

Chapel & Hill Chorlton, Maer & Aston, and Whitmore Neighbourhood Plan  
Local Green Space Audit, Summer 2017

Whitmore Parish

Audit Ref.	Address/location	Approx. location		Description	NPPF Para 77 Criteria							Particular significance because of any <b>one</b> of below:	
		Post Code	OS Grid Ref.		Not extant	Not allocated for development	Not an extensive tract of land	Is local in character	Is in close proximity to serving area	Is demonstrably special to local community	Beauty (B) Historical signif. (H) Recreational value (R) Tranquillity (T) Wildlife (W) Other (O)*		(O)* Other reason explained
GSAW1	<b>A53 Verge, M6 motorway to Butterton crossroads</b>	ST5 4ED	SJ 82823 43457 to SJ 82677 43252	Mown grassed verge on north side of the A53. There is a footway on the inside of the verge. The verge widens into a visibility splay at the junction with Lymes Road. There is a bus shelter on the inside of the verge. Provides protection to pedestrians and is an important feature contributing to the character of this rural area. Visibility splay and area around bus shelter maintained by local resident.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, O	A 'gateway' into the Neighbourhood Area	
GSAW2	<b>A53 Verge, Butterton crossroads</b>	ST5 4ED	SJ 82697 43245	Mown grassed verge and visibility splay on south side of the A53. There is a bus shelter on the inside of the verge. Maintained by local resident.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, O	A 'gateway' into the Neighbourhood Area	
GSAW3	<b>Triangle at Shut Lane Head, Butterton</b>	ST5 4DU	SJ 82531 41978	Un-kerbed grass triangle at the south end of Shut Lane Head, at junction with lane to Butterton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, W	Contributes to the rural character of this area and to green infrastructure.	

				village. There is a small oak tree in the centre. Contributes to the character of this rural area.								
GSAW4	<b>A53 Wildflower Verge between Trentham Road roundabout and Whitmore village</b>	ST5 5HW	SJ 81411 41329	Visibility splays on N side of the A53, sown annually with wildflowers. The field boundary has a mature hedgerow with Cherry trees ( <i>Prunus avium</i> ) planted at intervals. Provide visibility for road users on twisting road and have high visual amenity value. Verge and hedgerow serve as a wildlife corridor. In ownership of Whitmore Estate. Maintained by Whitmore Estate.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, W	Contributes to green infrastructure.
GSAW5	<b>Triangle on Snape Hall Road</b>	ST5 5HD	SJ 79678 40661	A kerbed, mown grassed triangle at the junction of Snape Hall Road and Common Lane. Contributes to the character of the area. Maintained by Whitmore Parish Council	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B	Contributes to rural character.
GSAW6	<b>Verge on Snape Hall Road, Heath House to Snape Hall Farm</b>	ST5 5HS to ST5 5HE	SJ 79823 40629 to SJ 79320 41293	Unmown, wide grassed verge on west side of a single-track road. There is a mature hedgerow on the inside of the verge. Has high visual amenity value on a road that is an important local walking route. Verge and hedgerow serve as a wildlife corridor.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, R, T, W, O	Well-being, an important local walking route. Contribute to green infrastructure.
GSAW7	<b>Verges on Snape Hall Road, Snape Hall Farm to Heath Road</b>	ST5 5HE to ST5	SJ 79320 41293 to SJ 79847 41546	Unmown, grassed verges on both sides of a sunken single-track lane. On the approach to the junction with Heath Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, R, T, W, O	Well-being, an important local walking route. Contribute to green infrastructure.

		5JA		the verges become high banks with wildflowers including bluebells and wood anemones and are shaded by mature trees, including a veteran oak. There are mature hedgerows on the inside of the verge. Have high visual amenity value on a road that is an important local walking route. Verges and hedgerow serve as wildlife corridors.								
GSAW8	<b>Verges on Heath Road</b>	ST5 5HF to ST5 5JA	SJ 79823 40629 to SJ 79847 41546	Unmown, wide grassed verge on a single-track road. On the inside of the verge there is either fencing or mature hedgerows. On the approach to the junction with Snape Hall Road the verges become high banks with wildflowers, including bluebells, and are shaded by mature trees. Has high visual amenity value on a road that is an important local walking route. Verge and hedgerows serve as a wildlife corridor. (Note: verges on domestic frontages are mown, and maintained by residents)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, R, T, W, O	Well-being, an important local walking route. Contribute to green infrastructure.
GSAW9	<b>Woodland on Whitmore Heath</b>	ST5 5HS	SJ 79669 40978	<i>File Note, Query the size</i> An area of unmanaged scrub woodland in a former gravel quarrying area, enclosed behind residential plots on Whitmore Heath and agricultural land.	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	B, R, T, W, O	Well-being, an important local walking area. Contributes to green infrastructure.

				There are accesses on Snape Hall Road, Birch Tree Lane and Heath Rise, and informal paths for walking and cycling. An important recreation area for local residents. In ownership of Whitmore Estate.								
GSAW10	<b>"Raddle Hill"</b>	ST5 5HF	SJ 79848 40574	An area of managed, broadleaf (mainly Beech trees) woodland on elevated ground on the eastern approach to Baldwins Gate on the A53. Has informal access on Coneygreave Lane and informal paths used for walking and cycling. A rope swing is attached to a tree. Bounded by A53, Coneygreave Lane and farmland. Contributes to the character of Baldwins Gate village and has high visual amenity value due to its prominence in the main eastward view through settlement. Also prominent in the wider landscape of the NA. In ownership of Whitmore Estate. Maintained by Whitmore Estate.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, R, T, W, O	An important visual amenity on the main route through the settlement. Well-being, a local area for recreation.
GSAW11	<b>Whitmore Village Hall Playing Field</b>	ST5 5BU	SJ 79846 40408	The area has a mixture of hard and soft landscaping, with well-maintained and purpose-built facilities, including a 5-a-side football pitch with goals, outdoor gym, enclosed early years play area, young people's	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R, O	Well-being. An important community asset.

				play area and picnic tables with benches. The sloping nature of the site means that the football pitch is not so well used as it might be. Overlooked by dwellings on Appleton Drive. In ownership of Whitmore Parish Council. Managed and maintained by Whitmore Parish Council on behalf of The Recreation Ground, Whitmore, Charity no. 522783.									
GSAW12	<b>A53 Verge, Whitmore Village Hall to Appleton Drive, Whitmore</b>	ST5 5BU	SJ 79726 40461	Mown grass verge with footway on the inside. The verge widens out into a visibility splay at the Appleton Drive junction and has several flower tubs and planting of daffodils. Provides protection for pedestrians from passing traffic on the A53 and visibility at junction for road users. Maintained by Whitmore Parish Council.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, O	Provides protection for pedestrians on busy A road. Contributes to rural character.	
GSAW13	<b>Verges, Appleton Drive, Whitmore</b>	ST5 5BT	SJ 79700 40423	Mown grass verges on either side of the road, with flowering cherry trees planted on them at regular intervals. There are footways on the inside and gaps in the verges at crossings to domestic accesses. An important feature contributing to the character of this residential road in a rural settlement. Maintained by residents.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, O	Contribute to rural character.	

GSAW14	<b>A53 Verge at Sheet Anchor development site</b>	ST5 5BU	SJ 79680 40437	An unmown grassed area on the inside of the footway at the entrance to a development site. There is a community Christmas tree, provided by Whitmore Parish Council. In ownership of Gavin Donlon. The area is currently not maintained.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B	Contributes to rural character.
GSAW15	<b>A53 Verge, Appleton Drive to bus shelter, Whitmore</b>	ST5 5BU	SJ 79697 40426	Mown grass verge with footway on the inside. The verge widens out into a visibility splay at the Appleton Drive junction and has several flower tubs. Provides protection for pedestrians from passing traffic on the A53 and visibility at junction for road users. An important feature contributing to the character of this rural settlement. Maintained by Whitmore Parish Council.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, O	Provides protection for pedestrians on busy A road. Contributes to rural character.
GSAW16	<b>A53 Verge, railway bridge, Whitmore</b>	ST5 5BU	SJ 79642 40378	Mown grass verge on the inside of the footway. An important feature contributing to the character of this rural settlement. The community would benefit from the verge being moved to the outside of the footway to provide separation from the highway and protection to pedestrians. An important feature contributing to the character of this rural settlement. Maintained by Whitmore Parish	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		B	Contributes to rural character.

				Council.								
GSAW17	<b>Jubilee Gardens, Baldwins Gate</b>	ST5 5BY	SJ 79627 40354	Informal landscaped and planted garden with a broad, accessible path (PRoW Whitmore No. 7) meandering through the site. Includes an area of mown grass, wooded area, rockery and seating. There is a board with a map 'Whitmore and District Parish Walks' at the entrance to the gardens. In ownership of Whitmore Parish Council. Maintained by Whitmore Parish Council.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, R, T, W, O	An important community asset. Incorporates PRoW Whitmore No, 7.
GSAW18	<b>Grassed area by BT telephone exchange, Fair-Green Road, Baldwins Gate</b>	ST5 5BY	SJ 79610 40334	Site at the junction of Fair-Green Road and A53. A predominantly mown grassed area with a veteran Oak tree and large, mature Silver Birch. The site borders the Jubilee Gardens. An important feature contributing to the character of this rural settlement. In ownership of BT. Maintained by Whitmore Parish Council.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		B, O	An important visual amenity on the main route through the settlement.
GSAW19	<b>Green Gap, Fair Green Road– Moss Cottages</b>	ST5 5DG	SJ 79787 40034	A small, triangular field of pasture land that provides definition and visual separation between the Baldwins Gate village envelope and a small group of cottages in the Open Countryside. Site is bounded NE by school playing field and farmland, S by Open	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	B, T, O	Creates green gap between settlement and workers' cottages in Open Countryside. An important visual amenity

				Countryside and dwellings, W by local right of way (see GSAW28). The site is visible from PRow Whitmore No. 7, which forms part of an important local walking route.								
GSAW20	<b>A53 Verge, Fair-Green Road to Tollgate Avenue, Baldwins Gate</b>	ST5 5DA	SJ 79584 40311	Mown grass verge with footway on the inside. There are gaps in the verge at crossings to domestic vehicle accesses. The verge widens out into a visibility splay at the Tollgate Avenue junction, where there are a mature cherry tree and a flower tub. Provides protection for pedestrians from passing traffic on the A53 and visibility at junction for road users. An important feature contributing to the character of this rural settlement. Maintained by Whitmore Parish Council.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, O	Provides protection for pedestrians on busy A road. Contributes to rural character.
GSAW21	<b>A53 Verge, Tollgate Avenue, Baldwins Gate</b>	ST5 5DA	SJ 79527 40263	Mown grassed verge with footway on the inside on the west side of the Tollgate Avenue junction. The verge widens out into a visibility splay at the junction, where there are a mature cherry tree and a flower tub. Provides protection for pedestrians from passing traffic on the A53 and visibility at junction for road users. An important feature contributing to the character of this rural	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, O	Provides protection for pedestrians on busy A road. Contributes to rural character.



				settlement. Maintained by Whitmore Parish Council.								
GSAW22	<b>A53 Verge, The Poplars and Tollgate House</b>			Mown grassed verge on the inside of the footway in front of The Poplars and Tollgate House. There is a flowering Cherry tree ( <i>Prunus nigra</i> ) growing in the verge. An important feature contributing to the character of this rural settlement. Maintained by ???	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		B	Contributes to rural character.
GSAW23	<b>Roundabout at Primary School, Tollgate Avenue, Baldwins Gate</b>			Kerbed mown grassed roundabout in front of the primary school. There are a mature Norway Maple tree in the centre, and a flower tub. Used as a play area by the children after school. An important feature contributing to the character of this part of the village. Maintained by Whitmore Parish Council.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, O	An important visual amenity outside a significant location in the settlement.
GSAW24	<b>Verge opposite Primary School, Tollgate Avenue, Baldwins Gate</b>			Triangular mown grassed verge with white posts at a bend in Tollgate Avenue, opposite the primary school. An important feature contributing to the character of this part of the village. Maintained by Whitmore Parish Council.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		B	Contributes to rural character.
GSAW25	<b>Baldwins Gate Primary School, Playing Field</b>	ST5 5DG	SJ 79741 40139	Playing field to the rear (E side) of the school buildings. This is the only fit-for-purpose sports pitch in the village and the Neighbourhood Area, being	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R, O	Contributes to green gap between settlement and workers' cottages in Open Countryside.

				level and well maintained. It has high amenity value to the school and the wider community, providing a sports facility and forming part of the 'green' separation between the village envelope and the Open Countryside.								
GSAW26	<b>Green Space, Meadow Way and Moss Lane, Baldwins Gate</b>	ST5 5DS	SJ 79463 40168	A elongated triangular area of mown grass at the junction of Meadow Way and Moss Lane and along back of dwellings on Field Close. Informal mown grassed area with irregularly planted mature trees, including large a weeping willow and cypress trees. Provides screening between dwellings on Field Close and Dale Close and has important visual amenity, contributing to the character of Meadowfields estate. Maintained by Whitmore Parish Council.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, O	Provides screening between dwellings. An important visual amenity. Contributes to rural character.
GSAW27	<b>Green Space, Moss Lane and Field Close, Baldwins Gate</b>	ST5 5DS	SJ 79460 40086	A small wooded area with mature trees and high hedgerow between Moss Lane and the cul-de-sac of Field Close. An informal path between the trees connects the two roads. The hedgerow is partly of beech trees and partly a former field boundary of hawthorn trees and is trimmed at the eastern end where it	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, W, O	Provides screening between dwellings. An important visual amenity. Contributes to rural character. A local pedestrian route.

				forms part of a domestic garden boundary. Provides a green barrier and visual separation and screening between dwellings on Moss Lane and Field Close, and enclosure at the end of Field Close.								
GSAW28	<b>Local Right of Way, Moss Lane to Meadow Way, Baldwins Gate</b>	ST5 5DS	SJ 79624 40036 to SJ 79651 40083	A 2m wide strip of land at the back of Pasture Close, fenced off at the W end of a small field of pasture land with concrete posts and barbed wire (see GSAW19). A local path of at least 100 years' standing, used daily by residents of Baldwins Gate and Chorlton parish. Maintained by volunteers.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H, O	An important local pedestrian route. Contributes to rural character.
GSAW29	<b>A53 Verges, Gateway Avenue junction, Baldwins Gate</b>	ST5 5DD	SJ 79456 40240	Triangular-shaped mown grass verges/visibility splays on either side of the junction, with footways on the outside and inside and flower tubs. Provide protection for pedestrians from passing traffic and visibility at junction for road users. An important feature contributing to the character of this rural settlement. Maintained by Whitmore Parish Council.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, O	Provide protection for pedestrians on busy A road. Contribute to rural character.
GSAW30	<b>A53 Verge, Meadow Way junction, Baldwins Gate</b>	ST5 5DA	SJ 79407 40195	Triangular-shaped mown grass verge/visibility splay on western side of the junction, with footway inside, small planting of daffodils and a flower tub. Provides protection for	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, O	Provides protection for pedestrians on busy A road. Contributes to rural character.

				pedestrians from passing traffic and visibility at junction for road users. An important feature contributing to the character of this rural settlement. Maintained by Whitmore Parish Council.								
GSAW31	<b>A53 Verge, Meadow Way to Lodore House, Baldwins Gate</b>	ST5 5DA	SJ 79400 40198	Mown grass verge with white posts on the outside and footway on the inside. There are gaps in the verge at crossings to domestic vehicle accesses. Provides protection for pedestrians from passing traffic on the A53 and visibility for road users on a bend in the road. An important feature contributing to the character of this rural settlement. Maintained by Whitmore Parish Council.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, O	Provides protection for pedestrians on busy A road. Contributes to rural character.
GSAW32	<b>Verges, Sandyfields estate, Baldwins Gate</b>			Wide, unkerbed verges of mown grass on estate roads. Verges come up to domestic boundaries and there are no footways on the inside or outside. There are gaps in the verges at domestic accesses. An important feature contributing to the character of this estate with large gardens and mature plantings on frontages. Private estate with unadopted roads. Maintained by residents.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B	Contribute to rural character.

GSAW33	<b>'Chapel Green', Baldwins Gate</b>	ST5 5DN	SJ 79298 40108	A predominantly mown grassed area at the side of the A53, with formal planters, a community Christmas tree and a large silver birch tree. Includes paved paths and seating, a bus shelter and a dog waste bin belonging to Whitmore Parish Council. There is a gas station at the western end. There is a large planting of daffodils in front of the gas station, and another planting near the bus shelter. This is an important visual amenity, providing a 'gateway' area at the western end of the village, and contributing to the character of this rural settlement. In ownership of Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council, leased for no rent to Whitmore Parish Council and developed and maintained by Whitmore Parish Council.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, O	Provides 'gateway' feature at western end of village. Contribute to rural character.
GSAW34	<b>Lakeside Estate, Baldwins Gate</b>	ST5 5LJ	SJ 79454 39990	A Public Open Space on a housing development at the western end of the village. Consists of well-maintained grassed areas with a few trees, a small lake, a watercourse and an informal wooded area. A gravel bound path meanders past the lake and joins onto PRoW Chapel and Hill Chorlton No. 1 in the Open Countryside.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B, T, W, O	Contribute to rural character. Provides an important access route between the settlement and the Open Countryside.

				Has high amenity and visual value for the residents and contributes to the green spaces in the village. Also an important amenity for the village, as it provides a link from the highway network in the village to the PRow and the Open Countryside. Maintained under a formal management agreement by a management company comprising the residents of the estate, which ensures that the area is well maintained.								
GSAW35	<b>Poplar Trees at Swallow Hill, Camp Hill</b>	ST5 5ET	SJ 78069 40748	A row of mature Poplar trees on a high ridge to the NW of Baldwins Gate and overlooking the valley. The trees are prominently visible from many points to the S and SE, up to 7.5km distance. They contribute significantly to the wider landscape of the Neighbourhood Area and beyond, and provide a legible point for reference and navigation within landscape.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		B, O	An important feature in the local landscape.
GSAW36	<b>Dismantled railway line, Manor Road, Baldwins Gate to Aston</b>	CW3 9PT	SJ 77613 42216 to SJ 76584 42195	Described in the Newcastle-under-Lyme Green Infrastructure Strategy (2017) as a dismantled railway line which runs with gaps from the centre of Newcastle to the River Lea and beyond. It forms part of	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		W, T	Contributes to green infrastructure.

				the wider Green Space linkages between the NA and other areas. Within the NA it is bounded on both sides by mature, tall hedgerows and runs westwards from Manor Road and merges into a track north of Aston village, from where it connects to the rural road network. If brought into formal use, e.g. by designation as a BOAT, it could be a significant asset within the NA and to wider communities.								
GSAW37	<b>Whitmore Cricket Ground</b>	ST5 5JE	SJ 80851 40651	Village cricket ground on the SW side of Whitmore village, with paved driveway access from Bent Lane, paved parking area and pavilion. the boundary on the E side is a mature high hedgerow with trees. Other boundaries are post-and-rail fences with mature trees growing singly and in groups. An important community asset.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R	An important community asset.