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Green Infrastructure is a strategically planned and managed network of green spaces, access routes, wildlife habitats, landscapes and historic features which meet the needs of existing and new communities by providing:

- **an essential environmental foundation and support system**
- **a healthy and diverse environment**
- **attractive places to live and visit and a good quality of life**
- **a sustainable future**

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1) Context Map

2a and 2b) Landscape Map and Landscape Character Areas

The landscape map shows the position of contours within your parish. It also has the areas at risk from a 1% chance flood from a river marked. Contours and flood zones can be useful when creating green infrastructure corridors.
The Landscape Character Areas are used to understand what the landscape is like, how it formed and how it may change in the future. Each area is a distinct part of the landscape with a particular sense of place. Assessments of these areas can be used to help make decisions on the appropriate location, scale and design of new development. Further information can be found on the Central Bedfordshire Council website (https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/44/planning/446/landscape_character_assessment).

3) Biodiversity Map

This map shows the locations of important habitats within the parish of Stondon. Although there are no locally or nationally designated sites for biodiversity within the parish, there are recent records of species of note which include: amphibians (Smooth Newt, Common Frog and Common Toad), mammals (including Hedgehog, Brown Hare and Badger), many different moth species (including Beaded Chestnut, Blood-vein, Brindled Beauty, Brown-spot Pinion, Buff Ermine and Liquorice Piercer) birds (such as Skylark, Barn Owl, House Martin, Swallow and Swift) and birds of prey (such as Hobby, Kestrel, Red Kite, Tawny Owl and Little Owl).

Within the parish there are approximately 132 hectares of land that may have been grassland for around 25 years or more.

Green infrastructure planning can help to link or buffer any existing wildlife sites, providing them with increased protection from harmful activities and making their wildlife populations more sustainable. The Bedfordshire Biodiversity Network suggests where this could be most beneficial, although the network doesn't run through Stondon parish. If you would like further information or advice about the wildlife in your parish, please contact The Wildlife Trust (01234 364213 or bedfordshire@wildlifebcn.org). The Bedfordshire and Luton Biodiversity Recording and Monitoring Centre (BRMC) has a wealth of records about the species seen in your parish and is beginning to compile habitat data. If you would like to access this resource please contact them (01234 355435 or brmc@bedsbionet.org.uk).

4) Historic Map

A variety of historic sites are shown on this map. Integrating these sites into green infrastructure plans can help to preserve parish history. The numbers next to the site boundaries represent locations in the Historic Environment Record (HER) which is maintained at Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Chicksands. The table below gives a brief summary of each numbered site, more details are available from the HER, along with historic maps of your parish. Due to the scale of this map only Listed Buildings are shown, however, there are many other historically important buildings recorded and also other sites and finds. For advice or further information about historic areas or finds in your parish please contact the Historic Environment Information Officer at Central Bedfordshire Council (0300 300 6027 or her@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or use the online Heritage Gateway http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk).

Number	Feature
387	SHRUNKEN MEDIEVAL VILLAGE, Upper Stondon
402	CROPMARKS OF ROMAN RECTILINEAR ENCLOSURE, north east of Manor Farm, Upper Stondon
403	CROPMARKS OF RECTILINEAR ENCLOSURES, east of Upper Stondon
418	MOAT, Fakeswell
419	MOAT & EARTHWORKS, Holwellbury Farm, Stondon
3047	OLD SAND PIT
3048	OLD SAND PIT
3109	POSSIBLE MOAT, Mayfield Farm
6684	BRICKWORKS AND CLAY PIT
8554	RIDGE AND FURROW
8988	ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCHYARD
9290	WWII PILL BOX
9294	WWII PILL BOX
9295	OLD SAND QUARRY, Lower Stondon
9297	POSSIBLE MEDIEVAL/POST-MEDIEVAL OCCUAPTION, Crofts Closes, south of Mayfield Farm
9365	OLD SAND PIT, Lower Stondon
9366	OLD SAND PIT, Lower Stondon
9373	GRAVEL PIT, Holwellbury
9374	MILE POST (site of)
9375	OLD SAND PIT
9380	OLD SAND QUARRY, Lower Stondon
9382	OLD SAND QUARRY, Lower Stondon
9383	LINEAR DITCH, Holwellbury
9386	GRAVE FIELD, Holwellbury

Number	Feature
9387	SITE OF COTTAGES, between Lower Stondon & Holwellbury
9388	FAKESWELL LANE
9389	MARSH LANE (site of)
9450	HOLWELLBURY PARK
10633	RING DITCH CROPMARK, south of The Spinney, Upper Stondon
10635	RING DITCH CROPMARK, south east of The Spinney, Upper Stondon
10637	LINEAR CROPMARKS
10640	GRAVEL PIT
10641	BUILDING (site of)
10642	BUILDING (site of)
10643	OLD ROADWAY
10644	THE SPINNEY, Old Woodland
10645	COPROLITE EXTRACTION PITS
10646	ROAD, Chibley, Shillington, to St Thomas' Chapel, Meppershall
10649	FISH POND
11927	TURNPIKE ROAD, Bedford - Hitchin
12942	GREYHOUND STADIUM, Henlow
16778	CURVILINEAR ENCLOSURE CROPMARK, north east of The Spinney, Upper Stondon
16779	POSSIBLE RECTILINEAR ENCLOSURE AND RING DITCH CROPMARKS, north west of Rectory Farm
16791	CROPMARK OF SUB-CIRCULAR ENCLOSURE, north of Manor Farm, Upper Stondon
16792	IRON AGE ACTIVITY, north of Station Road, Lower Stondon

Number	Feature
16793	IRON AGE ENCLOSURE, south of Station Road, Lower Stondon
16794	SUB-RECTANGULAR ENCLOSURE CROPMARKS, south of Mayfield Farm
17117	LOWER STONDON MEDIEVAL SETTLEMENT
17993	WW2 PILLBOX, Mount Pleasant Farm
17994	WW2 PILLBOX, Bedford Road
19455	IRON AGE ENCLOSURES, land to the rear of Station Road, Lower Stondon

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19583	RIDGE AND FURROW, land to the rear of Station Road, Lower Stondon
20299	POSSIBLE IRON AGE - ROMAN OCCUPATION SITE, south of Stondon Road
20309	LATE BRONZE AGE/EARLY IRON AGE PIT
20310	MEDIEVAL FURROWS, Mount Pleasant Golf Course
20900	RIDGE AND FURROW
21521	IRON AGE FEATURES, Wren Close

5) Open Space, Access and Recreation Map

This map shows the positions of open spaces (e.g. golf courses, recreation grounds or school playing fields) within your parish. Not all of them are accessible to the public. Rights of Way are key to providing access to open spaces within green infrastructure plans. When creating networks access barriers, such as busy roads, would need to be considered.

The main (illustrated) greenspaces are summarized below:

Number	Name	Publicly accessible?	Area (Hectares)
1	All Saints Churchyard	Yes	0.32
2	Withy Pool	No	1.13
3	Henlow Greyhound Stadium	No	1.51
4	Orchard	No	0.45
5	Orchard	No	0.30
6	Recreation Ground	Yes	1.86
7	Mount Pleasant Golf Club	No	23
8	Recreation Ground	Yes	2.81
9	Play area	Yes	0.19
10	Open space and pond	Yes	0.26
11	Open space and pond	Yes	0.07