

The following areas are designated as Local Green Space as shown on the Sidmouth LGS Designation [Maps \(Maps 13-21\)](#) below, where there will be a general presumption against all development except in very special circumstances.

Specific areas designated as Local Green Spaces are listed in the East Devon District Council Open Space Study Review 2014

[http://eastdevon.gov.uk/planning-libraries/evidence-document-library/chapter8.4-environment/env046-](http://eastdevon.gov.uk/planning-libraries/evidence-document-library/chapter8.4-environment/env046-openspacestudyreview2014.pdf)

[openspacestudyreview2014.pdf](http://eastdevon.gov.uk/planning-libraries/evidence-document-library/chapter8.4-environment/env046-openspacestudyreview2014.pdf) and [principal areas](#) listed in ~~additional areas~~ since this report are included below:

[While the protected Local Green Spaces are described in the above EDDC Open Space Study it is felt appropriate to present clear maps of the following principal Sid Valley sites in order to identify and clarify the precise boundaries of these important areas.](#)

Local Green Spaces in the Sid Valley:

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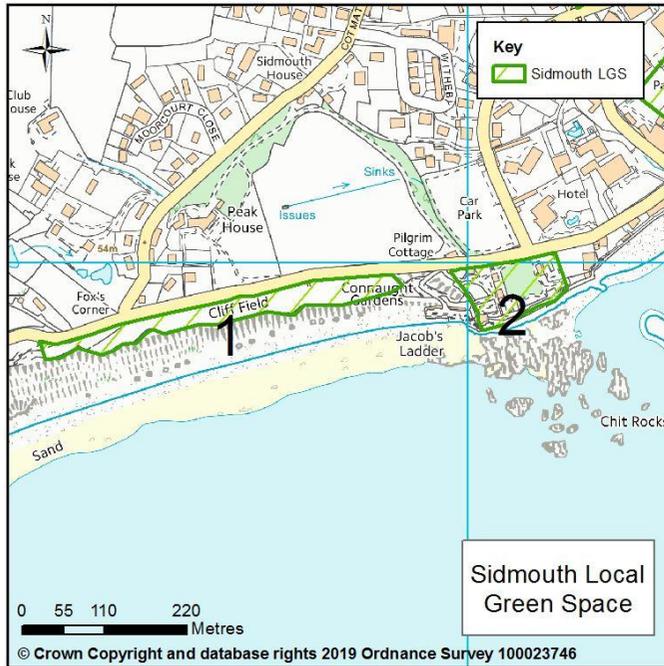
- 1 Cliff Field
- 2 Connaught Gardens
- 3 Fort Field Cricket ground, pitches and courts
- 4 Glen Goyle, Glen Road
- 5 Three Cornered Plot
- 6 Blackmore Park and Recreation Grounds, Coronation Gardens, Rugby Pitch, Bowling & Putting Greens, Tennis Courts and Kennaway House gardens.
- 7 The Ham Recreation Ground, Old Boating Lake Garden and Hangar Cliffs
- 8 Alma Fields
- 9 The Byes and Sid Meadow
- 10 The Knowle
- 11 Manstone Recreation Ground
- 12 Byes Lane Playing Fields Sidford

SIDBURY

- 1 Millennium Field
- 2 Sidbury Cricket Ground Sport

SALCOMBE REGIS

Recreation Field



Map13

### 1 Cliff Field

#### ED OSS SI NEW5

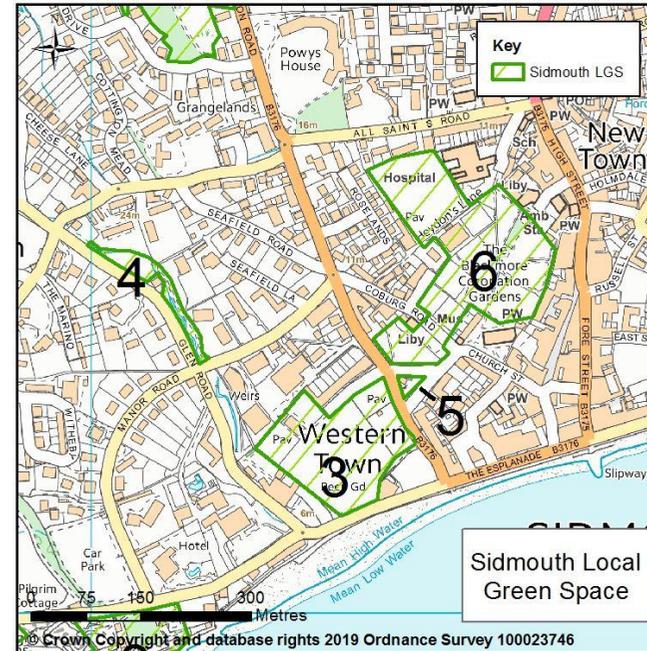
This long field presents a sweeping slope of grass and meadow, descending from Peak Hill to the west and finishing at Connaught Gardens; planted with thousands of daffodils by the Sid Vale Association, it offers an extensive piece of public parkland with impressive views across Lyme Bay.

### 2 Connaught Gardens

#### ED OSS: SI027

These Grade II listed gardens were formally opened in 1934 by the Duke of Connaught, in whose honour they were named, after the grounds were bought by the local council and redesigned by Dartington Hall. Later, Poet Laureate John Betjeman was to declare: "Pause on Peak Hill,

look Eastward to the town, Then to the Connaught Gardens wander down, And in the shelter of its tropic bowers, I see bright and outside Devon flowers."



Map14

### 3 Sidmouth Cricket Club and Club House

#### ED OSS: SI034 P

"Founded in 1823 Sidmouth Cricket Club is one of Devon's best known clubs and indeed it was here in 1875 that the Somerset County Cricket Club was formed. The club's main ground at the Fortfield is very attractive overlooking the sea and within touching distance of the esplanade and the town centre."

**sources:** <http://www.sidmouthcricketclub.co.uk/a/history-9139.html>

#### 4 Glen Goyle Glen Road

##### ED OSS: SI NEW2

The *Glen Goyle* stream provides an essential green corridor in a wooded chine, stretching from the Esplanade up to Mutttersmoor; it also defines the neighbourhood with its fine hotels and large houses set in mature trees and landscaped parkland.

#### 5 Triangle / Three Cornered Plot AND Putting Green, Coburg Fields

##### ED OSS: SI NEW4

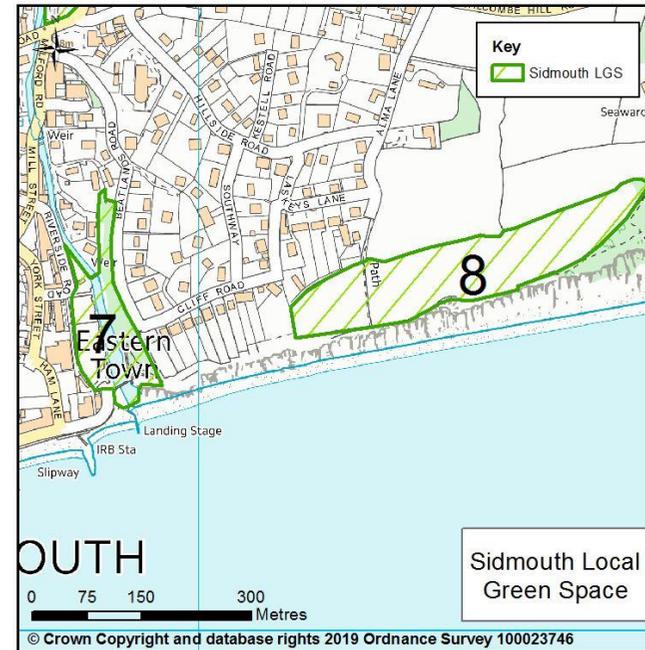
Sidmouth's bus terminus sits between two green spaces which provide a quiet spot to sit and an area to have a little family fun; the Three Cornered Plot is also a showcase for Sidmouth in Bloom, with its permanent and annual floral displays; and there are the much-valued public toilets too.

#### 6 Blackmore Coronation Gardens

##### ED OSS: SI028 P [AND SI039]

Formally opened in 1953 these public gardens were named

“Coronation Gardens’ in honour of Queen Elizabeth II. “The modern Conservatory is a warm welcoming place to sit on colder days, built in 1994 to mark 100 years of local government. Events held in the Gardens now include the Folk Festival Children’s activities, with many stalls, and the Rotary Club hold an annual Fair in the summer.”



Map15

#### 7 The Ham Recreation Ground AND Old Boating Lake (Now Sensory Garden at Riverside) AND Hangar Lane Cliffs at Beatlands Road above River Sid

##### ED OSS: SI033 P AND SI NEW3

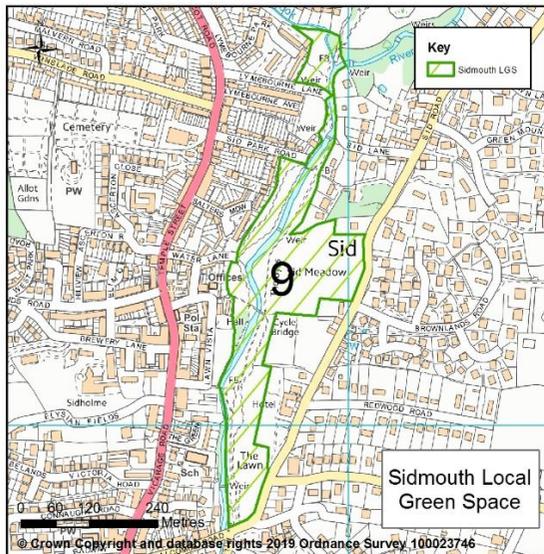
This area is one of Sidmouth's oldest public parks. In 1896 “*The Ham meadow was given to the inhabitants of and visitors to Sidmouth as a place of recreation ‘for ever’. Subject only to ‘reasonable restrictions and regulations in accordance with the law for the time being affecting the use of Public Parks and Pleasure Grounds’.*” Today it is also used for festivals and public gatherings: “*The centrepiece for concerts at the [folk] festival, The Ham is close to Port Royal at the eastern end of the Esplanade.*” The backdrop of the Hanger Lane Cliffs has always been considered part of the Ham, with the Ham and Hangar Pleasure Grounds scheme taking place in 1929, which included the river walk and

wall: “the riverside walk was an important part of this scheme as the river was at that time very attractive.”

## 8 Alma Fields

### ED OSS: SI NEW6

Recently, the Town Council's meadow on the lower slopes of Salcombe Hill has been planted with wild flowers. “The newly installed benches and cut path allow visitors to enjoy this beautiful spot and view over the valley and seafront.”



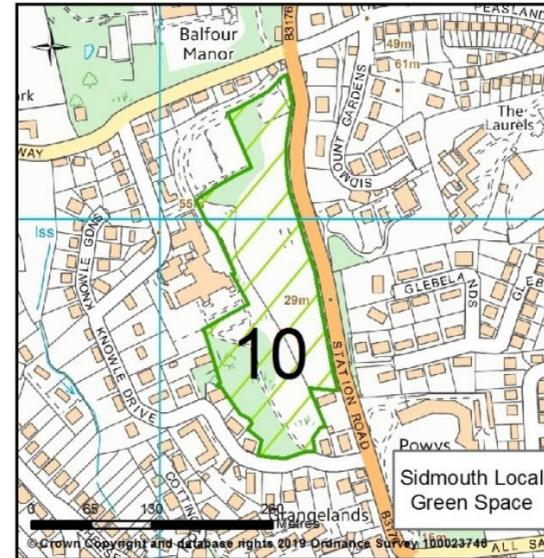
Map16

## 9 The Byes AND Sid Meadow

### ED OSS: SI030

“One of the jewels of Sidmouth running from Sidmouth to Sidford, The Byes is a mixture of parkland, wildflower meadows, fields and farmland with a combination of footpaths and cycle tracks winding their way along the River Sid.” “The Sid Vale Association (SVA) Natural Reserve forms a major part of The Byes, purchased to encourage wildlife

conservation and to provide free public access for residents and visitors to enjoy in perpetuity.” The Friends of the Byes group of volunteers established the community orchard and have sown wild flowers in Sid Meadow, owned by the National Trust.



Map17

## 10 The Knowle Parkland and Gardens

### ED OSS: SI029

“A substantial area of the original parkland remains, containing some magnificent trees, covered by a TPO which gives protection to the most important trees on the site. The parkland of The Knowle forms part of the attractive approach to Sidmouth, providing an important contribution to the overall historic character and landscape of the town.” Most of the parkland will be passed on to the Town Council, after campaigning to preserve the large area for public access and enjoyment of the recently-sown wild flower meadows.

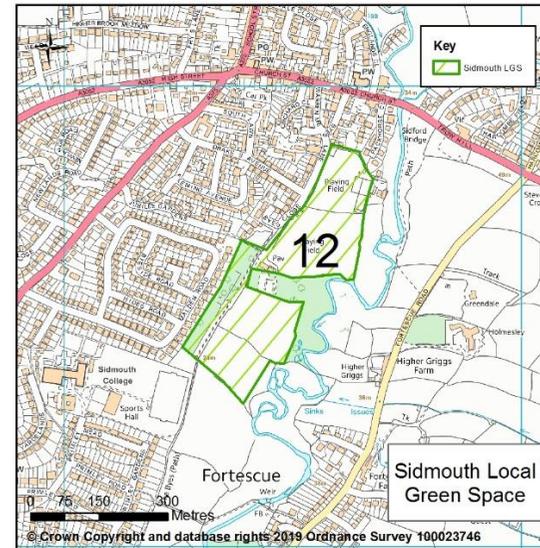


Map18

### 11 Manstone Recreation Ground

#### ED OSS: SI040\_P

Situated in the heart of the residential area of town, these playing fields and facilities are in constant use, whether the football pitch and club house, or the children's playground, basketball court and skate-park. Col Balfour, the last Lord of the Manor, had presented the recreation grounds to the town in 1902 "for the use and enjoyment of inhabitants for the encouragement of manly exercises and for the promotion of good fellowship for all time."

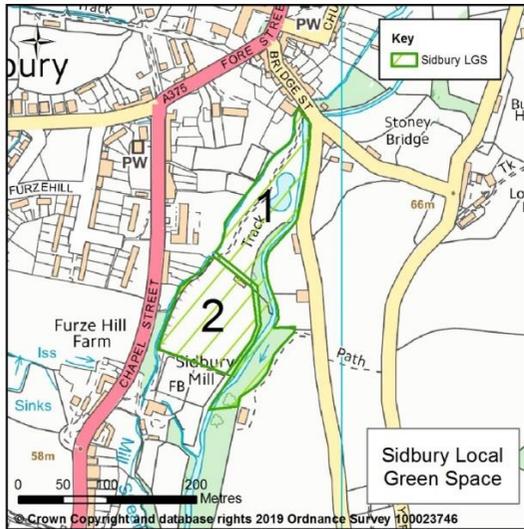


Map19

### 12 Byes Lane Playing Fields Sidford

#### ED OSS: SI045\_P

These playing fields are used by several of the town's sports clubs: football, rugby and tennis, each of them with club houses; all are within easy reach of the built-up area, whilst acting as an extension of the green corridor stretching from the sea and following the River Sid.



Map20

## SIDBURY

### 1 Millennium Field P

#### ED OSS: SI032

Renovated some ten years ago with the help of the SVA, this parkland along the River Sid is used for community events, including the Sidbury Fair.

### 2 Sidbury Cricket Ground – Pitches AND Sidbury cricket club

#### ED OSS: SI047

An important part of village life, the Millfield has been hosting cricket games for 40 years. Its club is considered to be “a fine example of a group of enthusiastic volunteers putting in their time and energy for the good of the local community.”



Map21

## SALCOMBE REGIS Recreation Field

### ED OSS: SI\_NEW7

These fields are a central feature of local life, with a new scout hut having been erected with widespread community support; the field is also used for the annual Country Fair and the scout hut has been used for Council meetings.

### Policy Justification

All the above areas are held in high regard by the residents and visitors of the Sid Valley, they constitute a townscape that is distinctive and special to the Sid Valley; collectively contributing to the economic and social fabric of the community. They provide spaces which support a sense of community; shared memories, promote physical activity, provide places in which social connections are made and connect people to growing and play spaces and the environment, all of which support community cohesion and positive mental health and wellbeing.

### Sid Valley Consultation

Respondents (20%) praised and commented on the beauty of the valley and its coastline, the opportunities to walk, cycle and relax in beautiful surroundings. Their hope for the future was that in 15 years' time these natural elements would remain unspoiled, maintained and enhanced (First Household Survey: p18)

Failure to protect the environment, both from natural causes and encroachment through development, had the potential to adversely impact the community and the local economy. (Business & Special Interest Groups Survey: p13 Natural Environment)

### Sid Valley Place Analysis

"There is therefore an overwhelmingly strong policy context of protection for the AONB landscape which should be reflected within the SVNP" (3.2.0 LANDSCAPE IN THE EDLP)

"The analysis records the contribution of public green spaces." (6.1.0 KEY TO CHARACTER AREA ANALYSIS)

### NPPF 2012

Paragraphs 6-10, 70,73-77 and 114-119

### NPPF 2018

Paras 8b, 91, 96, 97, 150, 171 and 181

### East Devon Local Plan Policies 2013-31

Strategy 46 – Landscape Conservation and Enhancement and AONBs, Important 'Local Open Space' designation. Page 169/170 sections 22.1-22.2 of the LP provides supporting text, EN1 and EN3 are mapped on the Sidmouth Inset Map in the Local Plan (For example The Byes). (PT)

East Devon District Council Open Space Study Review 2012 & subsequently reviewed in 2014

The listing for other open spaces are shown as 'Recreation Areas, Allotments, Accessible Open Spaces' in the Local Plan and / or are protected under alternative policy (RC1 - Retention of Land for Sport and Recreation, RC3 – Allotments, EN3 – Land at the Byes etc.).(PT)

