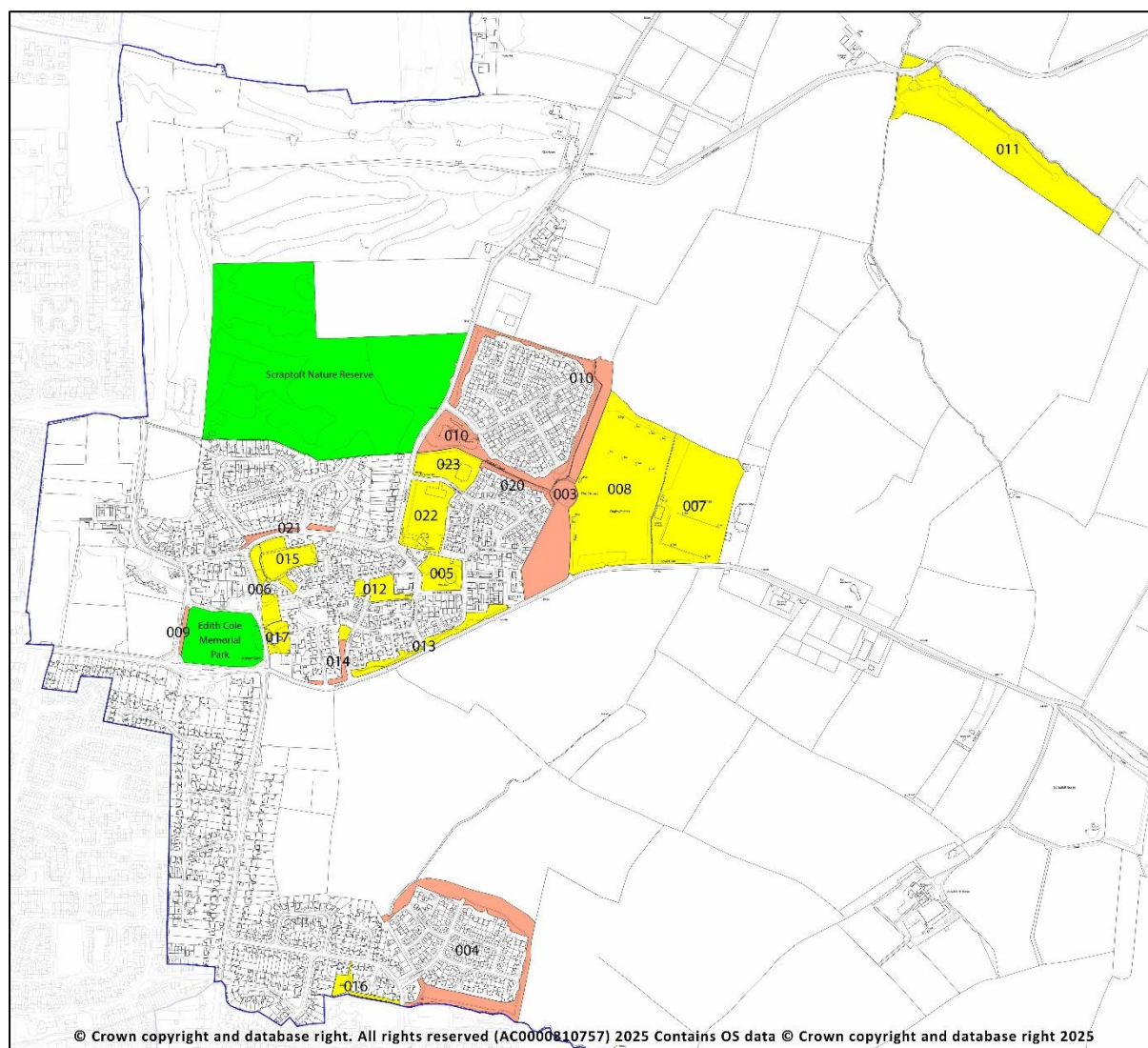


APPENDIX 3: Local Green Spaces and Open Space, Sport & Recreation sites – EVIDENCE BASE

LOCATION MAP



2. EVIDENCE BASE

Edith Cole Memorial Park (Local Green Space)

Site Name	Local, bounded not extensive	Proximity	Beauty/ Tranquil	Recreation Value	History	Biodiversity	Total
Edith Cole Memorial Park	Y	5	5	5	5	4	22

Bounded: Boundary is a mix of hedging and wooden fencing.

Proximity: Accessible from Scraftoft Lane, Scraftoft Rise, Stocks Road and Church Hill

Beauty/Tranquil: Mostly open grassland with trees and hedging.

Recreational Value: Used by walkers, dog walkers, for picnics and has benches for seating. A variety of trees offer shade. Children play football, frisbee, baseball among other games.

History: Bert Cole was a previous owner of Scraftoft Hall and left the parish council the land to use as a memorial park for his late wife, Edith Cole, in 1960. The park is also home to a Second World War Memorial to commemorate the 325th Glider Infantry Regiment, who were based on the war field in Scraftoft, and 504th PIR, who were based on Shady Lane in Leicester, of the USA army. Part of the park is owned by the church, sectioned by hedging, previously the site of two glebe cottages, it became the vicar's kitchen garden and is now grass.

Biodiversity: Trees, grass, shrubs, birds, flowers, insects. Foxes, badgers, deer sighted crossing the park.

Photo(s):





Elizabeth Heyrick Drive Amenity Greenspaces and Play Area

Location map reference 004

Site Name	Local, bounded not extensive	Proximity	Beauty/Tranquil	Recreation Value	History	Biodiversity	Total
Elizabeth Heyrick Drive Play Area	Y	5	3	5	3	3	19

Bounded: Low fencing around play area and green space.

Proximity: On the edge of Pulford Place.

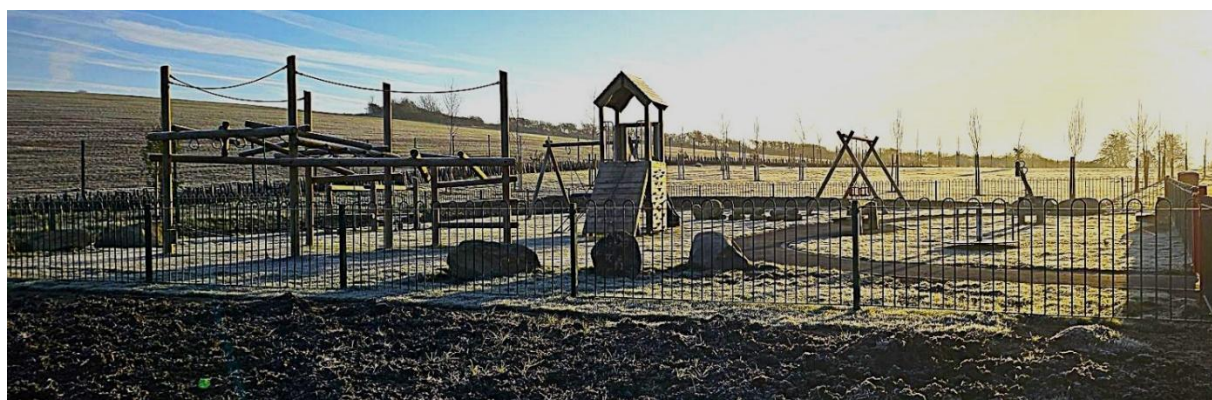
Beauty/Tranquil: Green area and place for children's play.

Recreational: Play area equipment – including swings, climbing frames for smaller children and teenagers. Pulford Place is to the south of the village and only linked via a walk along Station Lane or over public footpaths on Covert Lane to the main village.

History: Newly created play area to serve the new Pulford Place estate.

Biodiversity: Grass, some flowers, newly planted trees. Biodiversity enhancement is in the masterplan.

Photo(s):



James Way / Church Hill green

Location map reference 006

Site Name	Local, bounded not extensive	Proximity	Beauty/ Tranquil	Recreation Value	History	Biodiversity	Total
Green on James Way	Y	5	3	3	5	3	19

Bounded: Green is bounded by Scraftoft Hall Gates, the church yard wall and a low fence to prevent vehicular access.

Proximity: On James Way which leads into Scraftoft Hall Gardens and Church Hill which is one of Scraftoft's main thoroughfares as it connects Main Street and the shops to the Church, Edith Cole Memorial Park and the Church Hill/Scraftoft Lane/Covert Lane/Station Lane.

Beauty/Tranquil: Space acts as a green lung away from the traffic on Church Hill.

Recreational Value: Benches provide opportunity for people to sit and rest part-way up Church Hill. Used by walkers and dog walkers.

History: Green provides an important view of Scraftoft Hall and Gates and part of the lake in the Hall grounds as well as the church yard.

Biodiversity: Grass and trees, flowers plus insects, small mammals, occasional use by the ducks and swans from the lake.

Photo:



'Jimmy's' (Aylestone St James Rugby Club sports field)

Location map reference 007

Site Name	Local, bounded not extensive	Proximity	Beauty/ Tranquil	Recreation Value	History	Biodiversity	Total
Aylestone St James Rugby Football Club	Y	4	3	4	4	3	18

Bounded: Fenced rugby fields.

Proximity: Off Covert Lane accessible via Mount Woodland from north of the village.

Beauty/Tranquil: Open space.

Recreational: Used for sports with a club house. The club house is also available for hire for functions such as wedding receptions, parties, etc.

History: Aylestone St James Rugby Football club was founded in 1902 and continues to thrive.

Biodiversity: Low due to sports use.

Photo(s):



Scraptoft Nature Reserve (Local Green Space)

Site Name	Local, bounded not extensive	Proximity	Beauty/Tranquil	Recreation Value	History	Biodiversity	Total
Scraptoft Nature Reserve	Y	3	5	5	5	4	22

Bounded: Wooden fencing and natural boundary with Scraptoft Brook.

Proximity: On edge of village.

Beauty/Tranquil: Trees provide shelter from traffic noise. Open space with brook.

Recreational: Walking and dog walking. Horses graze in field. Views towards village and open countryside.

History: Formerly a prisoner of war camp and station for the American airborne regiment during the Second World War, a memorial to whom is in the Edith Cole Memorial Park. Concerns about asbestos underground.

Biodiversity: Owls, kingfishers, pheasants, partridges, woodpeckers, goldfinches, red kites, buzzards, sparrow hawk, kestrel, lapwing and other birds, Muntjac deer, insects, frogs, toads, grass snakes, and small mammals including bats, rabbits, voles.

Photos:



Mitchell Grove Play Area

Location map reference 005

Site Name	Local, bounded not extensive	Proximity	Beauty/ Tranquil	Recreation Value	History	Biodiversity	Total
Mitchell Grove Play Area	Y	5	3	5	3	3	19

Bounded: Low fence boundary around green.

Proximity: In the middle of the housing estate.

Beauty/Tranquil: Green lung and play area keeping children safe from road traffic.

Recreational: Mostly children's play equipment but also some bars and frames for older children/adults. Also used by walkers and dog walkers.

History: Built as part of the housing estate.

Biodiversity: Grass, flowers, insects, small mammals, bats.

Photo(s):



The Mount woodland

Location map reference 003

Site Name	Local, bounded not extensive	Proximity	Beauty/Tranquil	Recreation Value	History	Biodiversity	Total
Mount Woodland	Y	4	5	5	5	4	21

Bounded: By a mix hedgerow and fencing.

Proximity: Approximately 3-4 acres of woodland that connects Covert Lane and the Goodridge Housing Estate.

Beauty/Tranquil: Peaceful area of woodland, predominately ash trees.

Recreational Value: Accessible to walkers and dog walkers.

History: Passed from builders to Scaptoft Parish Council late 2024. Plans are to retain and maintain this space as woodland. Originally part of the Scaptoft Hall gardens and includes a grotto which is grade II listed. The grotto is red brick, lined with coursed squared stone and shell work incorporating crystalline stone approx. 3 x 2m.

Biodiversity: Trees predominately ash and others including sycamore, holly, small wildlife including small mammals including the common pipistrelle bat, birds including woodpecker, chaffinch, robin, thrush, blackbirds, insects. Some wildflowers including speedwell, celandine, cow parsley. Lichens and fungi.

Photo(s):



Scraptoft Hall Lake

Location map reference 015

Site Name	Local, bounded not extensive	Proximity	Beauty/ Tranquil	Recreation Value	History	Biodiversity	Total
Scraptoft Hall Lake	Y	5	4	4	5	4	21

Bounded: Within the grounds of Scraptoft Hall.

Proximity: With the grounds of the housing estate in the gardens of Scraptoft Hall. Also accessible from Church Hill.

Beauty/Tranquil: Peaceful scenery of a lake framed by reeds and willows, which help minimise traffic noise.

Recreational Value: Accessible by foot, can be used for walking as part of a walk around the village or a breathing space for people walking from the housing in the northern part of the village to the church or from the southern part of the village to the shops on Main Street.

History: Lake was built around 1723 when the then owners of Scraptoft Hall, Lady Leticia Wigley undertook extensive remodelling to the grounds. Local knowledge believes

that the lake was dug out by prisoners of war and the earth used to create the Mount. The lake has a brick base.

Biodiversity: Reeds, trees, ducks, primarily mallards and moorhens, and swans, insects. Traffic sometimes has to stop on Church Hill to allow swans to cross the road.

Photo(s):

