

Green Infrastructure assessment – PRISTON PARISH



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Please refer to the GI base map and briefing note when answering the following questions.

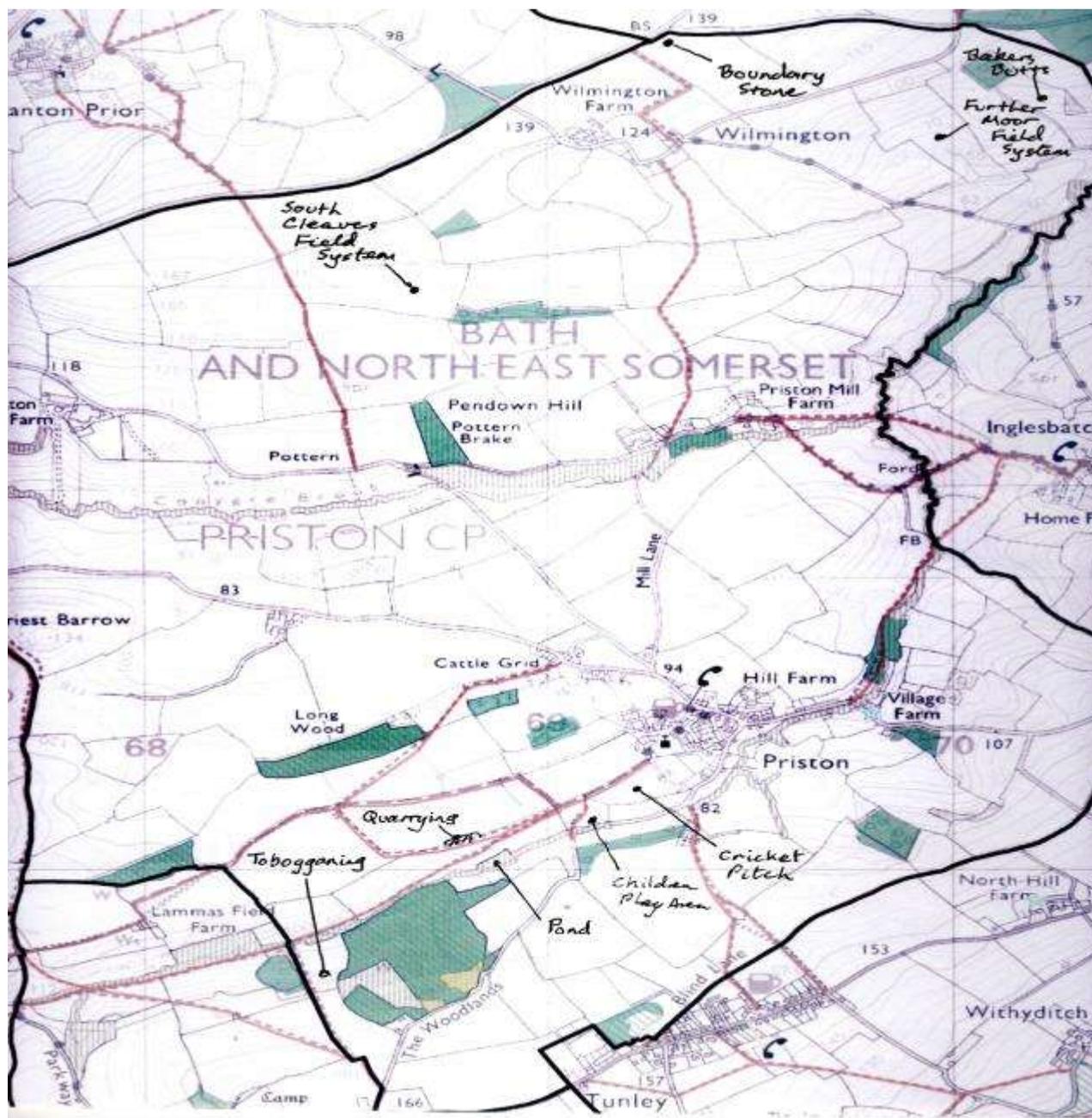
Please annotate the GI maps wherever possible.

1.	GI Base maps
a	<p>Is the draft GI map generally accurate – are any key features missing or incorrect? Please annotate the map with any errors or omissions.</p> <p>The draft map is generally accurate, only details added.</p>
b	<p>Did you find the GI map useful and are there any ways we could improve it?</p> <p>The colour-coding for European Protected Sites, Woodlands, and even SSSIs, are too close to distinguish, particularly when two or three layers of cross-hatching are overlaid!</p>
2.	GI Networks for people
a	<p>Are there any gaps/opportunities in your parish networks of footpaths and cycleways (i.e. your active access networks)?</p> <p>The lanes, footpaths and bridleways form a satisfactory network.</p>
b	<p>Which areas and places do you actively use for outdoor play and relaxation both within and near to your parish?</p> <p>The only formal area is the cricket pitch, west of the Old Rectory, which is privately owned and available only for cricket. The lanes and bridleways are regularly used by riders, and with the footpaths by walkers, with or without dogs. The lanes are frequented by cyclists. Much of the farmland is down to pasture or hay meadow, and is used by children for exploring, for tobogganing in the winter, the streams for Pooh-Sticks and catching tiddlers.</p>
3.	GI networks for wildlife
a	<p>What opportunities are there to improve the green areas and corridors for wildlife?</p> <p>As recognised on the GI map, apart from the farmland, the main wildlife corridors follow the streams. There are no obvious improvements to be made.</p>

4.	Multi-function and value
a	<p>Are there any other green assets you value both within and near to your parish and why?</p> <p>Large areas of Priston Parish are maintained by our farmers as beautiful and “green” countryside. The Priston Farm Survey twenty years ago surveyed 132 hedges, and over half were ranked as Grade1 for ecological and archaeological importance. Many of these hedges would probably be judged the same today.</p> <p>Priston Wood was judged Grade 1 in the same survey with 21 indicator species - a very high number indicating an ancient woodland.</p> <p>The Bristol Regional Environmental Records Centre lists over 300 species for the 1km square centred on Priston Village.</p>
b	<p>Are there any existing green spaces that could provide more benefits for the community e.g. to grow community food, support wildlife, provide shade through tree planting, reduce water runoff?</p> <p>No.</p>
c	<p>Are there any special open spaces that you want considered for designation as a “local green space” *</p> <p>No.</p>

* **NPPF Para. 77-** see GI Profiles briefing paper for more details

Green Infrastructure Profile Map



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