [ha]	N1	Well maintained	
St Wendrona's Church Yard	Wendron	7. Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.37 [ha]	N1	Well maintained	
Methodist Church [Trinity] Grounds	Porkellis	7. Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.13 [ha]	N1	Well maintained	
		TOTAL TYPE 7	1.92 [ha]			
8. School pitches and outdoor sports club facilities (No or limited public access)						
The Barry Johns Cricket Ground	Wendron Cricket Club and Wendron United Football Club, Underlane, near Carnkie	8. School pitches and outdoor sports club facilities (No or limited public access)	0.95 [ha]	RS	Excellent	<p>On-site changing facilities, a pavilion, score box, covers, rollers, and a square of eight strips.</p> <p>Also features: One artificial net and one grass net.</p> <p>Defibrillator held on site.</p> <p>Pavilion with changing rooms, showers, toilets, bar, and function room.</p>

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Wendron United Football Club Ground	Wendron Cricket Club and Wendron United Football Club, Underlane, near Carnkie	8. School pitches and outdoor sports club facilities (No or limited public access)	0.82 [ha]	RS	Excellent	Football Ground with Stand, Floodlights [installed to meet Step 6 requirements]. Pavilion with changing rooms, showers, toilets, bar, and function room.
Wendron Utd 2 nd Pitch	Wendron Cricket Club and Wendron United Football Club, Underlane, near Carnkie	8. School pitches and outdoor sports club facilities (No or limited public access)	0.68 [ha]	RS	Excellent	Additional full-size grass pitch
Wendron Utd Junior Pitches	Wendron Cricket Club and Wendron United Football Club, Underlane, near Carnkie	8. School pitches and outdoor sports club facilities (No or limited public access)	0.30 [ha]	RS	Excellent	Additional grass pitches capable of adaption to provide 1 full-size and 1 junior pitch, or 3 junior pitches.
Wendron Floodlit 5-a-side AWP	Wendron Cricket Club and Wendron United Football Club, Underlane, near Carnkie	8. School pitches and outdoor sports club facilities (No or limited public access)	612 m2	RS	Excellent	Floodlit and fenced 5-a-side scale all weather pitch.
Wendron School	Wendron Church Of England Primary School, Wendron, TR13 0PX	8. School pitches and outdoor sports club facilities (No or limited public access)	0.8513 [ha]	N1	Excellent	Includes a large field with edge planting and/or ornamental features, and a hard-surface junior football and games area marked on the playground.

Halwin School	Halwin School, Halwin, Porkellis, TR13 0EG	8. School pitches and outdoor sports club facilities (No or limited public access)	0.5166 [ha]	N1	Excellent	Includes a large field with edge planting and/or ornamental features, and a hard-surface junior football and games area marked on the playground.
Wheal Dream	Helston Golf and Leisure Centre	8. School pitches and outdoor sports club facilities (No or limited public access)	8.25 [ha]	RS	Excellent	Tourism focussed facility offering Pitch & Putt, Football 'golf', Rugby 'golf'. Includes restaurant and accommodation.
		TOTAL TYPE 8	12.43 [ha]			
OTHERS WITH COMPENSATORY VALUE						
Trinity Close	Penmarth	Play area	233.18 [m2]	P	Fenced off grass area alongside small housing close.	Useful small space well located for safe toddler and young children play within a small housing area. Unfortunately, no equipment is provided.
Parc Gres	Park an Daras	Play area	627 [m2]	P	Fenced off grass area amongst large new housing estate.	Part of the recreation and landscaping requirements for the Park and Daras Helston Urban Extension. Some play equipment here would be a valuable contribution to the need for Type 4 Children's Playspace in the new housing area.
Rame Cross Pitches	Football Field, Road from Halfway House to Junction at London Wells	8. School pitches and outdoor sports club facilities (No or limited public access)	2.15[ha]	N1	Basic	Private land which the landowner informally allows to be used.

	Farm, Rame Cross, TR10 9EA					
			2.23 [ha]			
OVERALL TOTAL			302.5 [ha]			

Future standards of provision drawn from this are given in Figure 12 below.

Figure 12: Assessment of Current Recreation and Open Space Provision, with Recommended Future Standard.

Type	Commentary on current position	Conclusions and moderation of existing and future requirement based upon existing distribution, local conditions etc	Recommended future standard (m2/person)
1. Parks, amenity	<p>The assessment identifies four sites within the Parish of 1.96 [ha] in total, that fall under the categories of parks and gardens, amenity green space, and civic spaces. Three of these are situated within the Park an Daras Helston Urban Extension, forming part of the new development's recreation and landscaping framework, while the fourth lies at Edgumbe Roadside adjacent to Vicarage Lodge.</p> <p>All sites are classified as accessible neighbourhood-level spaces (N1), providing local residents with informal opportunities for recreation, walking, and visual amenity.</p> <p>Overall quality across the sites is described as good, although the newly created areas within Park an Daras are currently regarded as "immature" in terms of landscape establishment, with grass and basic planting still developing. While currently simple and relatively new, their role in softening the built environment, linking pedestrian routes, and providing local</p>	<p>Outside of the Helston Urban Extension, there is very little in the way of formal parks or amenity land within the rural parts of the Parish. However, this shortfall is largely offset by the presence of common land, village greens, and informal open spaces that are well integrated within the established village settlements. These areas provide valued opportunities for recreation, social interaction, and visual relief within the rural landscape, even if they do not meet the criteria for formal park provision.</p> <p>Going forward, it will be important for any new developments to include appropriate areas of parkland and amenity open space in line with Cornwall Council's requirements. This will ensure that future growth continues to contribute positively to local wellbeing, landscape quality, and the overall network of accessible green spaces across the Parish.</p>	As per CC requirements.

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	<p>amenity value will increase as the planting matures and the surrounding development becomes fully established.</p> <p>The largest of the new open spaces, west of Park An Fenten, includes a simple footpath corridor with grassed areas and early-stage planting. It forms part of a wider green infrastructure link that will be extended as later phases of development proceed, ultimately connecting northwards and eastwards towards Forth Gwedhen. The land east of Treworles Wartha and the central open space at Park An Daras similarly contribute to this planned network, comprising grassed verges, footpaths, and informal areas that have already begun to serve as small kickabout or recreational spaces.</p> <p>The Edgecumbe Roadside area, by contrast, functions more as a landscape buffer and visual amenity space. It occupies a wide strip of land between two roads and a junction, providing an attractive green setting on the approach to the settlement.</p>		
2. Natural and semi-natural green spaces.	<p>The natural and semi-natural green spaces within the Parish cover a substantial area, amounting to approximately 282.7 hectares, and are among the most significant open space assets in the local area. These areas are dominated by moorland, commons, and reservoir margins, which together provide extensive opportunities for recreation, wildlife conservation, and the enjoyment of open countryside.</p>	<p>Together, these diverse sites provide an important source of recreation opportunities that makes up for the lack of more formal open space provision.</p> <p>They also support biodiversity and cultural heritage, while contributing significantly to the Parish's rural character, landscape identity, and ecological resilience.</p>	0.00

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	<p>Much of this land is designated under the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000, Section 4, as Conclusive Open Country or Registered Common Land. This includes sites such as Lancarrow Moor, Carnmenellis Moor, Stithians Lake, Calvadnack Common, Poligsey Moor, Medlyn Moor, and Boswin Moor, together with other moorland and downs within the Parish. These areas are typically characterised by open, windswept expanses of semi-improved rough grassland, heath, and gorse, interspersed with patches of wet heath, rush pasture, and mires. Many bear visible evidence of the area's historic mining activity, including spoil heaps, leats, and other remnants, enclosed in places by Cornish hedges and crossed by a network of public rights of way and minor lanes.</p> <p>The condition of these moorlands varies considerably. Some remain ecologically rich, supporting heather, bilberry, and wet grassland species, while others have experienced bracken encroachment, scrub growth, or past overgrazing. Peat and wet flushes contribute to carbon storage and water regulation, though these features are locally vulnerable to erosion or drainage. Land management typically combines grazing and periodic scrub clearance, often supported through agri-environment schemes such as Countryside Stewardship. However, management is not always consistent, depending on grazing rights and available resources.</p>	<p>No standard is suggested but opportunities to increase access in biodiversity offsetting and other measures should be pursued.</p>	

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	<p>Overall, the Wendron moorland forms a distinctive and culturally significant landscape. It is valued for its biodiversity, open views, sense of remoteness, and its ongoing role in traditional grazing and recreation, as well as for its historic mining heritage.</p> <p>In addition to the larger moorland expanses, several smaller commons and village greens provide localised amenity and recreation spaces within settlement areas. Notable examples include Poligsey Moor (part registered as common land), Calvadnack Common, Viscar and Rame Commons, and Carnkie Common, together totalling over 53 hectares. Within village settings, Penmarth and Burras Village Greens serve as smaller, community-focused green spaces. These are reasonably well-maintained, though occasionally used for informal or non-recreational purposes such as parking. Under the Commons Act 2006 and the earlier Commons Registration Act 1965, these areas are legally protected for lawful sports and pastimes by local inhabitants.</p> <p>Finally, Stithians Lake, managed by the South West Lakes Trust, represents one of the Parish's most actively managed and publicly accessible natural green spaces. The 12.7-hectare margin land around the reservoir includes a well-maintained 5-mile circular walking route, meadows, wet woodland, and heathland, all managed for recreation and wildlife by a dedicated countryside team.</p>		

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3. Public sport	<p>The Parish contains one principal public-access outdoor sports facility, located at the Stithians Water Sports and Visitor Centre, which is owned and managed by the South West Lakes Trust. Covering approximately 1.07 hectares, the site forms part of the wider Stithians Reservoir area and is recognised as being of excellent quality.</p> <p>The facility provides a wide range of outdoor recreational opportunities, catering to both residents and visitors. Activities include watersports such as sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, and paddleboarding, as well as fishing and cycling. The Centre operates as a regional hub for outdoor recreation, combining sport, education, and tourism within a well-managed natural setting.</p>	<p>As part of the broader green and blue infrastructure associated with Stithians Lake, the site plays an important role in promoting healthy lifestyles, outdoor learning, and community participation, while also contributing to the local economy through leisure-based tourism. Its management by the South West Lakes Trust ensures high environmental standards and year-round accessibility.</p> <p>However, other forms of public sports, such as hire pitches, are largely absent, although the Cricket and Football Club organisation and facilities at Carnkie offer a wide range of club opportunities which probably absorb local pressures for public sport.</p>	As per CC requirements.
4. Children's Equipped Play	<p>There are three identified children's play areas with equipped facilities within the Parish, together covering approximately 1,600 square metres. These sites vary in scale, quality, and accessibility, but collectively provide valuable local play opportunities for younger residents.</p> <p>The Stithians Water Sports and Visitor Centre includes an 'adventure'-style children's play structure forming part of the wider recreational offer around Stithians Reservoir. Managed by the South West Lakes Trust, it is well maintained and benefits from its proximity to the water sports centre, café, and visitor facilities. Owing to this setting, it has a regional draw that extends beyond the immediate community.</p>	<p>Provision for children's equipped play within the Parish is adequate at Carnkie, where a well-maintained and accessible play area serves the local community. The Porkellis play area, although currently closed, has the potential to provide a useful facility once reopened and improved to enhance its attractiveness and usability.</p> <p>Beyond these locations, other settlements lack equipped play provision, although an unequipped play area exists at Penmarth and Park an Daras. This site could be enhanced through the installation of appropriate play equipment to serve both local families</p>	6

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	<p>The Carnkie Play Area serves as a local neighbourhood facility within the settlement of Carnkie. It is reasonably central and easily accessible, equipped with good quality play structures and is described as well maintained. This site provides an important amenity for local families within a safe and convenient location.</p> <p>The third facility, at Ruby Terrace, Porkellis, is a smaller play area serving residents in that part of the village. However, it is currently closed and therefore in low maintenance condition. The site is somewhat constrained—set behind the South West Water pumping station and bordered by rough grassland—making it less attractive and primarily used by nearby residents.</p> <p>Figure 10 above illustrates the catchments of the existing playspaces on a 1000m radius basis, showing that both Carnkie and Porkellis sites are reachable from all parts of their villages. It also shows that both of the unequipped playsapoces at Penmarth and Park an Daras could be of use by the wider community of those locations.</p> <p>The Figure also shows that the other settlement areas at Rame, Wendron, Trevennen, Trewannack, and Burras lack playspace.</p>	<p>and nearby rural residents. Similarly an are of amenity land at the Park and Daras estate could be valuable.</p> <p>Looking ahead, as the other small settlement areas lack provision, any new development at these locations should contribute to the delivery of very local (N2) play spaces to meet the needs of both existing and future residents. Priority should be given to improving and equipping the Penmarth and Park an Daras sites, ensuring that play opportunities are more evenly distributed across the Parish and accessible to all age groups.</p>	
5. Teen provision	<p>There is no dedicated provision for teenagers or older children within the Parish, representing a clear gap in recreation facilities.</p>	<p>The Parish currently lacks any dedicated provision for teenagers, which remains a concern even given the generally older age profile of the community. While the</p>	2

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		<p>youth opportunities offered through the Wendron Cricket and Football Club provide some compensation—particularly through organised training and informal use of the floodlit 5-a-side Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)—there are no freely accessible outdoor spaces specifically designed for teenage recreation.</p> <p>This shortfall could potentially be addressed in a pragmatic and low-cost manner, for example by incorporating a youth shelter and basketball hoop within a new or upgraded local play site delivered through future development. However, the ideal long-term solution would be the establishment of a dedicated, equipped teen recreation area, providing an inclusive and attractive environment for socialising and informal sport. Such provision would help ensure that young people in the Parish have safe, local opportunities for recreation, contributing to both physical wellbeing and community cohesion.</p>	
6. Allotments	There are currently no allotments, community gardens, or community farms within the Parish. This absence represents a notable gap in local green infrastructure, particularly given the community's rural setting and the increasing interest in local food production, sustainability, and healthy lifestyles.	There are currently no allotments within the Parish, representing a notable gap in local open space provision. While this absence is partly offset by the fact that many rural dwellings have generous garden plots, which can accommodate small-scale food production, it remains important to promote accessible, shared opportunities for community growing.	2.5

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		<p>To support healthy living and sustainable development objectives, the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) should include a specific intention to improve access to allotments and community growing spaces, setting a higher standard than the average for smaller rural settlements.</p> <p>Future development proposals and community-led initiatives should therefore incorporate provision for allotments or shared garden areas, in accordance with Cornwall Council's open space standards. Such spaces could take the form of dedicated allotment sites, community gardens, or smaller-scale collective growing projects.</p> <p>The introduction of community growing spaces would deliver multiple social, environmental, and wellbeing benefits. These include opportunities for local food cultivation, intergenerational learning, social interaction, biodiversity enhancement, and mental health support. Encouraging this form of sustainable, low-impact land use would also strengthen community resilience and help embed the Parish's commitment to a healthier and more self-sufficient rural lifestyle.</p>	
7. Cemeteries	The Parish contains several cemeteries and churchyards, together covering approximately 1.92 hectares. These spaces	Overall, the cemeteries and churchyards within the Parish form a valuable part of its green infrastructure,	N/A

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and Churchyards	<p>contribute both to local heritage and to the wider network of quiet, reflective green areas that serve the community. Most are well maintained and accessible (N1), offering value not only as places of remembrance but also as small havens of biodiversity within the built environment.</p> <p>The burial ground at Penmarth is a well-kept site that continues to serve its local community. Similarly, the Edgcomb Methodist Chapel grounds, along with the cemetery and churchyard at St Wendrona's, Wendron, are all described as being well maintained, with established planting and a strong sense of heritage character. These sites collectively represent some of the Parish's most peaceful and historically significant green spaces.</p> <p>In contrast, the grounds of St Christopher's Church, Porkellis, are noted as neglected at present. The church itself, originally a chapel of ease, was converted to serve as the village hall in the 1970s and run by a local charity until its closure in 2024, after which ownership reverted to the Church. This site may require renewed attention or repurposing to bring it back into beneficial community or heritage use.</p> <p>The Methodist Church [Trinity] grounds in Porkellis remain well maintained, adding to the network of smaller burial sites distributed across the Parish.</p>	<p>providing historic continuity, landscape interest, and tranquil open space within and around the main settlements. Their ongoing care is important both for heritage conservation and for maintaining local visual and environmental quality.</p>	

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8. School pitches and private sports grounds	<p>The Parish benefits from a comprehensive network of sports pitches and outdoor club facilities, covering a total area of approximately 12.43 hectares. The principal concentration of facilities is located at Wendron Cricket Club and Wendron United Football Club, situated near Carnkie. This site represents a regionally significant multi-sport hub, serving a catchment population of around 121,900 that extends well beyond the Parish boundary.</p> <p>The Barry Johns Cricket Ground and adjacent Wendron United Football Club grounds provide an extensive range of high-quality facilities, all rated 'excellent'. These include full-sized grass and artificial pitches, floodlighting to FA Step 6 standard, changing pavilions, shower and toilet blocks, a bar and function room, and on-site defibrillator provision. The complex accommodates both senior and junior teams and supports year-round use. Additional grass pitches and a fenced, floodlit 5-a-side all-weather surface further extend its training capacity.</p> <p>The Wendron United Junior Pitches allow for the configuration of up to three junior or one senior pitch, providing flexibility for youth development and training. The entire complex is recognised for its excellent maintenance standards and its significant community and regional contribution to sport, recreation, and health.</p>	<p>Overall, the Wendron sports cluster represents one of the most well-developed and regionally significant community sports assets in West Cornwall. Its facilities, development strategy, and community links make it a cornerstone of local sport, recreation, and social inclusion, with ongoing investment ensuring its long-term sustainability and regional importance. It absorbs much of the recreational demands generated in the area, especially for sports activity. The NDP should therefore support its ongoing development and extension of services.</p>	N/A

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	<p>These facilities are supported by a long-term Wendron Cricket and Football Club Development Plan, which sets out a five-year strategy for growth and inclusion. The plan emphasises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining a mature and well-equipped club through continued community engagement and partnership working. • Expanding participation by health and socially inclusive groups, offering opportunities for all ages and abilities. • Ongoing player development from under-7s to adult levels, alongside volunteer training and education. • Continued improvement of facilities, including energy-efficient upgrades such as EV charging points. • Increasing female participation in football and maintaining major annual events such as the Youth Football Festival and West Cornwall Motor Show. <p>Recent investment includes a £14,000 grant from SITA Cornwall Trust, enabling the resurfacing of the floodlit Multi-Use Games Area with a third-generation (3G) all-weather training surface, enhancing year-round usability and safety.</p> <p>Elsewhere in the Parish, the Wheal Dream site (part of Helston Golf and Leisure Centre) provides tourism-oriented sports opportunities such as pitch and putt, football golf, and rugby golf, with associated hospitality facilities. A smaller</p>		

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	<p>community-level field at Rame Cross offers informal recreation space, though this is privately owned and of basic quality, with public access granted at the landowner's discretion.</p> <p>School PF provision is at Halwin and Wendron Primary Schools.</p>		

8. **CONCLUSIONS.** The assessment of existing recreation and open space provision in Wendron Parish demonstrates that while the area benefits from **extensive natural and informal open space**, there are **gaps in formal and equipped provision** that need to be addressed through the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). The following summarises the key findings and provides the evidence base for setting appropriate local standards and policy priorities.

1. Parks, Amenity and Civic Spaces

The Parish contains a limited number of formal amenity spaces (2.0 ha in total), largely associated with the **Park an Daras Helston Urban Extension**, and one small site at **Edgecumbe Roadside**. These areas are of good quality but still maturing. Outside Helston, rural settlements lack formal parks, although this is partly compensated by **village greens and informal open areas** that provide social and visual amenity.

Future development should therefore include **appropriate neighbourhood-scale open space** in accordance with **Cornwall Council (CC) standards**, ensuring new housing growth contributes to local wellbeing and landscape quality.

Recommended standard: As per CC requirements.

2. Natural and Semi-Natural Green Spaces

The Parish has **exceptionally high natural green space provision**, totalling around **282.7 ha**, encompassing moorland, commons, and the margins of **Stithians Lake**. These areas support recreation, biodiversity, and heritage values, and are legally protected as **Conclusive Open Country** or **Registered Common Land** under the **CRoW Act 2000**.

While no further quantitative standard is required, the NDP should promote **enhanced access** through development related footpath provision and biodiversity offsetting .

Recommended standard: No numerical standard proposed (0.00 m²/person); focus on protection, access, and habitat management.

3. Public Sport

The **Stithians Water Sports and Visitor Centre** provides the Parish's only significant public-access sports facility, offering **watersports, fishing, and cycling** within a high-quality, managed setting.

Although other forms of public sports provision (e.g. hire pitches) are absent, this gap is **effectively balanced by the extensive local club-based sports and recreation opportunities** offered by the **Wendron Cricket and Football Club** complex at Carnkie. The NDP should maintain support for **regional sports and recreation facilities** that contribute to local health, tourism, and economic activity.

Recommended standard: As per CC requirements.

4. Children's Equipped Play

Children's equipped play provision is **adequate but unevenly distributed**.

- **Stithians Water Sports Centre offers a regional-scale adventure play structure.**
- **Carnkie** provides a well-maintained and accessible play area.
- **Porkellis** play area is currently closed and unattractive but could be refurbished.
- **Penmarth** contains an unequipped play area with potential for improvement.
- **Park an Daras** contains an unequipped play area with potential for improvement.
- **Other settlements completely lack playspace.**

Looking forward, **priority should be given to equipping Penmarth and Park an Daras sites**, whilst future small-scale developments should include **very local (N2) play spaces in the smaller settlements**, to ensure more equitable access across the Parish.

Recommended standard: 6 m²/person.

5. Teen Provision

There is **no dedicated teen provision** within the Parish—representing a clear gap. While **Wendron Cricket and Football Club** offers structured youth opportunities and informal access to the **floodlit 5-a-side MUGA**, there are no freely accessible outdoor recreation areas specifically for teenagers.

The NDP should seek to deliver **a dedicated teen recreation area**, or at a minimum, provide **a youth shelter and basketball hoop** within new or upgraded play sites.

Recommended standard: 2 m²/person.

6. Allotments and Community Growing

No allotments or community gardens currently exist in the Parish, which contrasts with the growing emphasis on **sustainable food production and healthy lifestyles**. While large private gardens partly offset this, shared growing spaces would deliver social and environmental benefits.

The NDP should therefore set a **higher standard than typical for small rural settlements** and require that **new developments or community projects** contribute to **allotment or community garden provision**, following CC standards.

Recommended standard: 2.5 m²/person.

7. Cemeteries and Churchyards

The Parish has **five principal churchyards and cemeteries** (1.55 ha), most of which are **well maintained and accessible**. These spaces contribute to **heritage, tranquillity, and biodiversity**.

While quantitative standards are unnecessary, their **ongoing maintenance and conservation** should be supported as part of the wider green infrastructure network.

Recommended standard: Not applicable (qualitative protection only).

8. School Pitches and Private Sports Grounds

The **Wendron Cricket and Football Club complex** forms a **regionally significant sports hub** (11.28 ha), serving a wide population catchment of around **121,900 people**. It includes multiple grass and artificial pitches, floodlighting, and a pavilion with full facilities.

The **Club's Development Plan** (2024–2029) outlines a five-year strategy focused on:

- **Inclusive participation** and community engagement.
- **Youth and volunteer development.**
- **Facility enhancement**, including **energy-efficient technologies** and **EV charging**.
- **Increased female participation** and continued hosting of major events (e.g. Youth Football Festival, West Cornwall Motor Show).

The Club recently received a **£14,000 SITA Cornwall Trust grant** for the **3G resurfacing of its floodlit MUGA**, demonstrating ongoing investment and regional significance.

The NDP should **actively support the continued development and expansion** of this complex as a cornerstone of recreation and community wellbeing.

Recommended standard: Not applicable (site of strategic importance).

9. **Overall Policy Implications.** The assessment identifies a **strong foundation of informal and natural open space**, but highlights **deficiencies in equipped play, teen facilities, and community growing opportunities**. The **Wendron NDP** should therefore:
1. Maintain **Cornwall Council's open space standards** as the baseline for new development.
 2. Promote **enhanced access to the extensive network of informal natural open space** through development related footpath provision and biodiversity offsetting.
 3. Require **N2-scale play and amenity provision** within new housing areas where development is for 10 or more dwellings, and encourage it in smaller developments.
 4. Support **improvements to existing play areas** at **Porkellis, Penmarth and Park an Daras**.
 5. Promote the establishment of a **teen recreation area** or multi-use facility, such as a skate-park.
 6. Set a **higher-than-average allotment standard** to promote local food growing.
 7. Endorse continued **investment in the Wendron sports hub** and **Stithians Lake** as key regional assets.

10. Together, these measures will **ensure** that Wendron Parish maintains a **balanced, inclusive, and sustainable recreation network** that supports both its **rural identity** and **community wellbeing** into the future.