BUTTS CLOSE
GREENSPACE ACTION PLAN (GAP)
2016 – 2021

November 2015
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APPENDICES
1 SITE SUMMARY

Name Butts Close

Address Bedford Road
Hitchin
SG5 1HA

Grid ref TL 18082 29598

Size 4.5 ha (11 acres)

Owners North Hertfordshire District Council
Hitchin Cow Commoners Trust

Designations Common Land (CL49, CL57, CL71)
Conservation Area (Butts Close, Hitchin)

VISION STATEMENT

The aim of this Greenspace Action Plan is to maintain and enhance Butts Close as a popular and well-used green space in Hitchin. Butts Close will provide both recreation and biodiversity for the local community to be involved with and enjoy.

This will be achieved through the following objectives:

- To provide clear and welcoming access into and throughout the site
- To ensure that visitors to Butts Close feel safe and able to enjoy the site at all times
- To ensure the standard of maintenance is maintained and relevant
- To ensure ongoing costs are sustainable and secure external funding for capital works
- To protect and enhance the biodiversity and heritage of the site
- To support and encourage community involvement at Butts Close
- To promote awareness and interest in Butts Close

The GAP for Butts Close sets out the management, maintenance and development framework of the site over five years.

The GAP is reviewed annually, so that any outstanding tasks can be rescheduled as necessary. The GAP is also frequently reviewed in conjunction with the Countryside Management Service (CMS) and any other relevant bodies.
2 SITE DESCRIPTION
2.1 LOCATION MAP
2.3 CONSTRAINTS MAP

Butts Close Constraints

Hitchin Town Football Club
Hitchin Swimming Centre

Key
- Electricity cable
- Foul sewer
- Gas main
- Surface sewer
- Water main
- Conservation Area (Butts Close, Hitchin)
- Conservation Area (Hitchin)
- Restricted Byway
- Footpath
- Butts Close Site Boundary
- Common Land

Scale: 1:2,500

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0 0.032 0.065 0.13 0.195 0.26 Kilometers

NOTES: This map contains information obtained from various sources and should be used for indicative purposes only. Use of this map is at your own risk. NHDC does not accept any liability in connection with the use of this map.
2.4 INTRODUCTION

Butts Close is the oldest open space in Hitchin with a long history of use stretching back to late medieval times, when it was a sporting ground for archery. It covers 4.5 hectares (11 acres) and is owned partly by NHDC and partly by the Hitchin Cow Commoners Trust. It is managed by NHDC in partnership with CMS. The majority of the site is registered common land (CL49, CL57 and CL71) and the whole site lies within a Conservation Area.

The large western section of the site is amenity cut grassland. The site has a high public profile and plays host to a number of large community events throughout the year. There is a small section of longer grass in a damp hollow within this area. There is a line of large-leaved lime trees along the southern and western boundaries, and a tree-lined avenue running through the centre of the site along a tarmac path. The trees here are a mixture of pink chestnuts and recently planted alders.

The smaller eastern section is managed with conservation in mind. Its focal point is a small pond, which is surrounded by tall marginal vegetation including common reed, long grass and a number of trees, including a large weeping willow. Grass paths are cut through this area and provide access to the site from the east. There is an area of scrub to the north of the pond along the boundary with the swimming pool complex.

2.5 LANDSCAPE, GEOGRAPHY & DESIGNATIONS

The site is largely surrounded by residential areas of Hitchin. It is bordered by the main A505 road to the north, south and west, and there is a swimming pool complex and a playing field to the east. Hitchin Town Football Club is based on Top Field, part of the same complex of common land, to the north.

Parts of Butts Close are at risk of surface water flooding on a 1 in 30 year basis. The risk is focused on the area around the pond, but also extends to the east of the surfaced path.

There are no wildlife conservation designations in place on the site. The status of the western section of Butts Close as common land has some constraining influence on how the site is managed. Butts Close is at the heart of a Conservation Area, in recognition of the value of its landscape, and this designation confers some protection on that landscape, including for the trees in Butts Close.

There are many underground services running across Butts Close; the approximate locations of these are shown on the constraints map (2.3). These make any work which involves breaking the surface difficult. The scrub planting which took place along the boundary north of the pond in 2007 was also planned along the boundary south of the pond, but had to be abandoned due to the electricity cable in this area.

2.6 HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY

Butts Close has a long history of use as an open space. Its name refers to the archery butts which were placed on the site when it was used as a sporting ground for archery in late
medieval times. The butts were first recorded in 1465. In 1543 the statute making practice with the longbow a legal requirement was revived in response to the threat of French invasion, and the butts extended to a new statutory length of 220 yards.

Until 1829 Butts Close was surrounded by an earth bank. More recently there was a tank, a gun and another military vehicle at the northern end to commemorate the First World War, but these were taken away and melted down during the Second World War.

The site has for a long time – certainly since at least the 19th century – been used to host travelling fairs.

2.7 HABITATS & WILDLIFE

2.7.1 GRASSLAND

The site is largely semi-improved neutral grassland, with limited species diversity. The majority is managed by an amenity cut. A damp hollow in the main western part of the site and the eastern part of the site around the pond are managed by an annual autumn cut and lift regime. Species such as meadow buttercup persist in these areas.
2.7.2 TREES AND SCRUB

The site has a line of large-leaved lime trees along its southern and western boundaries, a central avenue of pink chestnut and alder and additional trees along other boundaries and around the pond. There is a large and striking weeping willow next to the pond, which has recently lost several large branches. An area of native shrubs was planted north of the pond in 2007 and these are now approaching maturity.

2.7.3 POND

The small pond on the eastern side of Butts Close is the part of the site with the highest wildlife value. It was subject to a major restoration project during 2007. The pond was entirely reengineered to improve its value for wildlife: its banks were reprofiled, marginal and emergent species were planted in its new shallow margins, pre-planted coir pillows were installed along the remaining steeper bank and a floating reedbed was established in the eastern section to act as a biofilter to the water source for the pond. Willows around the pond were reduced or pollarded.

These works were very successful, and the habitats in and around the pond have matured well in the eight years since. The water in the pond is clear and free of algal blooms and the pond is surrounded by thick emergent vegetation. The trees have grown back strongly, to the extent that the eastern end of the pond had once again become heavily shaded by the
large weeping willow until that recently lost several large branches. This part of the pond remains relatively unattractive, being dominated by silt, algae and leaf litter.

The eastern end of the pond, showing the structure which supported the floating reedbed

2.8 ACCESS, INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES

Butts Close offers unrestricted access to the public. There are formal access points from Fishponds Road at the northern end, and Bedford Road at the southern end, and these are linked by a tarmac path. There are two further access points from a path which runs along the eastern edge of the site, and mown grass paths lead from here to the main part of the site, running to the north and south of the pond. In addition to these, there are only limited boundary features around the majority of the site – a row of concrete bollards along the western boundary and a low wooden barrier along the northern boundary. Pedestrians can circulate freely throughout the site.

The only vehicular access is from Fishponds Road, and is controlled by a locked gate. It can be used by grounds maintenance contractors, and for access for vehicles and equipment involved in events on the site.

There are numerous benches, litter bins and dog bins around the site, which are generally in fair condition. There are no noticeboards and no signage.

There are underground services widely distributed across the site, which are a significant constraining influence on some potential actions. Shrub planting was planned along the
boundary south of the pond in 2007 but proved impossible due to an underground electricity cable. The approximate locations of these services are shown on the map in 2.3.

2.9 MANAGEMENT, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & EVENTS

2.9.1 MANAGEMENT

Responsibility for management of Butts Close lies with NHDC. The maintenance works are currently carried out by John O’Conner (JOC), the grounds maintenance contractors for NHDC.

Five year Greenspace Action Plans (GAPs) for the site are produced by the Countryside Management Service in consultation with the relevant partners and stakeholders. The last plan ran from 2007 to 2012.

2.9.2 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & EVENTS

Butts Close is very well used by the local community. As well as the many people who make use of their local green space by walking through or around it, Regiment Fitness exercise groups use the site on a near daily basis and it hosts travelling fairs several times each year.

The Friends of Butts Close (FoBC) is a local community group with a particular interest in the management and protection of Butts Close. They organise litter picking on Butts Close as part of the Big Hitchin Tidy Up.
3 ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

3.1 A WELCOMING PLACE
The open landscape of Butts Close automatically creates a welcoming feeling. It is clear that it is a public green space with open access. However, it lacks any formal signage. As a visitor to the site, there is not even any evidence that it is called Butts Close. This could be rectified by installing attractive welcome signs at all entrances labelled ‘Butts Close’ and ‘NHDC’. At the entrances from Elmside Walk these would be stand-alone signs, and at the two main entrances to the site from Fishponds Road and Bedford Road they would be incorporated into the interpretation panels described in 3.7.

![Welcome signage at Norton Common, Letchworth](image)

The pond, which is the most interesting place in Butts Close in biodiversity terms, is difficult to access. This is especially the case during the summer, when it is surrounded by long grass and tall emergent vegetation. Improving access by establishing a mown grass path to the edge of the pond would give the local community more opportunity to enjoy the wildlife of the pond. Access has until now been intentionally restricted using long grass to address the problem of rubbish in the pond and to reduce the risk of people falling in the pond. However the improvement works to the pond have made it a more attractive place, which should in itself reduce fly tipping. Trialling a mown access path for one year would provide the opportunity to assess at the end of that year whether or not it should be retained.

3.2 HEALTHY, SAFE & SECURE
Reactive tree work should be carried out whenever any tree safety issues are identified on the site, and any misuse of the site addressed in a proactive manner.

When well-grown, the large weeping willow by the pond creates the only dark, secluded space on the site. This is not only an opportunity for misuse, but also suppresses plant growth at that end of the pond. The crown of this tree was reduced in 2007, and although it has recently lost several branches, another crown reduction is needed to prevent this ‘cave’
effect redeveloping. This will be addressed through actions in 3.5, and the condition of the tree should continue to be monitored.

3.3 CLEAN & WELL MAINTAINED
The existing grounds maintenance contract should be monitored to ensure that the tarmac and grass paths are well-maintained, the litter and dog bins are emptied regularly, and the grass cutting – both amenity and conservation cuts – is carried out as specified. In 2015, the conservation cut was carried out but the cut material was not lifted afterwards. This management leads to a build-up in soil nutrient levels, favouring coarse grasses ahead of wild flowers. For the health of the grassland it is important that a conservation cut and lift is carried out where it is specified.

The concrete bollards along the western and southern boundaries of Butts Close are in various states of repair – some are in fairly good condition and others are badly damaged. Even in this condition they are generally more attractive than the wooden barrier which runs along the northern boundary and would be the only realistic alternative as a replacement. At this time it is recommended that the bollards should be retained, but reviewed once again at the end of this GAP.

The litter bins at Butts Close are of an open-topped design which allows litter to be easily spread around, particularly when they are full. In addition, it may be more logical for bins to be sited next to benches. These bins should be replaced and re-sited.

The benches on site remain functional but are ageing. The replacement of bins and the development of signage and interpretation provide an opportunity for these benches to be upgraded to achieve a consistent style across all site furniture.

Examples of benches installed at other NHDC sites (Hitchin Cemetery and Norton Common)

Two areas along the boundary of Butts Close particularly need tidying: the boundary south of the pond, with scattered trees and bushes and a damaged brick wall, and the far south-eastern corner, where the last two trees in the avenue of limes have scrub around their bases, with a build-up of litter, and look less healthy than any of the other trees. This work would be suited to a volunteer work party.
3.4 SUSTAINABILITY
No significant changes which would affect the ongoing maintenance of Butts Close are proposed, and maintenance costs should therefore remain sustainable.

Butts Close is a very public site, with high levels of use by the local community and an extremely high number of motorists passing by on the busy A505 through Hitchin. Securing external funding for some of the capital works proposed in this plan should be a priority. The use of volunteer work parties would help to achieve some of the practical habitat management in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

3.5 CONSERVATION & HERITAGE
The pond benefited greatly from the habitat management work carried out under the previous GAP. Some additional works are needed to secure those benefits and indeed to further enhance the wildlife value of the pond.

The tall marginal vegetation which the grounds maintenance contractors are unable to access should be cleared during the autumn every 2-3 years to reduce the build-up of biomass. The crown of the large weeping willow should be reduced and the two sallows pollarded once again, to bring more light to the pond and to reduce the amount of leaf litter falling into the water.

This will open up the eastern end of the pond, allowing a floating reedbed to be re-established on the existing framework. This will perform the valuable function of filtering nutrients and pollution from the water, and considerably improve the appearance of this part of the pond. In order for the reedbed to persist, the growth of the weeping willow will need to be monitored. When it has grown back sufficiently to shade this area completely its crown should be reduced again.

There are not currently any floating pond plants, and these should be established within the pond, for example to provide perches for dragonflies and damselflies. A species which could be used is *Potamogeton natans*.

Tree planting opportunities are limited to the central avenue, where there has been a long term programme to replace the pink horse chestnuts with alders as they die. There are currently five gaps along the central avenue, either without a tree or where the planted tree has died, and all can be filled with newly planted trees.

The shrubs planted north of the pond in 2007 have established very successfully. They are now approaching maturity and should be coppiced to encourage dense future growth. Whilst carrying out this work, an old fence line running along this boundary can now be removed, as it no longer serves any purpose.

The areas of conservation cut grassland have been managed in this way for at least 15 years, but have limited floristic diversity. A programme of floristic enhancement in the area around the pond would increase the wildlife value of the grassland and make it much more attractive during the summer. Hardy species such as black knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*), ox-eye daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*), yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*) and common bird’s-foot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*) would be most appropriate for the site, and species such as...
ragged robin (*Lychnis flos-cuculi*) could be considered in wetter areas close to the pond. This improvement would only be worthwhile if the scheduled conservation cut and lift takes place annually as specified.

![Ox-eye daisy and ragged robin](image)

There is an area of long vegetation just east of the main tarmac path which is not part of the conservation cut grassland in the management plan. A temporary track was built here for construction vehicles to access the swimming pool site. Although there is an opportunity here to create floristically enhanced grassland from scratch, it is in the amenity grassland area of Butts Close, and it would be more appropriate to restore it to amenity grassland.

Butts Close has a long history of use as a public open space, stretching back to medieval times, but there is nothing tangible on the site to demonstrate this. The two most interesting aspects of its previous use are the medieval archery butts after which it was named and the World War I tank which was kept on the site until the 1940s. The best way to promote this history and encourage local interest in the site would be through new historical interpretation panels as described in 3.7.

### 3.6 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Community involvement in the site has in recent years involved occasional litter clear up events organised by the Friends of Butts Close. As part of the new GAP, occasional volunteer work parties should be organised by CMS to carry out some of the practical habitat management tasks detailed in the plan, giving the Friends of Butts Close the opportunity to get involved in practical management with the CMS volunteer team. All community involvement should be directed towards achieving the aims of the GAP.

### 3.7 MARKETING

There is currently no means of advertising Butts Close on the site, whether in terms of its historical interest or its current attractions. Designing and installing interpretation panels at the main entrances from Fishponds Road and Bedford Road which give visitors information about the long history of Butts Close should help encourage local enthusiasm for the site. If the trial of improved access to the pond is successful, an additional interpretation panel next to the pond would provide an opportunity to educate visitors about the biodiversity benefits of ponds.
Examples of interpretation at other NHDC sites (Hitchin Cemetery and Norton Common)

This should be part of a wider project to enhance the sense of identity and the landscape of Butts Close and improve its facilities. This can be achieved through the development of interpretation, the new signage described in 3.1 and the upgraded site furniture described in 3.3. By coordinating these items, it will be possible to achieve a consistent and attractive style through the site.

Community and volunteer events, including but not limited to the Regiment Fitness exercise groups and travelling fairs which use Butts Close, should be promoted to maximise the use of the site by the local community.

The majority of people who experience Butts Close do so from the main road which runs around three sides of the site. The best way to improve the site for these people, and to encourage them to consider using it more, is to improve how it appears from the road. It would be possible to open up sight lines from the road to the pond by creating the mown access path at the right angle and removing a dying alder from the western end of the pond. The signage, interpretation and furniture project will also contribute to this objective.
4 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

A A WELCOMING PLACE
To provide clear and welcoming access into and throughout the site

A1 Installing attractive welcome signs labelled ‘Butts Close’ and ‘NHDC’ at the site entrance points from Elmside Walk, and using new interpretation to welcome visitors at the main entrances.

A2 Trialling an improvement to access to the pond to give visitors more opportunity to enjoy its biodiversity

B HEALTHY, SAFE & SECURE
To ensure that visitors to Butts Close feel safe and able to enjoy the site at all times

B1 Carrying out reactive tree works to address safety issues

B2 Responding proactively to any misuse of the site

C CLEAN & WELL MAINTAINED
To ensure the standard of maintenance is maintained and relevant

C1 Managing and maintaining the paths

C2 Upgrading existing site furniture, including benches and litter bins

C3 Litter picking, emptying litter and dog bins and carrying out small scale vegetation management

C4 Maintaining a regular amenity cut and an annual conservation cut of the grass as appropriate to different parts of the site

C5 Tidying areas of weedy scrub along the boundary south of the pond and in the south-eastern corner of the site

C6 Reviewing the condition of the concrete bollards along the site boundary

D SUSTAINABILITY
To ensure ongoing costs are sustainable and secure external funding for capital works

D1 Ensuring ongoing maintenance costs are financially sustainable

D2 Securing external funding to ensure the viability of capital works

E CONSERVATION & HERITAGE
To protect and enhance the biodiversity and heritage of the site
**E1** Carrying out further habitat management on and around the pond to build on the gains achieved during the previous GAP

**E2** Completing selective tree work to open up the area around the pond

**E3** Enhancing the conservation cut grassland to increase the diversity of wild flowers

**E4** Restoring the former construction access to the swimming pool to amenity grass

**E5** Coppicing the recently-planted native shrubs to support their long term development and removing an associated fence

**E6** Continuing the programme of tree replanting along the central avenue

**E7** Monitoring tree growth around the pond to ensure reedbed is not shaded out

**F COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**
To support and encourage community involvement at Butts Close

**F1** Encouraging the local community to become involved in the management of Butts Close in a structured and supported way and ensuring all involved operate towards achievement of the GAP

**G MARKETING**
To promote awareness and interest in Butts Close

**G1** Improving the visitor experience and enhancing opportunities for informing and educating by designing and installing new site interpretation panels

**G2** Promotion of volunteer and community events at Butts Close

**G3** Making visual improvements to benefit site users and passing motorists, for example by improving sight lines across Butts Close from the adjacent roads
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Year 2 Actions 2017 - 2018

- Replace all litter bins with closed topped version and rationalise bin locations
- Replace all benches
- Plant trees to fill gaps along the central avenue
- Maintain mown grass path to pond if trial successful
- Design and install interpretation panel for pond if access trial successful
- Carry out amenity mowing where wild flowers are sown to aid establishment
- Design and install welcome signs
- Design and install interpretation panels at main entrances
- Cut and lift of conservation grassland areas

Key:
- Bench
- Buoy
- Dog bin
- Litter bin
- Vehicle access
- Trees
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Year 3 Actions 2018 - 2019

Maintain mown grass path to pond if trial successful

Coppice half the shrubs along boundary north of the pond

Clear marginal vegetation from around pond

Restore conservation grassland cut and lift where wildflower seeds sown

Cut and lift of conservation grassland areas

Tidy weedy scrub in south-eastern corner

Tidy weedy scrub along south-eastern boundary

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Year 5 Actions 2020 - 2021

- Review the condition of the boundary line of concrete bollards
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