

Local Green Spaces - Cheddington

Cheddington is a parish set in rural Buckinghamshire; located in the Vale of Aylesbury; close to the boundaries of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire; and close to the northern scarp of the Chiltern Hills. According to the latest (2011) census, statistics indicate that the Cheddington had 715 households and a population of 1,755. Historically, Cheddington residents worked on the land – most economically active residents now commute by car or rail.

Three sites in particular within the village are considered valuable Green Spaces and worthy of protection and designation in accordance with NPPF guidance above:

i. Open space at The Green;

The Village Green lies at the heart of the village; it contains an equipped children's and toddlers' playground and is a general meeting place. The Green is a venue for the village fete, book/produce sales and similar events. The village war memorial adjoins The Green, where an annual festival of remembrance is held.



Local Green Spaces as defined in Paragraph 77 of the NPPF:

The Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:

where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;

where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field),

tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and

where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.'



ii. The allotments and land west of the Village Hall;

There is a large area of well-tended allotments to the north and east of the Village Hall; land to the west provides the attractive setting to the Village Hall and is used as an overflow from events at the Village Hall in good weather.



iii. The Recreation Ground, High Street;

The Recreation Ground is located at the southern end of the village and is Cheddington's principal recreational resource. The 'Rec' is home to the long established Football Club, the Tennis Club, the Bowls Club (with its own club house) and the Petanque Club.



The Rec is also the site of the annual November 5th bonfire and fireworks.

The Recreation Ground and pavilion are owned and maintained by Cheddington Parish Council. The Bowls Club maintain their own club house.

Designation of the above sites as Local Green Spaces would comply with the criteria set out in Paragraph 77 of National Planning Policy Guidance.