## **Survey Summary**

# Cliddesden Churchyard 04/09/2015

## Site Details

Grid Reference : Total Area :	SU63304910 0.5 ha	File Reference : 64-0033
Civil Parish :	Cliddesden	
District :	Basingstoke and Deane	
Vice-County :	12, North Hampshire	
Survey Details		

Survey Type :	Phase II
Survey Date :	04/09/2015
Survey Time on Site :	2.5 (hrs)
Data Owned By :	Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre Partnership
Data Recorded By :	Ian Ralphs, HBIC

## Site Summary

Cliddesden is a small rural village situated in the edges of the mid-Hampshire chalklands, just south of Basingstoke. The churchyard is situated on the southern edge of the village on one of the main access roads to the downs.

This is a perfect example of a southern English country churchyard, exuding the kind of effortless charm that only comes after generations of care and attention by the parishioners.

The churchyard here is also still full of life, as (unlike many churchyards) it has largely escaped being reseeded and herbicided and being too heavily mown, so it still retains an "agriculturally unimproved" character. This predominantly unimproved nature means that the site retains an excellent variety of wild flowers. The site supports 12 chalk and 3 acid/neutral grassland indicator species.

## Site Designations

**Designation** 

Churchyard Site of Importance for Nature Conservation

## **Site Features**

<u>Type</u>	Description
Features	Gardenised (Flower beds present)
Features	Veteran/notable Trees
Geology	Upper Chalk
Management	Mowing
Management	Non-intervention
Usage	Managed For Wildlife

## **Priority Habitats**

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Lowland meadows

## **Notable Species**

#### Taxon Name

Common Name

**Status** 



<u>Area</u>

Briza media	Quaking-grass	IUCN (EN2014) - Near Threatened
Knautia arvensis	Field Scabious	IUCN (EN2014) - Near Threatened
Spinus spinus	Siskin	County Important



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National Vegetation Classifications	<u>Area</u>
MG6, Lolium perenne-Cynosurus cristatus grassland	60 %
MG1, Arrhenatherum elatius grassland	20 %
MG5b, Cynosurus cristatus-Centaurea nigra grassland: Galium verum subcommunity	20 %

## **Species Recorded**

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~ Leucanthemum vulgare	Oxeye Daisy	0	
Linaria vulgaris	Common Toadflax	0	
~ Lotus corniculatus	Common Bird's-foot-trefoil	FLA	
Phleum bertolonii	Smaller Cat's-tail	R	
~ Pilosella officinarum	Mouse-ear-hawkweed	OLA	
~ Pimpinella saxifraga	Burnet-saxifrage	R/O	
Pinopsida	Pinopsida	R	
~ Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain	F	
Plantago major	Greater Plantain	R	
Potentilla reptans	Creeping Cinquefoil	0	
Potentilla sterilis	Barren Strawberry	R/O	
~ Poterium sanguisorba	Salad Burnet	F/A	
#~ Primula veris	Cowslip	0	
Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup	R	
Ranunculus repens	Creeping Buttercup	R	
Rhinanthus minor	Yellow-rattle	FLA	
Rosa canina	Dog-rose	R	
Rubus fruticosus agg.	Bramble	0	
Rumex acetosa	Common Sorrel	0	
Sambucus nigra	Elder	R/O	
# Senecio erucifolius	Hoary Ragwort	R	
Senecio jacobaea	Common Ragwort	R/O	
Tanacetum vulgare	Tansy	R	
Taraxacum	Dandelion Agg.	0	
Taxus baccata	Yew	OLA	
Trifolium repens	White Clover	0	
Trisetum flavescens	Yellow Oat-grass	R/O	
Urtica dioica	Common Nettle	R	
Veronica chamaedrys	Germander Speedwell	0	
Taxon Name	Taxon Common Name	Present	Notable
Accipiter nisus	Sparrowhawk	P	Hotable
Carduelis carduelis	Goldfinch	P	
Columba palumbus	Woodpigeon	P	
Corvus monedula	Jackdaw	P	
Turdus merula	Blackbird	P	
	Didokolita		
Taxon Name	Taxon Common Name	<u>Count</u>	<u>Notable</u>
Spinus spinus	Siskin	15	Y
Species Summary			
Total no. of species :	72		
# No. of acid/neutral grassland indicators :	3		
~ No. of chalk grassland indicators :	12		



## Notes

### Habitat Classifications :

BAP Priority: Habitats identified as the highest priority for conservation action in the UK NVC: A system of classifying natural habitat communities according to species associations Phase 1: A standardised system for surveying, classifying and mapping broad wildlife habitats including urban areas Peterken: A stand type classification that describes woodlands by tree species

#### Indicators Species :

- \* Ancient Woodland Vascular Plants (AWVP) species most strongly associated with ancient woodland and are typical components of botanically rich ancient woodland communities
- # Acid/neutral grassland indicators species which seldom occur outside of unimproved acid/neutral grasslands or are indicative of a long period of uninterrupted grassland management
- ~ Chalk grassland indicators species characteristic of unimproved chalk downland or have a strong affinity to calcareous soil

## Species Abundance:

Frequency: D=dominant A=abundant F=frequent O=occasional R=rare L=locally Frequencies within brackets () indicate non-native occurrences

#### Habitat and Species designations and statuses:

Habitat designations/categories and species legislation/statuses are correct at the time the report was generated and may not necessarily reflect those applicable either at the time of survey or later than the generated date.



# Cliddesden Churchyard, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015



(1). Herb rich sward, Cliddesden Churchyard

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## General description and management

Cliddesden is a small rural village situated in the edges of the mid-Hampshire chalklands, just south of Basingstoke. The churchyard is situated on the southern edge of the village on one of the main access roads to the downs.

This is a perfect example of a southern English country churchyard, excluding the kind of effortless charm that only comes after generations of care and attention by the parishioners.

The churchyard here is also still full of life, as (unlike many churchyards) it has largely escaped being reseeded and herbicided and being too heavily mown, so it still retains an "agriculturally unimproved" character. This predominantly unimproved nature means that the site retains an excellent variety of wild flowers. The site supports 12 chalk and 3 acid/neutral grassland indicator species.

Parts of the churchyard are mown regularly, but this tends to be restricted to high traffic areas, with the majority of the rest of the site either subject to an annual hay cut regime, or are cut only occasionally.



(3). Taller and denser grass sward behind the church

## Communities

(1). [MG5b]: Cynosurus cristatus - Centaurea nigra grassland.; Galium verum sub-community.

Somewhat counter intuitive that the main "hay cut" grass sward here should be classified as an unimproved Neutral Lowland Meadow type sward, rather than the expected Lowland Chalk Grassland. This could be an indication that there has been some scattering of wildflower seed locally. However here as this community is quite widespread and often quite similar in character, it may also be an indication that this gently sloping "lower down" was always slightly more neutral in character than the more freely draining "normal" chalk grassland swards. It could also indicate the presence of a clay cap to the chalk in and around the churchyard. Cut annually as a hay crop. (IHS:-GN1Z, SC2,GM22).

Canopy :-	Scattered to moderate cover of church yard trees and shrubs.
Flora :-	Herb rich sward, with Yellow-rattle (A), Salad Burnet, Cowslip, Bird's-foot Trefoil,

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Common Vetchling, Ribwort Plantain, False Oat-grass, Yellow Oat-grass, Creeping Bent,
Cock's-foot, Red Fescue, Yorkshire-fog, Field Bindweed and Quaking-grass.

(2). [MG6]: Lolium perenne - Cynosurus cristatus grassland.

Short regularly mown swards.(IHS:- GNZ, SC2, GM23).

Flora :- Good variety of herbs still present, with Mouse-ear Hawkweed locally frequent.

(3). [MG1]: Arrhenatherum elatius grassland..

Less regularly cut swards, tending to be dominated by taller ranker grasses, but still a good variety of herbs present. Structurally diverse, with anthills present. (IHS:-GNZ, SC2, GM4).

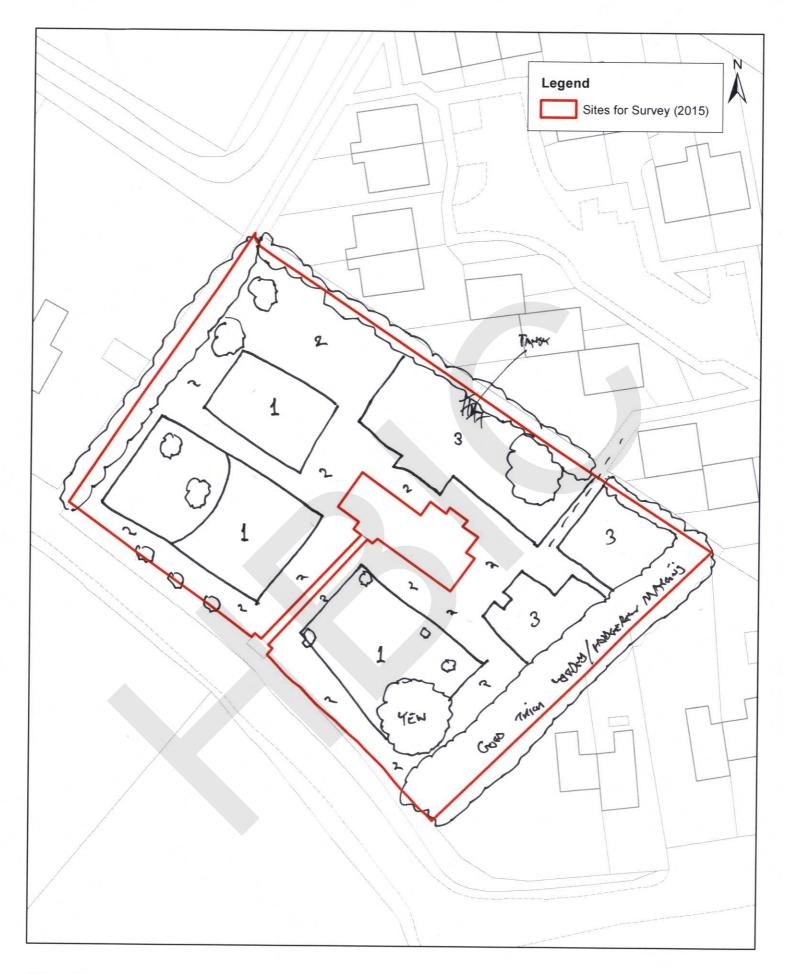
Flora :-	False Oat-grass, Creeping Bent, Field Bindweed, Hedge Bedstraw and Creeping
	Cinquefoil.

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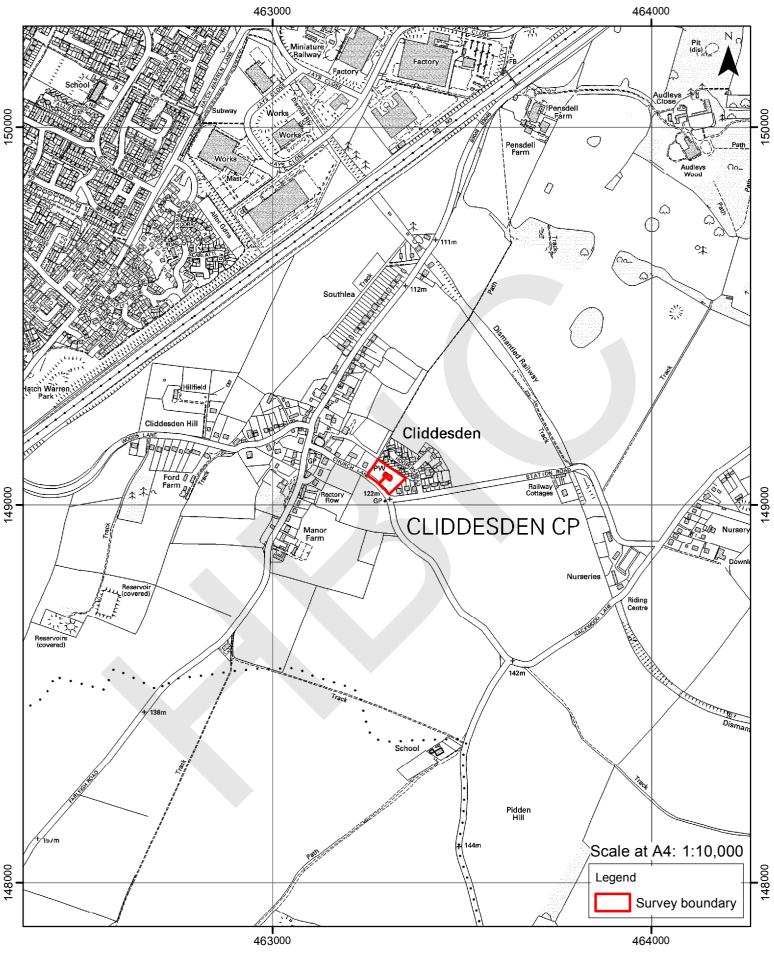




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