

Salehurst & Robertsbridge Neighbourhood Plan (S&RNP)

Schedule 4

Trees & Hedgerows Conservation List

Surveys for the S&RNP have shown that local residents place a high value on the historic and rural character of the village. Professional character assessment of the village has also emphasised the importance of the contribution of green assets to its overall character.

Trees (individually and collectively) and hedgerows have therefore been identified in this report for protection under the S&RNP policy EN9. This list has been selected and approved by the S&RNP Steering Group on 8 November 2016.

This list is not definitive; the Parish Council may review, add or delete entries in future. An implementation and management policy for green assets identified in this list will be agreed and published in due course after consultation with conservation experts. This should include guidance on appropriate management of these resources.

Trees within the conservation areas (Robertsbridge & Northbridge Street) are protected by default. Trees and hedgerows outside the CAs are largely unprotected prior to the adoption of the S&RNP.

It should be noted that many mature hedgerows form the borders of potential development sites, and preserving these should be an important objective in the evaluation of planning applications.

The intention is to protect trees and hedgerows that fall into any of the following categories:

- Individual large trees
- Groups of trees limited in area
- Mixed mature hedgerows
- Mature specimens of selected species

Priority has been given to those that:

- Within the development boundaries
- Near highways and footpaths
- Visible from residential areas

They will:

- Add to visual amenity
- Contribute to biodiversity
- Have significant heritage value



Pocket Park

The listing is grouped by area. Woodland and agricultural areas outside the development boundary are generally excluded, due to their extent.

It is expected that priority will be given to those green assets that make a particular contribution to the rural and historic character of the village. The extent of this contribution as well as the replaceability of the asset have been assessed on a three point grade scale.

The contribution to biodiversity, visual significance and heritage and amenity value have also been estimated. The general criterion for preservation is whether the character and appearance of the village be significantly harmed by the loss of any given tree, group or hedgerow.

This list excludes trees and hedgerows in or on the border of the conservation areas.

Asset identifier:

Tx = Tree #
Gx = Group #
Hx = Hedgerow #

Quality assessment:

Character

B = Biodiversity asset
V = Visual asset
H = Heritage asset
A = Amenity asset

Ownership (tbc)

(P) = Private
(S) = ESCC
(C) = Parish Council
(E) = Environment Agency
(N) = Network Rail
(T) = Trust (Club, Church etc)
(D) = Developer

Grade

1 = Priority, irreplaceable
2 = High value, would be significant loss
3 = Moderate value, desirable but replaceable

Eg: BVHA (P) 1

Ownership details to be confirmed as required.

List of Trees & Hedgerows **(see below for photos)**

H6: George Hill, east side

*Mature mixed hedgerow and trees in prominent site
Western border of Grove Farm site
To be preserved within any development
BVHA (D/P) Grade 2*

T4: George Hill, west side

*Mature chestnut
V (P) Grade 3*

G6: George Hill

*Mature Oak Trees in prominent site
at southern entrance to village
VA (H/P) Grade 1*

H7: George Hill, southern end, west side

*Mature hedgerow on eastern border of Heathfield Gardens site
To be preserved in any development
BV (H/D) Grade 2*

G7 Heathfield Gardens development site

*Numerous mature oaks, pond and hedgerows
To be preserved within any development
BVHA (D) Grade 1*

T5: Heathfield Gardens

*Mature horse chestnut in prominent position at centre of estate
VHA (H) Grade 1*

G8 Lane to Browns Farm off Bishops Lane

*Corridor of mature oaks
BVHA (P) Grade 2*

G9 Bishops Lane eastern end, south side

*Extensive belt of mature oaks and other species
Bordering Heathfield Gardens
BVHA (H) Grade 1*

G10 Bishops Lane, between bridges

*Mature oaks and hedgerows
BVHA (H) Grade 2*

G11 Bishops Lane Hollow Way, western end

*Extensive mixed border including numerous mature oaks
(preservation order in place) for north side
BVHA (P) Grade 2*

G13 Knelle Road, Langham Road (east end) and Bellhurst Road

*Roadside pollards
BVHA (H) Grade 2*

G14 Brightling Road, east end

*Extensive roadside border of mixed mature trees
BVHA (H) Grade 2*

G18 The Ostrich Pub eastern boundary

*Several mature oaks
VHA (T) Grade 2*

G19 Station Road, west end, south side

*Row of various specimen trees
BVHA (T/C) Grade 2*

G20 Jubilee Garden, Station Road

*Mature ornamental trees in dedicated public space
VHA (C) Grade 2*

T6 Clappers playground

*Mature copper beech
VA (C) Grade 1*

G24 Clappers recreation ground, west side

*Extensive woodland border
VA (P) Grade 2*

G29 Cricket Ground, north boundary

*Semi-mature oak belt
VA (T) Grade 2*

T10 Church Oak

*Large tree in front of Church
BVHA (H) Grade 1*

T11 Mature Yew

*to east of Church (on left)
BVHA (T) Grade 1*

T12, T13 Church Lane Oaks

*Either side of Church Lane
VH (P/H) Grade 2*

T14 Salehurst Halt Oak

*Adjacent to Salehurst Halt Pub
VH (P) Grade 2*

G40 Churchyard Yews

*Along the front of the churchyard
BVHA (T) Grade 1*

G41 Churchyard Conifers

*3 large conifers at front of churchyard
BVHA (T) Grade 1*

T15 Busters Oak

*Parsonage Farm Yard
VH (P) Grade 2*

G46 Church Bridge Bridleway

*From church to old railway crossing
BVHA (P/H) Grade 2*

G43 Rocks Lane Hollow Way

*From Sluts Hole uphill for 200m
BVHA (P/H) Grade 2*

G44 Beech House Lane Hollow Way

*From new cemetery uphill for 100m
BVHA (P/H) Grade 2*

*G47 Bridleway from Poppinghole Lane to Park Farm,
wooded section at top of hill with ancient hedges.*

*Part of original road from Mountfield to Salehurst
BVHA (P) Grade 1*



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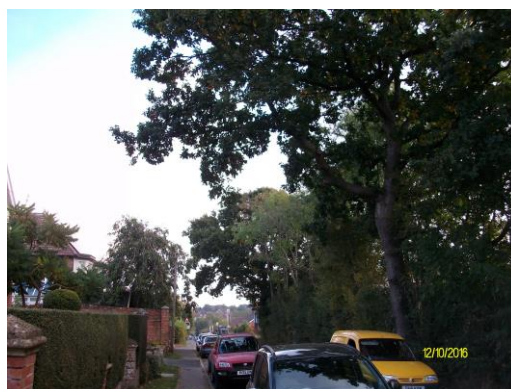
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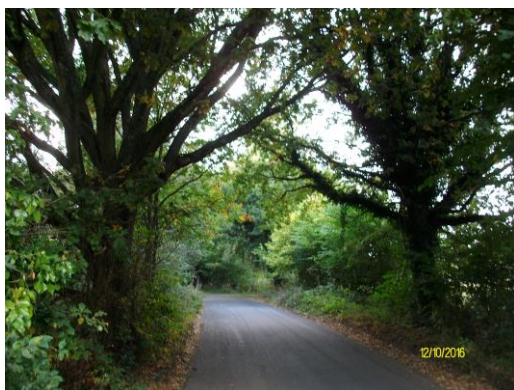
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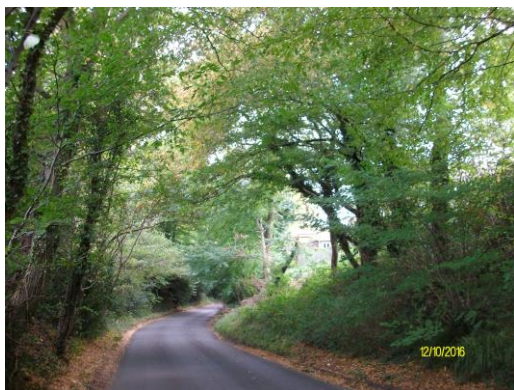
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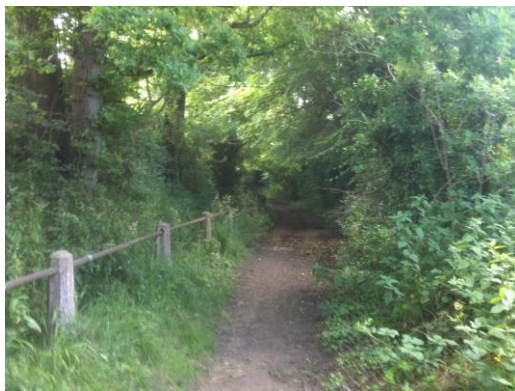
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