## APPENDIX 5

## **Local Green Spaces**

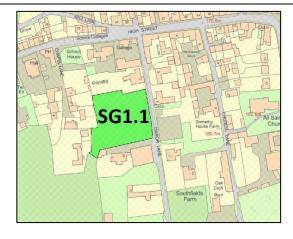
Locations of the Local Green Spaces in the villages are shown in the main Plan document at **Chapter 7.1, Figure 7.** This appendix contains individual descriptions of them (five in Somerby, one in Burrough on the Hill.)

- SG1.1 Manor Farmhouse Green, Manor Lane, Somerby
- SG1.2 Somerby village green, High Street, Somerby
- SG1.3 The Horse Pond, off High Street, Somerby
- SG1.4 High Street Green, Somerby
- SG1.5 Cottage garden, Fern, Middle and End Cottages, off High St. Somerby
- BG1.1 Goose Field, Main Street, Burrough on the Hill
- BG1.2 'Green Triangle', Main Street, Burrough on the Hill
- BG1.3 King's Lane paddock, Burrough on the Hill
- BG1.4 Gilson Green, Main Street, Burrough on the Hill

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SG1.1 - Manor Farmhouse Green, Manor Lane, Somerby	2	4	4	4	4	2	2	3	1	26		

This site has been accessible by permission of Ernest Cook Trust and is publicly visible from Manor Lane and the Leicestershire Round. Located within the village conservation area, it is bounded by ironstone walling and a hedge. The site of community activities, such as the Queen's Birthday celebration, it is also special for its historic and aesthetic qualities. It forms the setting of early C19 Grade II Manor Farmhouse, and other surrounding vernacular buildings, preserving the village's past settlement pattern for future generations. This lush green forecourt of the manor house is visually attractive, with views of open countryside, the conservation village and Grade I Somerby Church at the southern approach to Somerby from the Leicestershire Round.





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SG1.2 - Somerby Village Green, High Street, Somerby	4	4	4	4	3	2	1	3	1	26		

The green is a public space close to the village entrance, bounded by the main road and footpath. It is special to the community as one of four open green spaces on the densely built High St and the site of the Millennium marker. It is used communally for recreation and educational purposes such as Nativity Plays, parade's end at the annual Arnhem Day commemoration and for spontaneous snow sculpture competitions. It is an attractive area with tree plantings and seating. It is adjacent to Grade II Somerby House (C17) and Grade I All Saints Church (C13). Benches provide for views of the surrounding heritage sites.



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SG1.3 - The Horse Pond, off High Street, Somerby	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	4	30	

A public green space near the village entrance, bounded by the footpath, two ironstone walls and stock fencing. It is special to the community as a small nature reserve and social space and many residents volunteer time to care for it. Benches and lawns provide for recreation, family use, and wild life observation. It is an attractive and tranquil space combining lawn, a water feature, water irises and wild flowers. Historically, the space was once within the grounds of Somerby Hall (demolished), as shown on the 1885 OS map, the pond having ornamental value and providing means to water and wash horses. Wildlife species observed include moor hens, ducks, newts, toads, frogs, grass snakes and emperor dragonflies.



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SG1.4 - High Street Green High Street, Somerby	2	4	4	3	3	2	2	3	1	24	

This space on the High Street is adjacent to Somerby School and may be accessible by permission. It is bounded by a footpath, picket fence and Chapel Lane. As one of four green spaces along the densely built High Street, it is special to the community and is publicly visible from both the High Street and Chapel Lane. It is currently used by the school for recreation and events. It is an attractive lawned area with trees and surrounded by Listed Heritage buildings including the School (C19), Burley Cottage (C19) and The Stilton Cheese pub (C18).





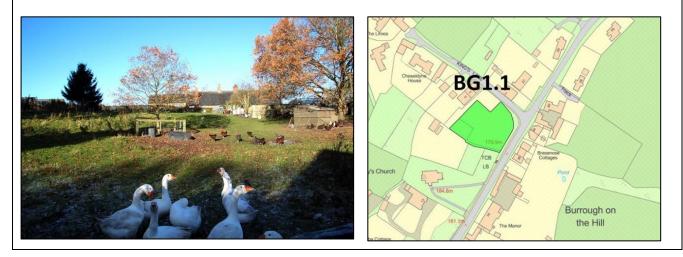
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SG1.5 - Cottage garden; Fern, Middle and End Cottages, off High Street, Somerby	3	4	4	2	3	2	2	3	2	25	

Adjoining the High Street within the settlement, the garden is accessible by a paved footpath running through it connecting the High Street to Mill Lane and bounded by cast iron railings, a flowering hedge and a brick boundary wall. This singular and picturesque green space, within the village core is special to the community. The garden fronts a row of vernacular cottages sharing a well, water pump and once a communal washhouse and store. The footpath through the quiet garden is used by walkers for recreation, and from the path is a view to open countryside and ridge and furrow fields rising behind Mill Lane. The garden and buildings appear on the 1885 Somerby OS map and have historic interest as they conserve past forms of living space for working families in the village. Trees, hedges and flowering plants provide a small wildlife habitat especially for song birds and house sparrows.



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BG1.1 - Goose Field, Main Street, Burrough on the Hill	2	4	4	4	3	2	1	3	2	25		

Owned by Ernest Cook Trust, the space located on the village Main Street, could with permission be accessible to residents. It is bounded by Kings Lane, the church yard and fencing and comprises rough grassland, field trees and used for grazing domesticated geese and other fowl. It is special to the community and visitors for its distinctive contribution to the rural character of the village. Educationally, Goose Field shows past methods of husbandry and permits observation of farm animals. It is an attractive pastoral scene and important open space in the *setting* of the village and Grade II\* church. It is an historic site shown by the 1607 Brasenose College map of Burrough and likely to have been the croft of a homestead at that time.



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BG1.2 - 'Green Triangle', Main Street, Burrough on the Hill	4	4	4	4	3	2	1	3	1	26	

The public space within the settlement is bounded by curbing, the Main St. and Newbold Lane. It is special to Burrough as a rare example of a grassed triangular 'way marker' at the junction of rural roads, one leading to Newbold deserted village. From medieval times, these spaces, often with a stone or tree at the centre, guided travellers and as such have historic and educational value. It and another at Pickwell are now the only two surviving in the Parish. It is an attractive space with a central oak tree, adjacent to heritage buildings and adds historic character to the built area of the village. Date unknown, the 1607 Brasenose College map depicts a similar triangular way marker further along the Main St.



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BG1.3 - King's Lane Paddock, Burrough on the Hill	1	4	4	4	3	3	2	3	2	26	

Owned by Ernest Cook Trust, Kings Lane Paddock is located at the high end of Burrough village, bounded by a low ironstone wall and stock fencing. Opposite to Burrough Hill Fort, a Scheduled Ancient Monument, residents consider the paddock a unique feature in the dramatic and historic built and landscape settings of the village. Comprised of undulating grassland with two aged apple trees, likely once part of a traditional orchard, the paddock is used for grazing and recently for riding horses, a popular local recreation. The paddock is publicly visible from Kings Lane, the west ramparts of Burrough Hill Country Park, and public rights of way D107, D74a, and parts of the Jubilee Way. Quiet and pastoral in appearance it overlooks striking views to the Hill Fort and Salters Hill. LIDAR aerial photos show the paddock to contain a bank, likely a past land division and C19 Ordnance Survey maps show a pond site. The paddock contributes to the setting of two Grade II listed dwellings, Cheseldyne House and The Limes and is a recognisable feature in Burrough's early C17 settlement pattern as depicted on the 1607 Brasenose College Map of the village. It is aesthetically and historically important to the community.



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BG1.4 - Gilson Green, Main Street, Burrough on the Hill	4	4	4	3	2	2	1	3	1	24		

This public space within the settlement, and adjacent to the Stag and Hounds public house (until recently Grant's) is bounded by a footpath and the main road. It is open and accessible from the footpath and a gated entrance off the road. Special to the community, its attractive appearance at the village entrance has been enhanced by recent plantings of ornamental cherry trees funded by local contributions, and it has further potential for recreational and gardening use by the community. Historically, the site was part of the grounds of a circa C16 Burrough village manor, now demolished (HER: MLE4062 and 4063) as shown on the 1607 Brasenose College map. Wildlife potential has been increased with the addition of the flowering trees.

