

EAST GRINSTEAD SOCIETY

REGISTER OF GREEN SPACES IN EAST GRINSTEAD

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East Grinstead is an historic town with a variety of important green spaces, which enhance our living area and quality of life, and are highly valued by residents. They vary from formal areas, such as playgrounds, parks, allotments and playing fields, to tiny areas of grass and trees. These act as essential breathing spaces (green lungs) for our large housing estates. We are also fortunate in having green corridors along former railway lines, e.g. Worth Way, Forest Way and St Margaret's Loop.

One of the aims of the **East Grinstead Society** is to protect and preserve the environment in which we live. To this end the East Grinstead Society has created this '**REGISTER OF GREEN SPACES**' to inform future planning policy and guide decision-making.

The **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**, was published in March 2012, and sets out the government's planning policies for England. Paragraphs 76 – 78 introduced a new '**Local Green Space (LGS)**' designation which enables communities to identify and protect areas that are of value to them through local and neighbourhood plans.

LGSs can only be designated when the local development plan is being produced - in this instance the Mid Sussex draft District Plan (**dDP**) and the East Grinstead draft Neighbourhood Plan (**dEGNP**). The dDP has no specific policies relating to East Grinstead. The dEGNP is, at present, undergoing an 8-week public consultation (27/07/15 - 21/09/15). The Society is submitting this Register for inclusion in the dEGNP's appendices to clarify policies **EG14**, **EG15** and **EG16**.

The current plan, the **Mid Sussex Local Plan 2004 (MSLP)** identifies, in Chapter 12, environmental factors as one of two major constraints limiting further development in East Grinstead; a number of Green Spaces in the Town are designated under MSLP Policy EG18. This major environmental constraint at East Grinstead is ignored by the dDP. The East Grinstead town boundary abuts the **High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** which includes the Ashdown Forest. **The Ashdown Forest Special Protection Area (SPA)** and **Special Area of Conservation (SAC)** sites are protected under the **European Habitats Directive**, and since 2006 local planning authorities must ensure that development does not adversely affect these sites.

Should there prove to be a shortfall in deliverable land to meet housing need, required over the next 20 years or to meet the 5-year land supply, **the EGNP will be critical in providing protection of these important Green Spaces.**

The task of cataloguing **East Grinstead Green Spaces** has proved to be more substantial than originally anticipated. Phase 2 of the East Grinstead Society Register includes significant new information above that identified in and up-dating the Kit Campbell Associates 2010 refresh of PPG17.

The Society is submitting the Register to inform, and for inclusion in, the draft East Grinstead Neighbourhood Plan and to clarify policies EG14, EG15 and EG16.

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NB: Figures in brackets refer to the map grid references in the East Grinstead Town Guide.

HERONTYE ESTATE		
1.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Playground off York Avenue (D3) Playground with minimal equipment – for young children E - Play area – Provision for children & young people Mid Sussex District Council No. 1
2.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Ponds off York Avenue (D3) Ponds with surrounding wooded area B - Natural and semi-natural greenspace No. 2
3.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Area bordering Herontye Drive (D3) Wide green verge bordering Herontye Drive D - Amenity green space No. 3
4.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Mallard Place / Herons Ghyll (D3) Green space with trees at Mallard Place / Herons Ghyll D - Amenity green space Lower Mere Residents Company Ltd Nos. 38 – 41
5.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Glendyne Way / Close (D3) Green space with trees at Glendyne Way D - Amenity green space Mid Sussex District Council – Ref 13a/014 Nos. 132 – 134
6.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Forest Way adjacent to Balmoral (D3) Linear path on old railway track bounded by trees and bushes C - Green corridor West Sussex County Council Nos. 81 – 84
7.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Windsor Place – off Herontye Drive (D3) Green space with oak tree D - Amenity green space No. 135

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8.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Holyrood – off Herontye Drive (D3) Green space with large, mature oak tree D - Amenity green space No. 137
9.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Clarence Drive – off Stuart Way (D3) Green space with small trees D - Amenity green space Nos. 138 – 139
10.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Buckingham Drive – off Herontye Drive (D3) Green space with mature oak tree D - Amenity green space No. 140
11.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Dunnings Road (C4) Sunnyside Recreation Ground Green space with playground area E - Play area – provision for children and young people Mid Sussex District Council Nos. 30 – 32
12.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Dunnings Road (C4) Dunnings Mill Green space - field bordered by stream B - Natural and semi natural green space Nos. 161 - 165
13.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Lister Avenue (D4) Wooded area with large trees and two separate playground areas for younger and older children E - Play area – provision for children and young people Nos. 33, 36/37, 141/142
14.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Hurst Farm Road – Hurst Farm Pond (C3) Attractive, well maintained pond with trees and path B - Natural and semi-natural green space Mid Sussex District Council Nos.26, 28/29
15.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Hurst Farm Road / Southlands (C3) Green space leading from Hurst Farm Road to Southlands D - Amenity green space No. 27

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16.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Turners Hill Road B2110: Turners Hill Road Recreation Ground (B4) Large green field bounded by trees B - Natural and semi natural green space East Grinstead Town Council Nos. 24 – 25
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TOWN CENTRE		
17.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	The Dakins (C3) Children's playground with play space E - Play area – Provision for children and young people Mid Sussex District Council? Nos. 173 - 177
18.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Dalloway Gardens (C3) Children's playground with play space / picnic tables E - Play area – Provision for children and young people Mid Sussex District Council? Nos. 116 - 118
19.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Brooklands Park – between Brooklands Way / West Hill (C3) Large park area with trees B - Natural and semi-natural green space Mid Sussex District Council Nos.119 – 122
20.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Copyhold Road (C3) Small children's play area and green space E - Play area – Provision for children and young people Mid Sussex District Council? Nos. 78 – 79
21.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	West Hill (C3) Cemetery (No longer used) H – Cemetery East Grinstead Town Council Nos. 182 – 183

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GARDENWOOD ESTATE		
22.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Gardenwood Road (B3 / C3) Wide green space with silver birch trees bordering the road D - Amenity green space Gardenwood Residents Ltd Nos. 126 – 128
23.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Land behind Tennyson Rise (B3) Path through green area of rough grass, bushes and trees D - Amenity green space Gardenwood Residents Ltd Nos.129 – 132
24.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Kipling Way (B3 / C3) Green space with trees - flowers in spring D - Amenity green space Gardenwood Residents Ltd Nos. 123 – 124
25.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Top of Kipling Way (C3) Small green space with trees D - Amenity green space Gardenwood Residents Ltd Nos. 72 – 73
26.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Keats Place – off Shelley Road (C3) Small green area with birch trees D - Amenity green space Gardenwood Residents Ltd No. 71
27.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	The Brontes (C3) Small green area with trees D - Amenity green space Gardenwood Residents Ltd No. 70
28.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Milton Crescent (C3) Green space with trees and flowers in spring D - Amenity green space Gardenwood Residents Ltd Nos. 74 – 75

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29.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Worth Way (B3 / C3) Linear path on old railway track bordered by trees/bushes C - Green corridor West Sussex County Council Nos. 76 – 77
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IMBERHORNE ESTATE		
30.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Blount Avenue/ Crossways Avenue (B2 / C2) Green space area with trees D - Amenity green space Mid Sussex District Council Nos. 17- 18
31.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Junction of Blount Avenue and Gardenwood Rd (B2 / B3) Green space with small trees D - Amenity green space Mid Sussex District Council? Nos. 19 – 20
32.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Chapmans Lane, Heathcote Drive to Imberhorne Lane (B2) Bridle Path C - Green corridor Nos. 178 - 179
33.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Imberhorne Lane (B2) Play / recreation area for football etc. E - Play area – provision for children and young people Mid Sussex District Council Nos. 21 – 23
34.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Imberhorne Lane (B2) Allotments G – Allotments East Grinstead Town Council Nos. 68 – 69

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BALDWINS		
35.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Lingfield Road (C2) Play / recreation area E - Play area – provision for children and young people Mid Sussex District Council Nos. 144 – 148
36.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Browns Wood (C1) Green space with trees D - Amenity green space Nos. 184 – 187
37.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Eden Vale (C1) Green space with trees D - Amenity green space Nos. 189 - 190
38.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Sackville Gardens (B1) Small green area with mature oak tree D - Amenity green space No. 66
39.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	King George's Avenue (B1) Open green area D - Amenity open space No. 67
40.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	St Margaret's Loop (C2) Overgrown disused railway line C - Green corridor Various Nos. 191 - 194

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ESCOTS ESTATE		
41.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Woodbury Close adjacent to A22 (E3) Open green space with trees D - Amenity open space No. 42
42.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Farm Close – off Woodbury Avenue (E3) Green open space – glade surrounded by trees D - Amenity open space Nos. 43 – 45
43.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	The Glades (E3) Playground / recreation area with small wooded area E - Play area – provision for children and young people Mid Sussex District Council Nos. 46 – 51
44.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	The Dell (E2/E3) Wooded area with small stream – between Worsted/Fairlight Farms B - Natural and semi natural green space Nos. 52
45.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	The Rill and Waterside (E2) Lit path connecting small wooded area on either side - ponds on both sides of path B - Natural and semi natural green space Nos. 53 – 56
46.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Maple Drive (D2/E2) Small stream with wooded area on either side B - Natural and semi natural green space Nos. 57 – 59
47.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Escots Drive (D2) Green area with trees – bordered by East Court D - Amenity green space Mid Sussex District Council Nos. 60 – 62

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48.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Court Crescent (D2/D3) Green open space – mature oak felled in storm January 2014 D - Amenity green space Nos. 63 – 66
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EAST COURT		
49.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	East Court (D2/E2) Large green area of parkland formerly grounds of East Court mansion B - Natural and semi natural green space and gardens Nos. 85 – 86, 154, 160
50.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	East Court (D2/E2) Playing fields - Football pitches with pavilion F - Outdoor sports facilities Mid Sussex District Council (leased from EG War Memorial Ltd) Nos. 87 – 90
51.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	East Court (D2/E2) Playground set in woodland E - Play area – provision for children and young people Mid Sussex District Council (leased from EG War Memorial Ltd) Nos. 91 – 92
52.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	East Court : Cranston Pond (D2) Pond surrounded by woodland B - Natural and semi natural green space – SNCI No. 93
53.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	East Court: Ashplat's Wood (D2/E2) Ancient wood with meadows / paths and numerous entrances from surrounding roads eg. Pegasus Way B - Natural and semi natural green space - SNCI Mid Sussex District Council (leased from EG War Memorial Ltd) Nos.94 – 98
54.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	East Court (D2) Tennis Courts F - Outdoor sports facilities Mid Sussex District Council? No. 152
55.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	East Court (D2) East Grinstead Town Football Club F - Outdoor sports facilities Leased from EG War Memorial Ltd No. 153

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56.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	East Court (D2) Children's playground with play space E - Play area – Provision for children and young people East Grinstead Town Council Nos. 155 – 156
57.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	East Court (D2) War Memorial Gardens G - Community Garden East Grinstead Town Council Nos. 157 -159

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BLUEBELL GATE ESTATE		
58.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	off Holtye Road (E1) Landscaping on new estate – 2013/14 D - Amenity green space Nos. 99 – 102

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QUARRY ESTATE		
59.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	off Hollands Way (D1) Playground and open grass area with mature trees E - Play area – provision for children and young people Mid Sussex District Council No. 6
60.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Spring Copse – off The Weald (D1) Wooded area /path to Blackwell Farm Road B - Natural and semi natural green space Mid Sussex District Council Nos. 4 – 5
61.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Copse Wood (D1) Wooded area adjoining Hackenden Lane B - Natural and semi natural green space Mid Sussex District Council No. 103

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BLACKWELL ESTATE		
62.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Elizabeth Crescent (D2) Large green space – grass and flowers in spring D - Amenity green space Mid Sussex District Council? Nos. 7 - 8
63.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Elizabeth Crescent (D2) Small green spaces D - Amenity green space Mid Sussex District Council? Nos. 167 – 169
64.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Blackwell Estate (D2) Path from Elizabeth Crescent to the Queen Victoria Hospital C - Green corridor Mid Sussex District Council? No/s. 166
65.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Blackwell Farm Road (D2) Small green area with tree opposite school D - Amenity green space Mid Sussex District Council? Nos. 170 – 172
66.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Blackwell Green at the junction of Holtye Road (A264) and Blackwell Farm Road (D2) Large green space surrounded by mature chestnut trees B - Natural and semi-natural Green Space Mid Sussex District Council Nos. 9 – 10

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MOUNT NODDY & MOAT ROAD		
67.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Mount Noddy – off St. John’s Road (D2) Cemetery H – Cemetery East Grinstead Town Council Nos. 180 - 181
68.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Mount Noddy - off St. John’s Road (C2 / D2) Allotments with picnic area G – Allotments East Grinstead Town Council Nos. 11 – 12
69.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Mount Noddy – off St. John’s Road (C2 / D2) Playground and play area E - Playground – provision for children and young people Mid Sussex District Council No. 13
70.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Mount Noddy – off St. John’s Road (C2 / D2) Playing fields, tennis courts and bowling green F - Outdoor sports facilities Mid Sussex District Council Nos. 14 – 15
71.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Mount Noddy – off St. John’s Road (C2 / D2) ‘Compass garden’ – formal flower beds and seating area G - Community garden Mid Sussex District Council No. 16
72.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	St. Michael’s Road – The Old Convent (C2) Open area of green space either side of the private road Leading to the listed buildings of the Old Convent B - Natural and semi natural green space Nos. 111 – 115
73.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	King George’s Field – off Moat Road – A264 (C2) Children’s playground with play space E - Play area – Provision for children and young people Mid Sussex District Council Nos. 149 - 151

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74.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	King George's Field – off Moat Road – A264 (C2) Playing fields - football pitches F - Outdoor sports facilities Mid Sussex District Council Nos. 108 – 109
75.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	King George's Field – off Moat Road – A264 (C2) Skateboard park E - Provision for children and young people Mid Sussex District Council No.110
76.	Location Description Designation Owner Photograph/s	Moat Pond – off Moat Road – A264 (C2) Large pond with fishing facilities – wild life and water birds B - Natural and semi natural green space Mid Sussex District Council Nos. 104 – 107

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Categories and Designations

CODE	Type	Definition	Primary Purpose
A	Parks & Gardens	Includes urban parks, country parks and formal gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal recreation • Community events
B	Natural and Semi-natural Greenspaces	Includes woodlands, urban forestry, scrub, grasslands [e.g. downs, commons, meadows], wetlands, open and running water and wastelands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife conservation • Biodiversity • Environmental education and awareness activities
C	Green Corridors	Includes towpaths along canals and riverbanks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking, cycling or horse riding • Leisure purposes or travel • Opportunities for wildlife migration
D	Amenity Greenspace	Most commonly but not exclusively found in housing areas. Includes informal recreational spaces, green spaces and around housing and village greens.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal activities close to home or work • Enhancement of the appearance of residential or other areas
E	Provision for children and young people	Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young peoples.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipped play areas • Ball courts • Outdoor basketball hoop areas • Skateboard areas • Teenage shelters and 'hangouts'
F	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Natural or artificial surfaces either publicly or privately owned used for sport and recreation. Includes school playing fields.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor sports pitches • Tennis courts • Bowls greens • Golf courses • Athletics tracks • Grass playing fields • Water sports facilities
G	Allotments and Community Gardens	Opportunities for those people who wish to grow their own produce as part of the long term promotion of sustainability, health and social inclusion. May also include urban farms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing vegetables and other root crops <p>N.B. does <u>not</u> include private gardens</p>
H	Cemeteries & Churchyards	Cemeteries and churchyards including disused churchyards and other burial grounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiet contemplation • Burial of the dead • Promotion of biodiversity