

# BENCHES IN HADDENHAM

A Review, Spring 2024

### **PURPOSE**

A public meeting in 2023 suggested that a review of benches in Haddenham would be timely. This report contains the results of the review. We recorded a large number of benches. But were they in the right places? Were they of the right type? What is the prospect for the future? And how can we improve?

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### BENCHES IN HADDENHAM, Buckinghamshire

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### **Executive Summary**

A village public meeting in 2023 suggested that a review of Haddenham's benches would be worthwhile.

The subsequent review has identified 125 benches (broadly defined, to include benches in bus shelters and privately owned benches that are accessible to passers-by, as well as benches maintained by the Parish Council). There seems to be adequate provision at favourite destinations in the village.

The main opportunities to improve provision of benches now seem to be: on the way to the most popular destinations in the village (rather than at those destinations); close to residential areas for seniors; and possibly at destinations for younger members of our community (see below, Appendix 5 for examples).

A large number of our benches have been installed recently with new housing.

The style of benches seems to have moved towards seats without backs and arms (see below, <u>Appendix 6</u>). Though picnic-style clusters of tables and benches are attractive, older and less able people most needing benches appreciate easily accessible benches with backs and bench arms to help them sit down, rest and get up. Future guidance or requirements of developers of new housing areas might specify this bench style, together with tree planting to provide shade and bench-end-parking for a companion's wheelchair or mobility scooter.

Based on Haddenham Parish Council's (HPC) expected 15-year life of wooden memorial benches (only a small minority of Haddenham's benches are not made of wood), around a half – possibly more, taking into account the 37 benches we couldn't date – will come to the end of their life over a busy five-year period starting ten years from now. The current rate of provision of new benches funded by donations will not make up for potential removals. Management of bench maintenance and refinement of Parish Council policy¹ may reduce this peak period of bench removal, but there is a clear risk of a significant reduction in the current number of benches over the years 2035 to 2040 if the Parish Council cannot encourage a higher rate of bench donations over the period up to then (see below, <u>Prospects</u> and <u>Improvement Opportunities</u> under the heading Recommendations). Opportunities include a more donor-friendly Buckinghamshire Council process encouraging new benches to be donated for locations deemed to be on the highway.

Finally, summarising the results of this review, it has created an immediate resource for those most appreciating benches (a reference map of all benches: "<u>Haddenham Bench Finder</u>"<sup>2</sup>) and more data to help manage the above risk related to the ageing of benches.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For current Memorial Bench Policy see <u>Appendix 2</u>; HPC does not have a written policy on other HPC benches, e.g. benches in new housing areas installed by developers and "adopted" by HPC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For Haddenham Bench Finder see Appendix 4.



the infrastructure of the village, all residents can contribute in framing the future character of the local community that is rooted in village values such as: being welcoming and friendly; being safety and environment conscious; being helpful and supportive; celebrating diversity and being inclusive of all.

While local government (Parish and Buckinghamshire) is responsible for planning

The Haddenham Village Society invites all residents to come and share ideas on topics such as:

- What do different age groups need from the village 5 years, 10 years, 20 years...
- · How do we retain what we like about Haddenham?
- How do we make sure that, at a time of much growth, all inhabitants, new and old. feel welcome here?
- · What do we need to do to deliver what we want?

After the meeting, a small steering group selected three ideas for initial work, one of which was to review the provision of benches in Haddenham.

### Introduction

In April 2023 the Haddenham Village Society (HVS) convened an open meeting on The Future of Haddenham. Through effective publicity (see to left) a wide range of more than 50 Haddenham residents was attracted, including many who had not attended HVS meetings in the past. At the meeting more than 150 ideas were elicited and recorded about the village. After the meeting, a small steering group selected three ideas for initial work, one of which was to review the provision of benches in Haddenham<sup>3</sup>. A subgroup of HVS, Haddenham Safe Walking and Cycling (HaddSWAC), was enthusiastic to take forward this review and this document is its report.

### **Approach**

Confirmation was sought from Haddenham Parish Council (HPC) that it would welcome a survey of current benches. HPC confirmed this and provided details of its current inventory. HPC's policy on donation of memorial benches was also provided<sup>4</sup>.

Haddenham Safe Walking and Cycling group (HaddSWAC) split Haddenham into nine areas that volunteers could survey and make comments upon.

Each HaddSWAC volunteer took the relevant section of HPC's current inventory of benches

and surveyed this area to confirm the current listings, to add any existing benches not currently covered and to identify possible locations for future benches. Additional benches were identified updating the current HPC inventory and adding benches that were not HPC's responsibility.

Survey results were consolidated into a spreadsheet and shown on a map<sup>5</sup> (with cross-references between spreadsheet and map).

The Haddenham Sixty-plus group and readership of HaddSWAC's newsletter (<u>SIGNPOSTS</u><sup>6</sup>) were initially consulted for views on bench provision. (We also sought to consult with two specific youth groups but were advised by a Buckinghamshire youth participation expert that this was not appropriate unless we could be sure that youth feedback would be acted upon – which we could not, at this stage.). A draft report was then refined by HaddSWAC's membership, becoming version 1.0, and comments were then invited from HPC resulting in this version 2.0.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The specific comments on benches, as recorded, are given in Appendix 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The current policy is reproduced at Appendix 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For a map of all benches that were identified see Appendix 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See <a href="https://www.villagesociety.org/haddswac.html">https://www.villagesociety.org/haddswac.html</a> for all issues; see <a href="lssue 10">lssue 10</a>, page 9 for the call for views.

### **Findings**

Across Haddenham village, 125 benches were identified. This included all types of bench, irrespective of design or material. Benches without backs were included, as were seats and "perches" provided at busstops. Benches were recorded irrespective of ownership as long as they were reasonably accessible to a passing walker. For the location of all benches see <u>Appendix 3</u>.

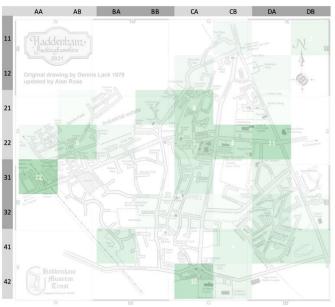
Many benches were free of any identification, which made installation date difficult to identify. Estimates were made where possible, for example in areas of new housing from the date of construction of the surrounding housing. There remained 37 benches that HaddSWAC could not date.

It was found that a high proportion, 56 (nearly two-thirds) of the 88 benches for which installation dates were known or could be estimated, were installed in the last five years.

Many of Haddenham's recent benches come from developer activity rather than personal donations.

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### HEAT MAP OF ALL BENCHES (based on 8 x 8 grid, as below)



"Heat Map": areas coloured green have the highest number of benches.

The general distribution of benches was not a surprise, with the highest density of benches being found in the most-frequented *destinations*: Church End; the station area; Woodways recreation ground along to Banks Parade; Townsend Green and the Community Orchard; and the Co-op and Aerodrome Pavilion.

Above is a "heat-map" indicating by colour the number of benches in each grid-square of the map of Haddenham, with green showing where there are most benches, highlighting these destinations.

The exception was perhaps destinations for younger members of our community, with whom consultation was not possible (see <u>Approach, paragraph 5</u>). It was noted, for example, that there is no bench at the BMX pump track<sup>7</sup> in Woodways recreation ground and there is only one bench on the Airfield Playing Fields. Responding to discussion at the original Future of Haddenham meeting that spurred our review of benches, we identified some more youth-oriented bench designs ("youth shelter"<sup>8</sup>) that might be appreciated at some of these locations. (A multi-coloured bench was noted in Woodways play park.)

The areas where benches were less likely to be found were the routes between destinations. This finding from mapping the benches was echoed in comments of older residents.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Note its refurbishment in 2017: https://www.haddenham.net/newsroom/bmx-track-re-furbished.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See below, <u>Recommendations: Bench Type?</u>

Provision of benches does not seem to have been especially directed towards areas where help with walking might be most appreciated, particularly near the homes of our senior residents, for example around The Woodlands retirement housing on Butte Furlong, and around close-by Stonehill House of Abbeyfield Haddenham Society on Churchway.

It was found that the benches in new housing areas such as The Grove were often of the style without backs and bench-arms.



Moving away from consideration of the benches themselves, there seemed to be a low level of awareness of HPC's policy on memorial benches and some residents were unaware of the possibility of making a donation for a bench (whether in memory of a loved one, or as a contribution to the village environment – indeed, the HPC policy description does not encourage the latter). For example, one consultee asked whether it would be *possible* to make a memorial bench donation.

HPC's policy on memorial benches<sup>4</sup> highlights that a bench has a finite life, "anticipating" about fifteen years. The emphasis of the policy is replacement of ageing benches. Observation suggested that new benches provided by donations are not keeping up with removals required by deterioration of older benches: for example, by the Woodways-Churchway-Banks Road double roundabout, the bench – convenient for parents and grandparents collecting children from the Community Infants School – has not been replaced yet.

Separately from HPC policy, it was noted that it can be complex when a donor would like "their" new bench on a verge or other area alongside a road (on what is deemed the "highway"). This is managed by Buckinghamshire Highways. Although Buckinghamshire Highways has an application form for those who wish to donate a tree to be planted alongside a road, it directs potential donors of benches to their parish council initially. It seems from recent experience that the parish council then tends to suggest the donor think again on location. Certainly, again from recent experience (seeking to put bike stands alongside a road), highway authority rules, processes and tariffs have not encouraged engagement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The current policy is reproduced at Appendix 2.

### Recommendations

### Where?

The *current* provision of 125 benches seems reasonable but there are some gaps: strategic *en-route* resting places would be helpful for older and less able residents<sup>10</sup>; and around residential areas for seniors the distance between benches might be reduced and the number of benches increased to reflect local needs<sup>11</sup>.

Perhaps there could be better provision of benches at youth destinations.

Some potential locations for new benches are shown in <u>Appendix 5</u>. Ideally, the bench site should allow "end parking" on a firm surface to accommodate a companion's wheelchair or mobility scooter.

Exact locations should be chosen subject to there being good lighting and natural surveillance to avoid attracting anti-social behaviour.

The desirability of a bench somewhere along the popular north-south walking route between Church End, Fort End and Banks Parade (Gibson Lane to The Croft, to Stockwell) was pointed out by more than one consultee, as was a bench somewhere along the 630m-long east-west footpath between Churchway (opposite Crabtree Road) and Haddenham Garden Centre / Haddenham Country Park.

Haddenham and Thame Parkway station is probably the most popular destination in Haddenham yet there is a virtual "bench desert" for those walking to and from it, for example along Thame Road<sup>12</sup>, Wykeham Way and Sheerstock<sup>13</sup>.







Possible site on the Churchway-Stanbridge Road footpath

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> It is suggested that ten percent of adults cannot walk 400m without a rest, and five percent cannot walk 50m without a rest (source: <a href="Philipotts">Philipotts</a>, M (2015), Designing for Walking, published by the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation). This follows earlier work suggesting slightly higher percentages of the adult population are restricted in a similar way (see Martin et al (1988), The prevalence of disability among adults, OPCS surveys of disability in Great Britain, Report 1, Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, HMSO London). See also Appendix 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See, for example, the recommendation for older people that "some form of seating should be provided at 100m intervals on streets": <u>Rita Newton and Marcus Ormerod (2012)</u>, <u>The Design of Streets with Older People in mind - Design Guide 001: Seating, published by I'DGO Inclusive Design for Getting Outdoors.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Might Thame Road be considered a "key pedestrian route" within Haddenham? The <u>Manual for Streets</u> (<u>Department for Transport, 2007</u>) recommends that "seating on key pedestrian routes [undefined] should be considered every 100m to provide rest points and to encourage street activity" (para. 6.3.33).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> As a benchmark, Wykeham Way and Yolsum Close are 400m from the station along Thame Road. More generally, see also <u>Appendix 7</u>. The following are 1,000m from the station: The Cottage Bakery at Fort End along Thame Road; the junction of Whitecross Road with Station Road via Sheerstock; and the junction of Townside and South End via Wykeham Way.

Some potential *en-route* locations may be deemed on the "highway", which includes the verges of most roads. For further recommendations regarding these locations, see the second and third paragraphs under Improvement Opportunities, below.

### **Bench Type?**

Anticipating further housing developments in Haddenham, it would be more inclusive if planning authorities stipulated under planning conditions that developers provide a type of bench with a back-rest and arms.

If new benches are to be provided at youth destinations, regard might be had to modern designs which balance design appeal and shelter, with robustness and transparency (to avoid threatening or other criminal behaviour being hidden)<sup>14</sup>.

Shelter is increasingly becoming a consideration for all types of bench – from the sun. As well as specifying bench type, it would be helpful if planning authorities stipulated tree planting to accompany new benches. Many established benches would also benefit from shade and HPC might encourage those wishing to donate trees to consider planting next to benches<sup>15</sup>.

### **Prospects?**

HPC's current priority is to channel new bench donations into replacing ageing stock. But the current rate of donations seems to be insufficient to keep up with replacement requirements, let alone potential new locations, e.g. *en-route* to destinations.

So it is worrying that based on the assumption of a typical 15-year life of a bench (HPC's expectation for memorial benches) and installation dates of current benches – with nearly two-thirds of all Haddenham's benches installed in the last five years – we might expect the number of new benches required in future, just to replace ageing benches, to increase significantly. On this basis, Haddenham should anticipate withdrawal of around half of its current benches in a single five-year period in ten to fifteen years' time.

This requires verification and some thought, possibly refining assumptions on ageing by bench type and looking how maintenance might extend bench life.



To the extent this leaves a potential problem of significant removal of benches over a short period in future, HPC might start now encouraging more bench donations, with HPC aiming to achieve annual targets by

 $<sup>^{14}</sup>$  Without recommendation, see – for example –  $\underline{\text{https://www.externalworksindex.co.uk/category/3-1577/Teenage-youth-shelters/.}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> ReLEAF, a joint project between Zero Carbon Haddenham and Haddenham Parish Council, may be able to help: see <a href="https://zeroch.org/releaf/how-to-do-a-survey-for-releaf/">https://zeroch.org/releaf/how-to-do-a-survey-for-releaf/</a>. For how to apply to Buckinghamshire Council to plant a tree within roadsides and verges see: <a href="https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/climate-change-and-sustainability/tree-planting/apply-to-plant-a-tree-on-council-land/">https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/climate-change-and-sustainability/tree-planting/apply-to-plant-a-tree-on-council-land/</a>

effectively marketing the opportunity to contribute to the village's environment as well as to commemorate a loved one.

The parish council has advised that the possibility of extra costs coming from a considerably increased requirement for bench maintenance is adequately covered by an existing financial reserve for "capital asset repairs".

### Other Improvement Opportunities?

Consultation identified a lack of awareness of the HPC memorial bench policy. This policy might be extended to mention the opportunity to donate to improve Haddenham's environment. Greater awareness as a result of more effective marketing should lead to more donations, to cover new locations as well as bench replacement. It might be the right time to refresh and circulate HPC bench policy and review the regularity and effectiveness of reminders published in the HPC newsletter.

In order to encourage residents to donate to provide benches, the application process should be straightforward – rewarding public-mindedness. The parish council's process seems clear. A first step to improve Buckinghamshire Highways' processes (required for benches on the roadside) might be for it to introduce an application form similar to that which they provide for those wishing to donate a tree<sup>16</sup>. Indeed, the ease of applying for *both* a bench and tree at a roadside location might nudge behaviour nicely.

For the less brave – sadly, if it precludes an otherwise attractive location – donors may wish to take HPC advice to help them select a bench location that is not deemed on the highway.

Finally, a map of Haddenham's benches has been created. This map, made reasonably accessible, could help those who are less confident about walking, by conferring knowledge of potential rest places. This map could be reproduced and distributed, for example at meetings and at Haddenham Medical Centre, as well as being made available on the Internet.<sup>17</sup>

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Initial comments on benches as recorded at The Future of Haddenham meeting

Appendix 2: Haddenham Parish Council policy on donation of benches

Appendix 3: HADDENHAM BENCHES: SHOWING ADOPTED, UNADOPTED, HIGHWAY AND PRIVATE

<u>Appendix 4</u>: "Haddenham Bench Finder" – a reference map of benches (for potential distribution)

<u>Appendix 5</u>: Examples of potential new locations for benches

Appendix 6: Bench Style

Appendix 7: How far is a 400-metre walk from selected Haddenham destinations?

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Previously referred to, to plant a tree within roadsides and verges see: https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/climate-change-and-sustainability/tree-planting/apply-to-plant-a-tree-on-council-land/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> For a possible format of a "Haddenham Bench Finder" see Appendix 4.

### Appendix 1: Initial comments on benches as recorded at The Future of Haddenham meeting

"More benches"

"Paint the benches - Colour Vibrant"

"More Benches - Grandparents nowhere to sit"

The Future of Haddenham meeting attendees – more than 50 adults and young people – were divided into groups and encouraged to discuss various aspects of life in Haddenham, such as "what we want to improve", "education and lifelong learning" and "physical, environmental and infrastructure". Groups were asked to record headlines from their discussions. The above headlines related to benches.

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### Appendix 2: Haddenham Parish Council policy on donation of benches<sup>18</sup>



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Clerk to the Parish Council: Ms Sue Gilbert

### Memorial Bench Policy

Resolved by Council on 7th December 2015 Reviewed: 2 November 2020 Next review date: November 2022

In order to facilitate a fair and timely response to a request for a Memorial bench in Haddenham a formal application process is to be initiated.

- Haddenham Parish Council will maintain as far as possible a register of all current benches, their location, age and contact details of the donors.
- A record will be kept of all current sites and possible new sites within the parish.
- The Parish council preferred supplier is <u>Sustainable Furniture</u> (01726 884123). Oxford Teak Garden Bench TK2-B-OX, 5ft bench, cost £485 plus cost of a plaque. This will ensure a good quality, long lasting bench of a uniform size.
- Regular inspection of the current benches and the sites will be carried out to ensure the benches are at an acceptable standard of repair.
- A formal application form will be required from any resident requesting a bench.
- When considering a request for a new bench priority will be given to using existing
  sites by replacing old benches. New sites will be given due consideration where they
  fall in line with Parish Council policy and their location relative to the applicant's home.
  The final decision will be made by the Parish council.
- The Parish Council anticipates a standard bench lifespan of fifteen years, with a provision to remove the bench once its condition had deteriorated beyond repair.
- Any benches that are beyond repair will be removed and any accompanying plaque will be returned to the donor if possible, or given to the Haddenham Museum.

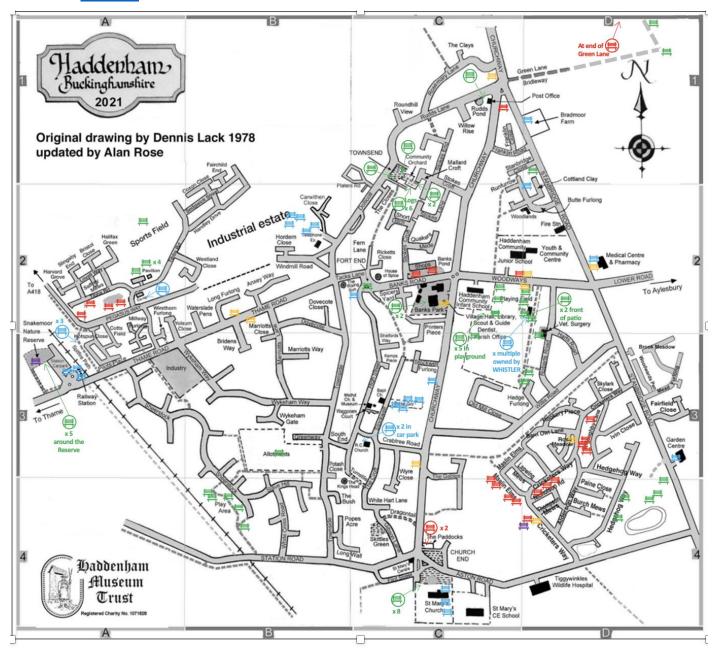
An application form follows this on HPC's website: <a href="https://www.haddenham-bucks-pc.gov.uk/">https://www.haddenham-bucks-pc.gov.uk/</a> UserFiles/Files/Polices%20and%20Procedures/Memorial%20Bench%20Policy Nov2020.pdf.

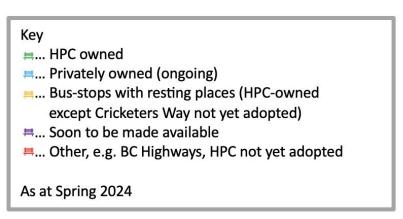
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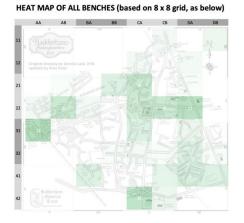
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Appendix 4: Reference map of benches (for potential distribution)

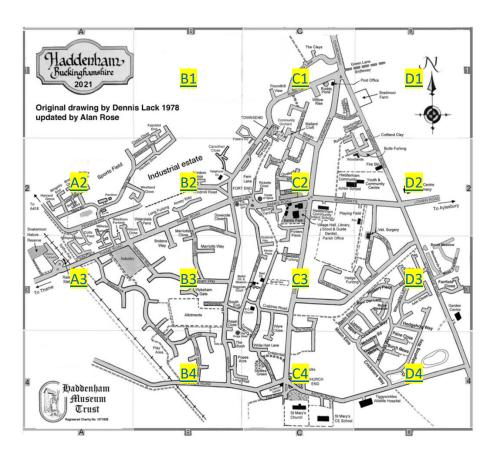
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## HADDENHAM BENCH FINDER

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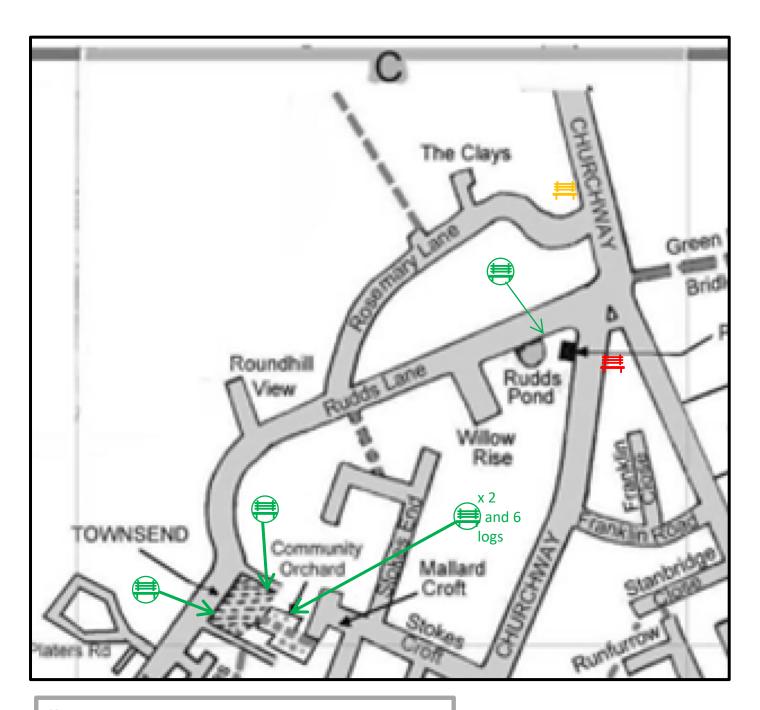
All areas of Haddenham are covered including (sequenced broadly from north to south, and west to east, with map reference):

- ☐ Around Rudds Lane C1
- ☐ Green Lane D1
- ☐ West side of Aspen Park A2
- ☐ East side of Aspen Park and Thame Road east B1 & B2
- ☐ Around Banks Road and Community Infant School C2
- ☐ Around Medical Centre D2
- ☐ Thame Road west and Sheerstock north A3
- ☐ Around Wykeham Way B3
- ☐ Around mid-section of Churchway C3
- □ North side of The Grove D3
- ☐ Station Road B4
- ☐ Church End C4
- ☐ South side of The Grove D4



### Around Rudds Lane – C1

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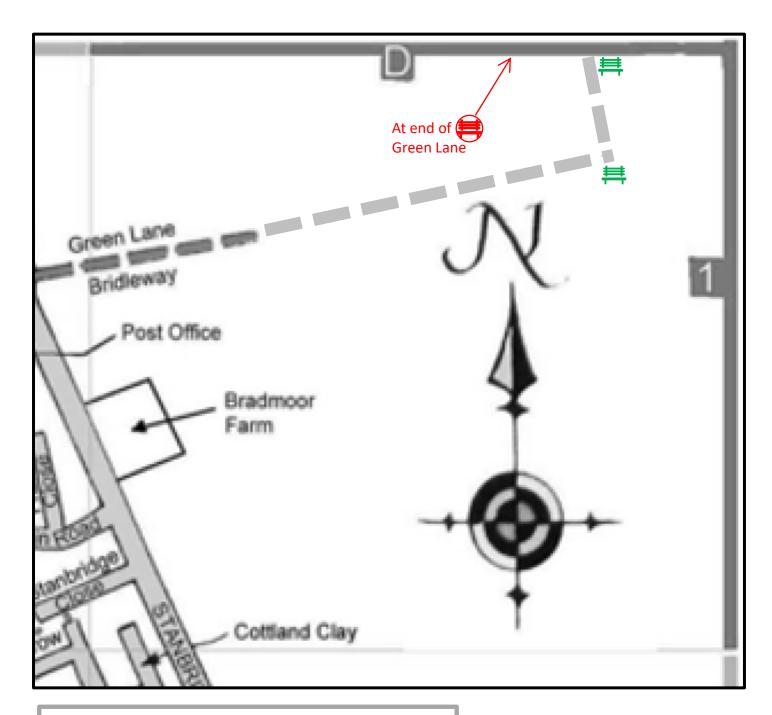


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### Green Lane – D1

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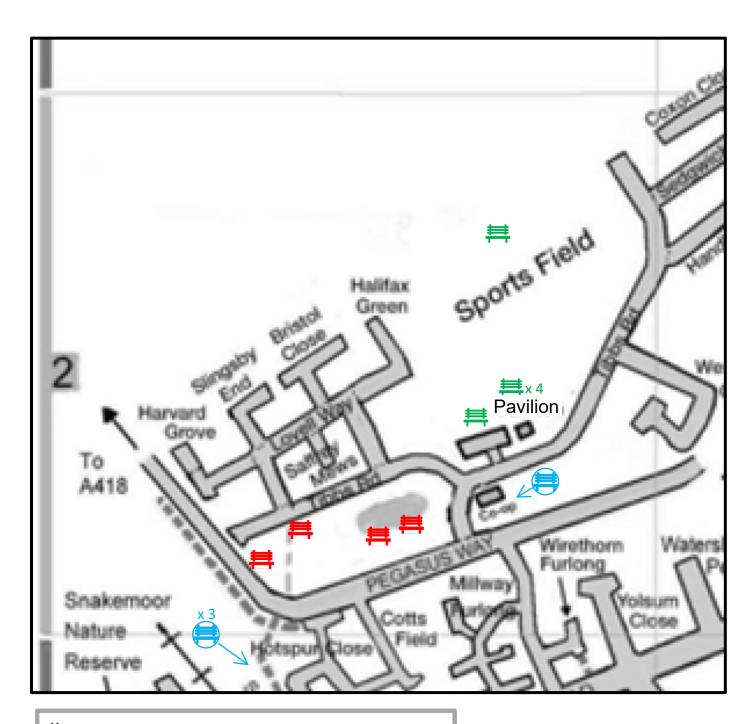


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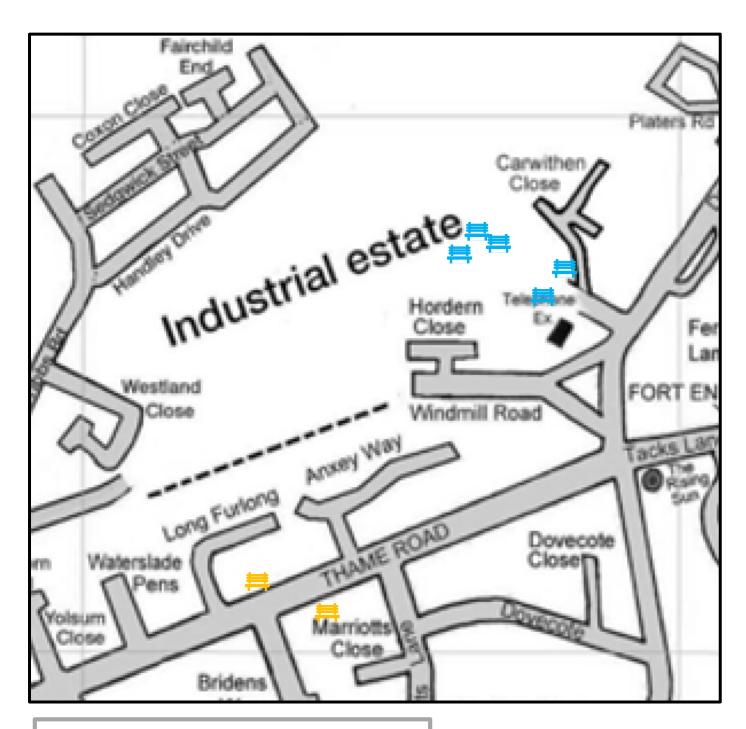


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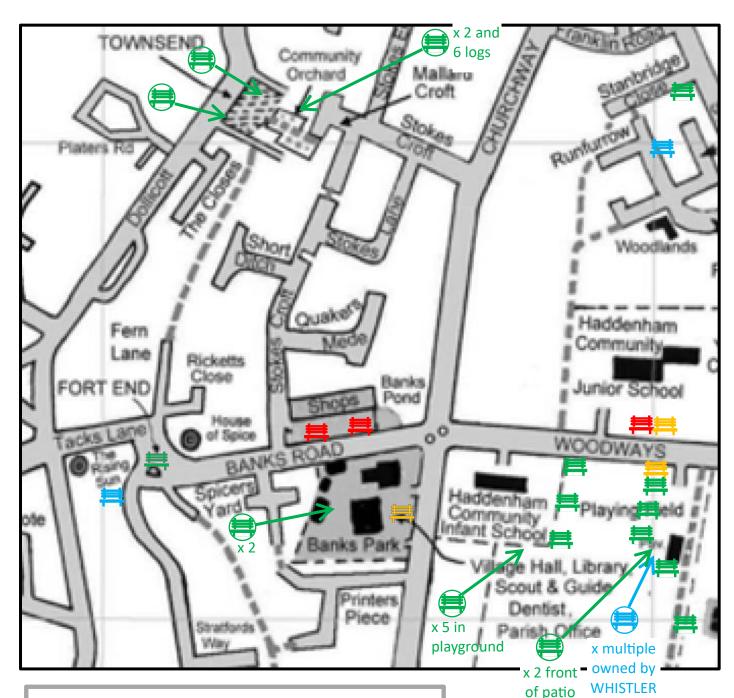


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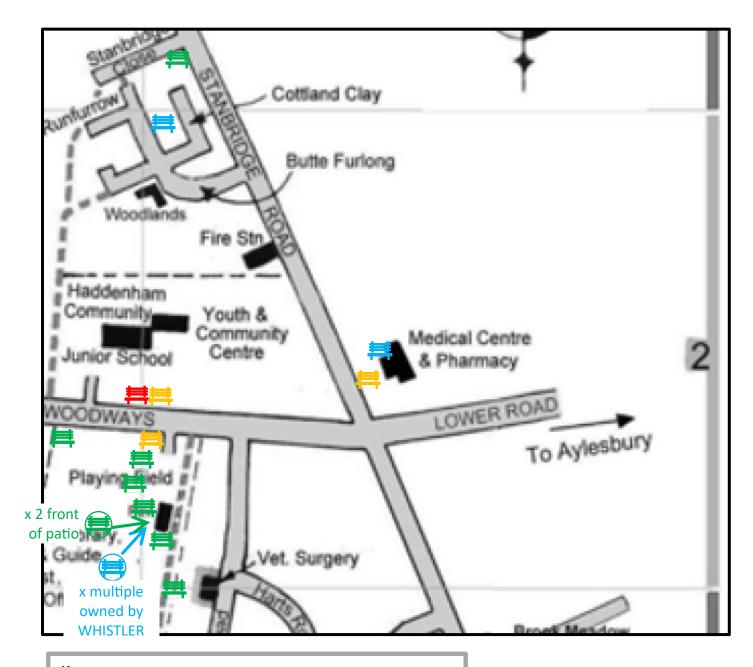


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### Around Medical Centre - D2

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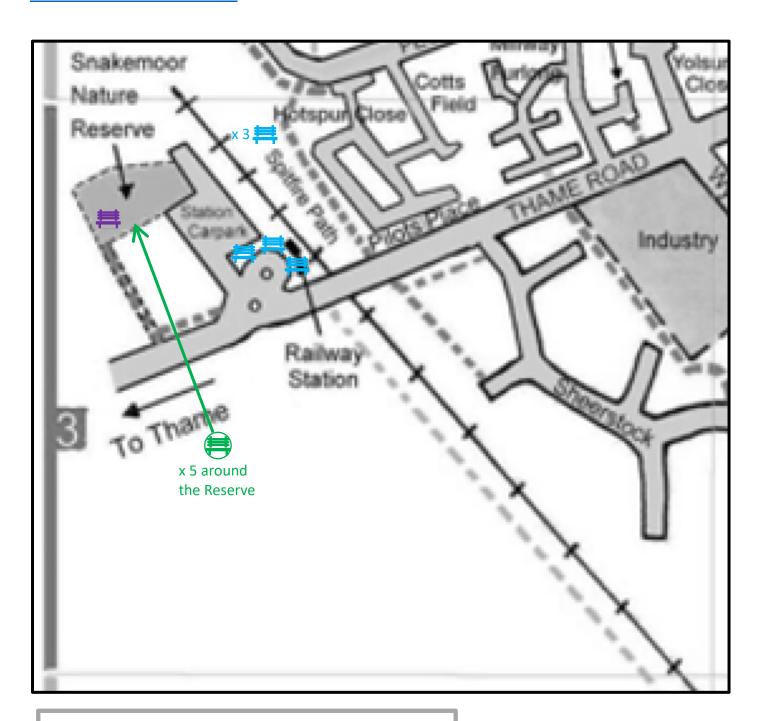
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### Thame Road west and Sheerstock north – A3

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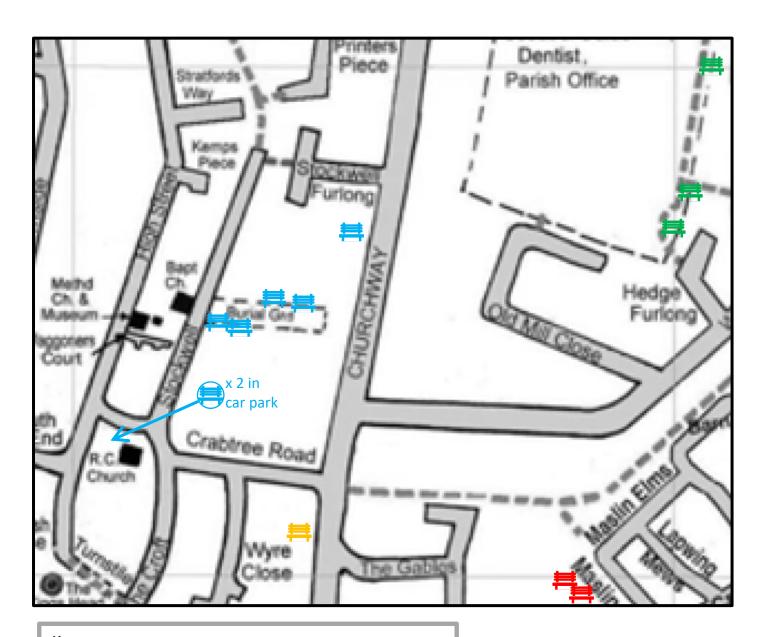


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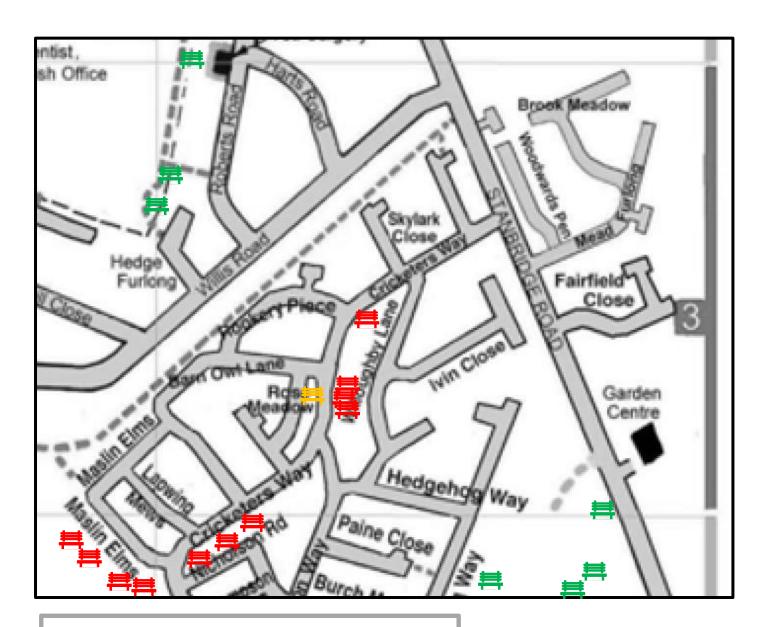


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- ≓... Other, e.g. BC Highways, HPC not yet adopted

### North side of The Grove - D3

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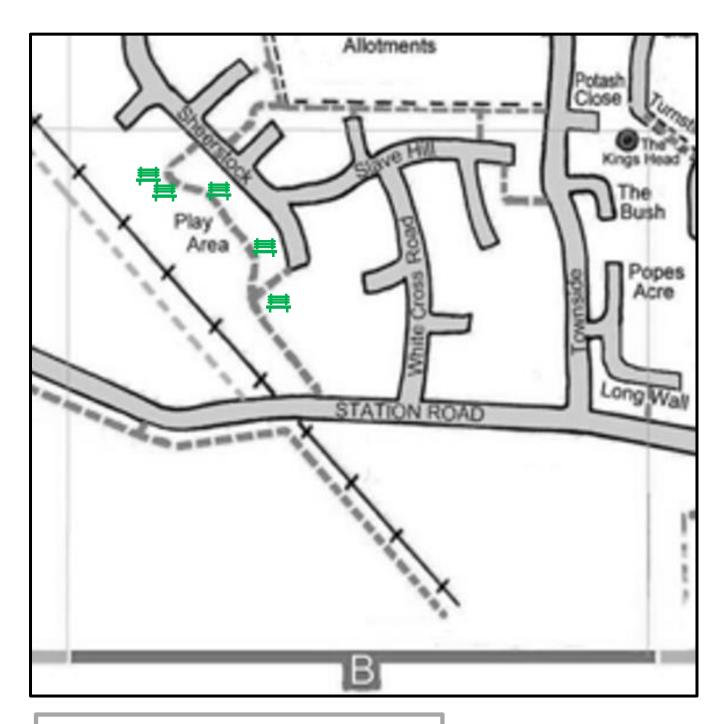


### Key

- **≡...** HPC owned
- ■... Privately owned (ongoing)
- ■... Bus-stops with resting places (HPC-owned except Cricketers Way not yet adopted)
- ≓... Soon to be made available
- ≓... Other, e.g. BC Highways, HPC not yet adopted

### Station Road - B4

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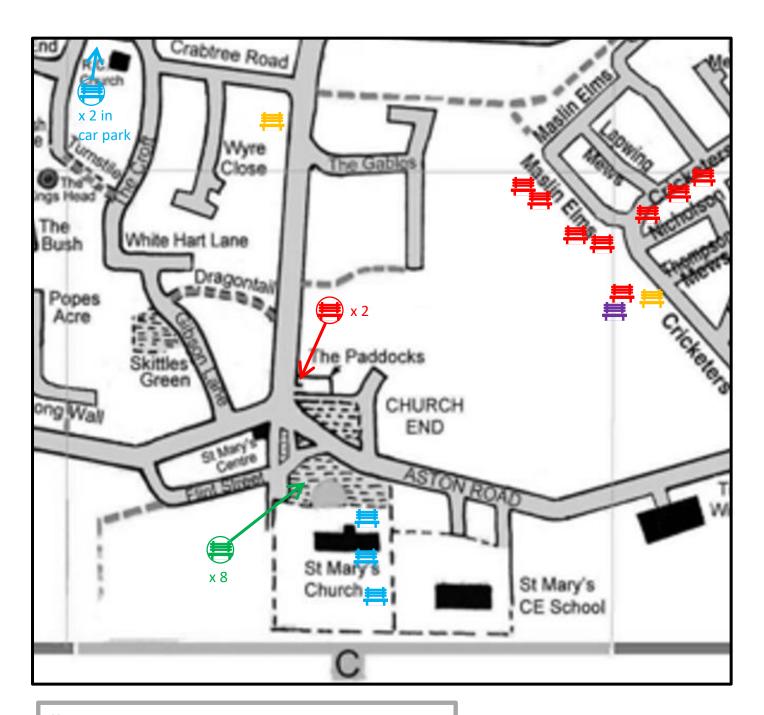


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- ≡... HPC owned
- ■... Bus-stops with resting places (HPC-owned except Cricketers Way not yet adopted)
- ≢... Soon to be made available
- ≓... Other, e.g. BC Highways, HPC not yet adopted

### Church End – C4

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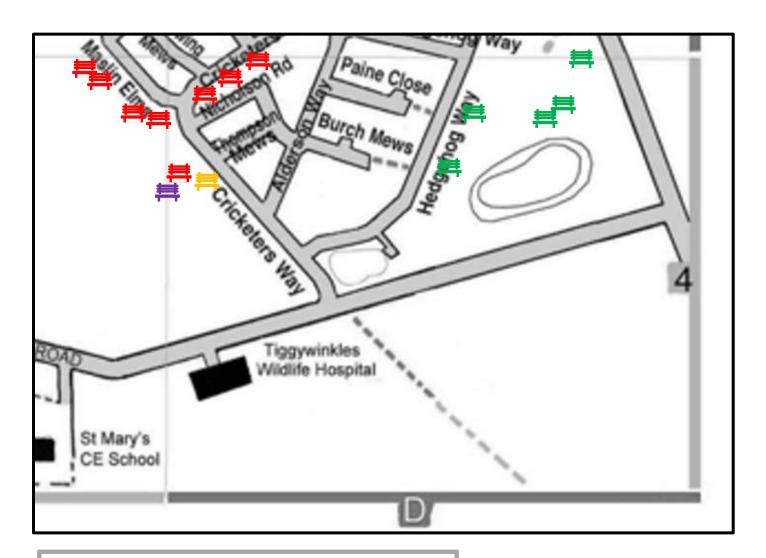
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### South side of The Grove - D4

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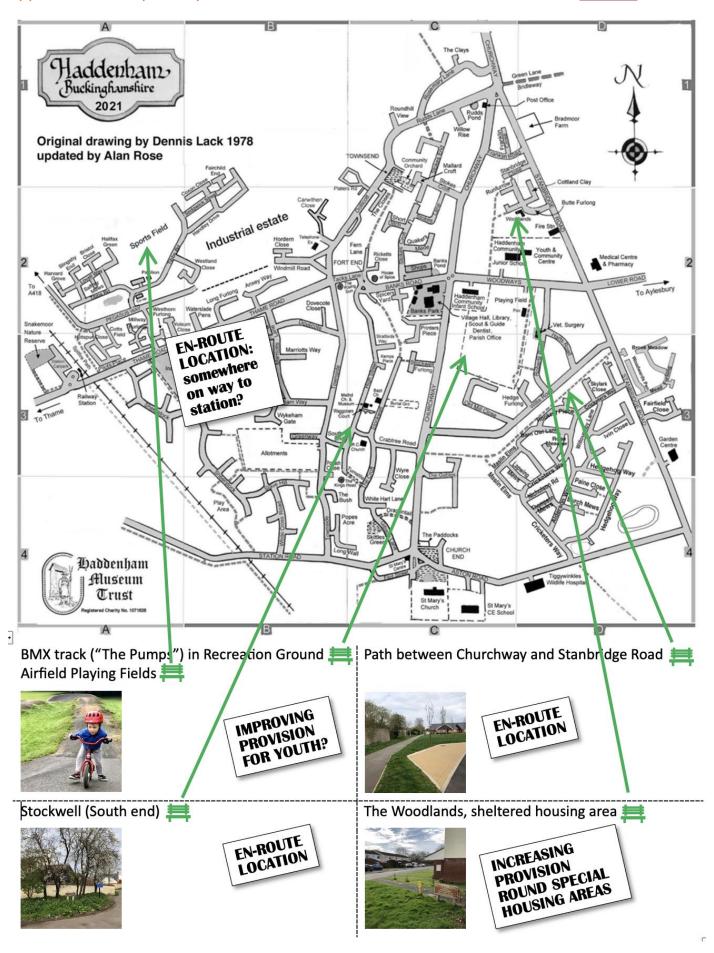


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- ■... Bus-stops with resting places (HPC-owned except Cricketers Way not yet adopted)
- ≡... Soon to be made available
- ≓... Other, e.g. BC Highways, HPC not yet adopted

Appendix 5: Examples of potential new locations for benches

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### Appendix 6: Bench Style

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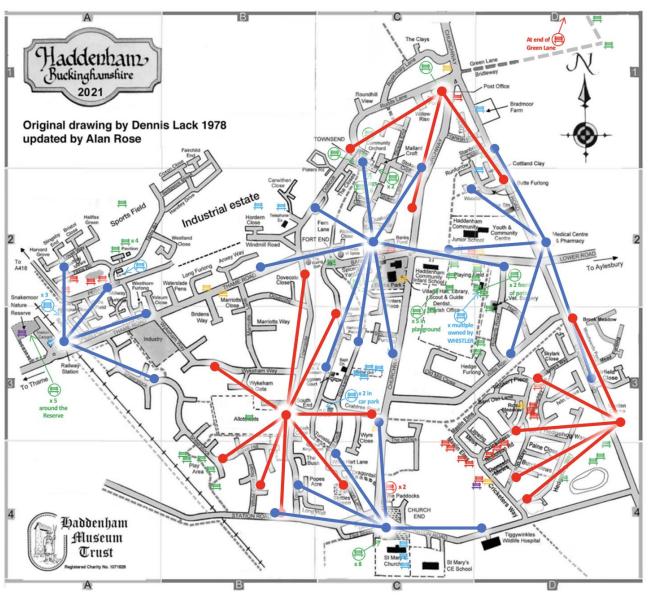
On new housing estates, there has been a tendency to install benches without arms or back.



### Appendix 7: How far is a 400-metre walk from selected Haddenham destinations?

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The Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation states ten percent of adults cannot walk 400 metres without a rest<sup>19</sup>. The "spider diagram" below shows how this translates onto Haddenham, marking the *maximum* range a member of this ten percent of adults might be able to walk without a rest on their way to and from some of our most-visited village destinations.



### Key

- ≡... HPC owned
- ■... Privately owned (ongoing)
- ... Bus-stops with resting places (generally HPC owned; Cricketers Way unadopted)
- ≓... Soon to be made available
- ≓... Other, e.g. BC Highways owned, unadopted

As at Spring 2024

### "Spider" destinations

Post Office;

Banks Parade (shops);

Medical Centre and Pharmacy;

Haddenham & Thame Parkway station;

Allotments;

Haddenham Garden Centre;

Duck Pond at Church End.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Source: Philpotts, M (2015), Designing for Walking, published by the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation