

BUGLAWTON GREEN SPACES: DRAFT BIODIVERSITY PLANS 20-23



Cuckoo Pint (Lords and Ladies) emerging at Redfern Avenue-Buxton Road green space, Buglawton

GREEN SPACES INCLUDED:

20	Mardale Close	22	St John's Playing Fields & Riverside
21	Havannah Lane-St John's Road	23	Redfern Avenue-Buxton Road

Also see Introduction, Appendix 1 with survey plans and notes for each site, and Appendix 2 with examples and references.

MARDALE CLOSE GREEN SPACE

Site biodiversity plan 20



Mardale Close green space, tilted aerial photo 2021

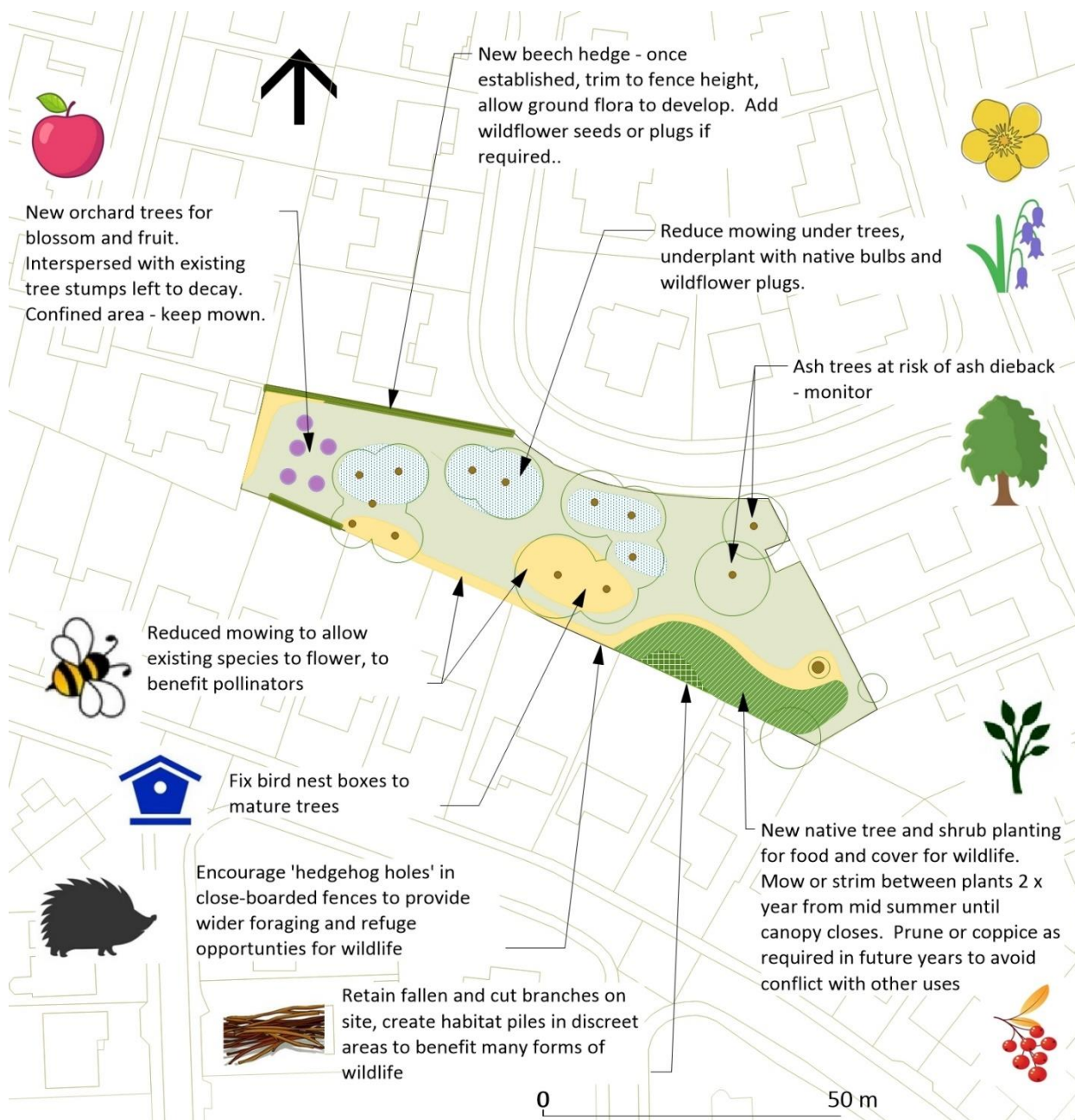
Biodiversity aims

Retaining current tidy appearance and recreational value, develop a multi-layered vegetation structure with a mosaic of habitats. Improve connectivity with surrounding gardens for greater wildlife benefit.

Site information

Location	Off Mardale Close, Buglawton
Description	Informal amenity green space with scattered trees
Use	Used mainly by local residents
Total area	0.27 hectares (0.66 acres)
UK BAP Priority habitats & species	None identified
Biodiversity draft evaluation 2022	Low (relative to 30 Congleton green spaces surveyed). Trees are of most value. Trend - improving with addition of new hedges, tree and shrub planting, although new hedges are single species (a proposed native hedge had to be omitted due to land drain location)

Potential for biodiversity enhancement



Note

Proposals are based on a quick habitat survey carried out in April 2022. Additional data from people who use the site, local naturalists and others would be welcomed. These initial proposals are for discussion and consultation so are liable to change.

HAVANNAH LANE-ST JOHN'S ROAD GREEN SPACE

Site biodiversity plan 21



Havannah Lane/St John's Road green space, tilted aerial photo 2021

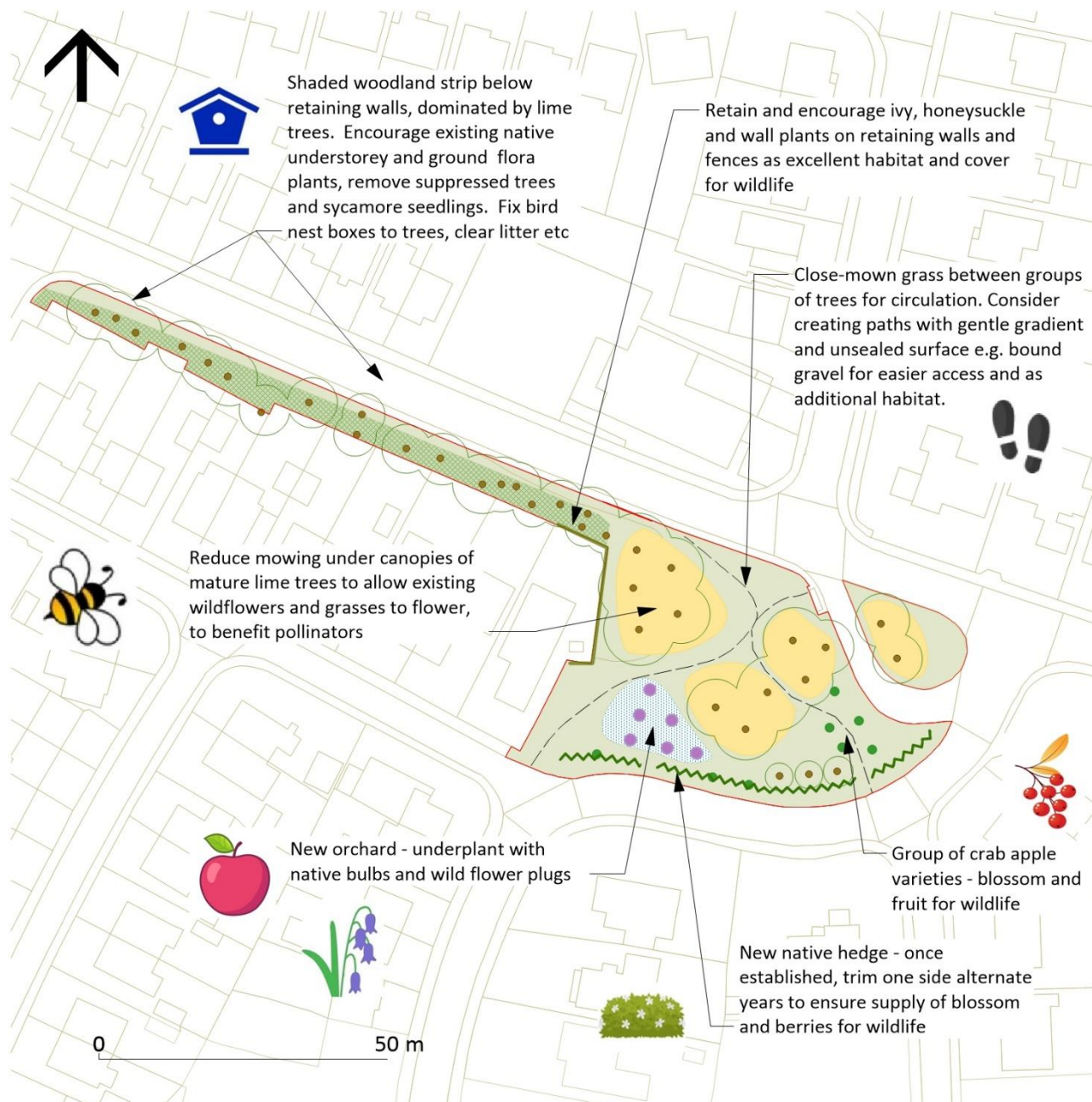
Biodiversity aims

Within the existing framework of mature trees, develop new habitats for wildlife whilst also contributing to the amenity of the neighbourhood.

Site information

Location	Between St John's Road and Havannah Lane, Buglawton
Description	Informal amenity green space with mature lime trees, sloping from Havannah Lane to St John's Road. The lime trees continue along St John's Road to the west.
Stakeholders	Cheshire East Council (landowners), Congleton Town Council (managers), adjacent landowners, local residents.
Local plan status (adopted & draft)	Protected open space (REC1), Ecological network restoration area (draftENV1)?
Total area	0.30 hectares (0.75 acres)
UKBAP priority habitats and species	None at present, although a new hedgerow has been planted.
Biodiversity evaluation 2022	Moderate (relative to 30 Congleton sites surveyed) - mature trees are of value. Trend - improving, with the addition of fruit trees and hedgerow.

Potential for biodiversity enhancement



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ST JOHN'S RECREATION GROUND & RIVERSIDE

Site biodiversity plan 22



St John's recreation ground, tilted aerial photo 2021 looking north

Biodiversity aims

Protect and increase the naturalness of this floodplain site, where possible to do so without conflicting with use of playing fields and play area.

Site information

Location	To the west of St John's Road, and north of Havannah Street, Buglawton
Description	Large expanses of public open space with contrasting natural floodplain and levelled and mown playing fields
Use	Well used for sport, play and informal recreation by local residents, walkers, football club and other organisations.
Total area	5.62 hectares (13.89 acres)
UK BAP priority habitats and species	Local Wildlife Site - further information needed from Cheshire Wildlife Trust and other specialists. Native black poplar (planted early 2022)
Biodiversity evaluation 2022	High (floodplain and woodland), low-moderate- the remainder (initial assessment, relative to 30 Congleton sites surveyed).

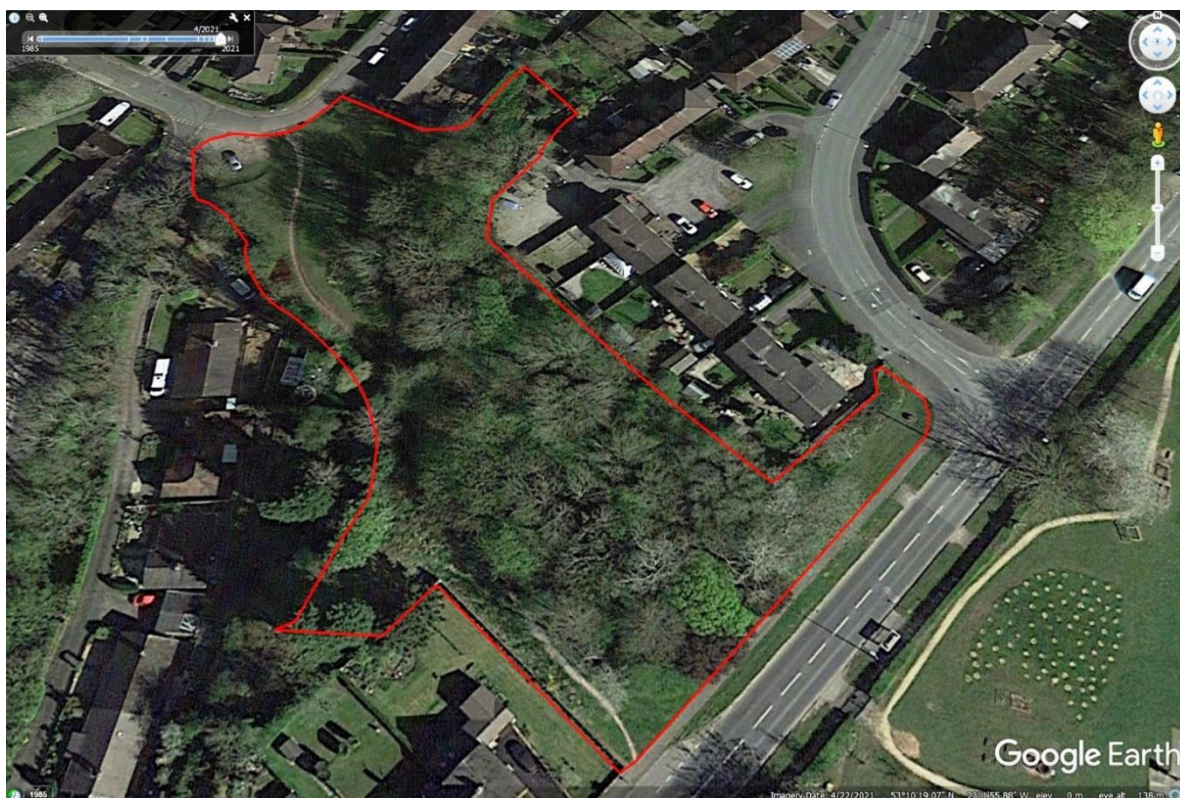
Potential for biodiversity enhancement



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REDFERN AVENUE GREEN SPACE

Site biodiversity plan 23



Redfern Avenue green space, tilted aerial photo 2021

Biodiversity aim

Management to protect, restore and expand semi-natural woodland and other existing habitats as well as improving access and interest for users.

Site information

Location	Between Redfern Avenue and Buxton Road, Buglawton.
Description	Informal amenity green space consisting of an enclosed wooded valley to the south and grassland to the north.
Use	Low-moderate. The footpath connecting Buxton Road and Redfern Avenue is relatively well used despite being largely unsurfaced. The grass and woodland are used for informal play.
Total area	0.59 hectares (1.47 acres)
BAP Priority Habitats and Species	Lowland deciduous woodland. Although undesignated much of the woodland is a small remnant of semi-natural ancient woodland. Further survey may possibly identify species of interest.
Biodiversity evaluation 2022	Moderate to high (relative to other urban green spaces surveyed). Trend - static or improving (recent native hedge planting, but damaged by excavation).

Potential for biodiversity enhancement



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