

SUB AREA 8

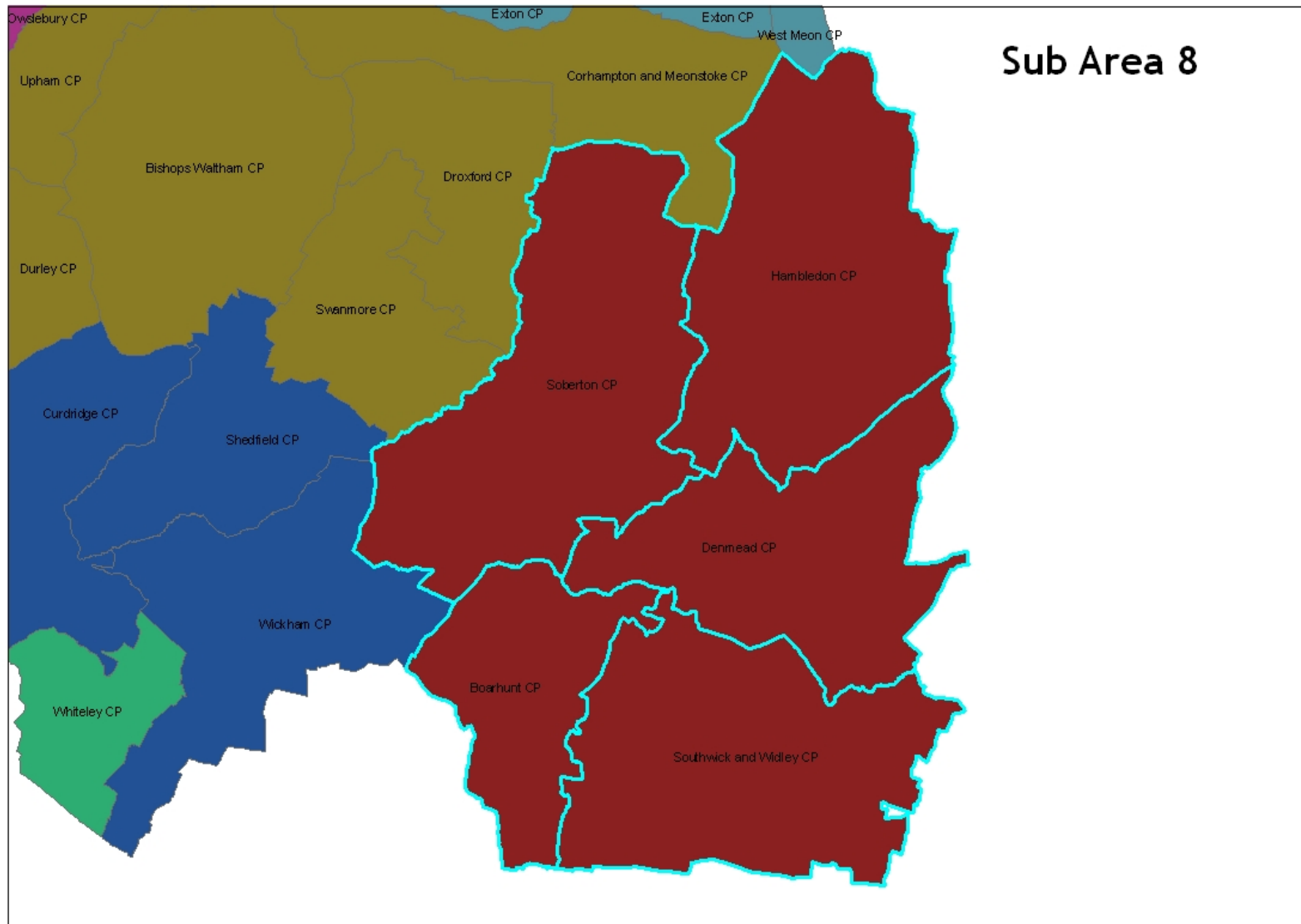


**Soberton, Southwick and Widley, Denmead,
Boarhunt, Hambledon**

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1.0 Sub Area map



2.0 Description of Sub Area

2.1 Population 10,530

2.2 Description of Sub Area

Soberton Parish contains the three settlements of Soberton, Soberton Heath and Newtown, all of which have a development frontage status in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. The villages lie in a dispersed linear pattern stretching north to south along the Meon Valley. Soberton itself lies within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Southwick and Widley. The population figure includes those resident in the village of Southwick and the rest of the parish outside HMS Dryad. The village of Southwick is the main settlement, and it is owned and managed by the Southwick and Roche Court Estate. It has a defined policy boundary in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review, and a designated Conservation Area.

The parish will also accommodate the majority of the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area for which recreational land is reserved in the Local Plan Review. The MDA is, however, expected to meet its own needs for recreational space within the development.

Denmead. The Parish contains the expanded village of Denmead. The older part of the village straddles the B2150, focusing on the village centre, with the lower density housing areas to the west. The recent housing development has taken place in the southern part of the village and the areas that remain to be developed in the current Local Plan are carried forward into the Local Plan Review. Denmead and Anthill Common are both contained within a policy boundary in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review.

The village is separated from the larger urban area of Waterlooville to the east by an area of countryside which has been designated as Strategic Gap in the current Local Plan (known as the Denmead Gap). The Gap is re-defined as a Local Gap in the Local Plan Review, extending eastwards from the edge of the village to Waterlooville and the edge of the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area. The parish will accommodate a part of the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area for which land is identified in the Local Plan Review. The MDA is, however, expected to meet its own needs for recreational space within the development.

Boarhunt. A rural parish containing the main linear settlement of North Boarhunt, running along Trampers Lane and the B2177. It has a development frontage status in the Local Plan and in the Local Plan Review.

Hambledon. A parish entirely within the AONB, containing the main settlement of Hambledon. It has a linear form and a development frontage status in the current Local Plan, but the village is contained within a defined policy boundary in the Local Plan Review. The central part of the village is a designated Conservation Area.

3.0 Quantity of provision

3.1 Existing quantity

The quantity of provision of open space, sport and recreation facilities is shown by Sub Area in Appendix 1 as follows:

- Open Space;
- Children & Young people's Provision (Play);
- Outdoor Sports Facilities;
- Built Facilities

3.2 Provision against the standard across the sub area

The following table shows existing provision of open space and provision against the standards where applicable:

Typology	Existing (ha)	Required (ha)	Difference (ha)	Existing/ 1000	Required/ 1000	Difference/ 1000	Supply	Number
Churchyard & Cemetery	10.95	0.00	0.00	1.04	0.00	0.00	N/A	6
Informal Green Space	7.46	8.42	-0.96	0.71	0.80	-0.09	UNDER SUPPLY	11
Natural Greenspace	457.61	10.53	447.08	43.46	1.00	42.46	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	4
Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	8.86	0.00	0.00	0.84	0.00	0.00	N/A	4
Parks & Recreation Grounds	10.65	15.80	-5.15	1.01	1.50	-0.49	UNDER SUPPLY	6
Children's Play (inc kickabout)	4.30	5.27	-0.97	0.41	0.50	-0.09	UNDER SUPPLY	11

3.3 Provision against the standard in Denmead

Population 6,454

Typology	Existing provision (ha)	Required provision (ha)	Difference (ha)	Existing ha / 1000	Required ha / 1000	Difference / 1000	Supply	Number
Churchyard & Cemetery	0.57	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	N/A	2
Informal Green Space	6.91	5.16	1.74	1.07	0.80	0.27	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	8
Natural Greenspace	0.52	6.45	-5.93	0.08	1.00	-0.91	UNDER SUPPLY	1
Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	2.25	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.00	N/A	1
Parks & Recreation Grounds	7.36	9.68	-2.32	1.14	1.50	-0.36	UNDER SUPPLY	3
Children's Play (inc kickabout)	2.40	3.22	-0.82	0.37	0.50	-0.13	UNDER SUPPLY	5

4.0 Access to facilities

Maps showing access to the following types of facility are shown in Appendix 2:

- Open Space;
- Children & Young people's Provision (Play);
- Outdoor Sports Facilities;
- Built facilities.

4.1 Access to open space

- Parks, Sport and Recreation Grounds. All of the Parishes have a publicly accessible facility, with the exception of Hambledon. Within Soberton, Denmead and Boarhunt there is provision for football, provision for cricket is made in Hambledon and Southwick and Widley, although these sites have limited public access. Provision for tennis is only provided in Denmead.
- Children & Young people's provision. All the parishes have some form of provision for both age groups;
- Natural Greenspace. There are some larger areas of woodland on the outskirts of Denmead, Boarhunt and Soberton.

4.2 Access to built facilities

All of the Parishes have access to a village hall or community hall.

5.0 Quality of open space

5.1 Quality of open space

Appendix 2 shows a summary of the quality data scores for each open space within the Sub Area. The summary outlines a brief description of the site, and an overall 'potential to improve' score for each of the scoring criteria (this is described in more detail in the Area Profiles Introduction). The introduction also explains how the database can be used as a tool for management planning and improving facilities, on a site by site basis. In this section of the report, general observations about quality are outlined, along with any sites which are a priority for improvement and investment.

5.2 General quality of open space

The quality of open space across the area varies, with some excellent provision in Denmead, with other areas having some potential to improve.

5.3 Specific recommendations

- Children & Young people's provision. A number of play areas have been identified as having potential for improvement, these include:
 - Norton Road (182);
 - Creech View (183);
 - Bridge Green (185);
 - Trampers Lane (208).
- Parks, Sport & Recreation Grounds. Improvements are required at Trampers Lane (208), including play, entrances, paths, signage. There is an excellent facility at Denmead, Ashling Park, this site has the potential to achieve a green flag, if a good management plan is developed and implemented;

5.4 Quality of built facilities

- Soberton Village Hall is in reasonable condition, it has a car park, the external condition could be improved. There was a reasonable level of information provision in terms of community activities;
- Southwick and Widley has a large village hall with car park, there is good information provision and signage; The hall is in good condition, and large enough to accommodate a variety of community activities. There is also a small hall (Lea Hall) within the Parish, this is used primarily as a nursery;
- There is a large community centre in Denmead, there is car parking, and various rooms which provide a facility for a range of community activity. There is a car park and good information provision. Denmead also has an additional village hall, which is smaller, and largely provides one room for community activity. This facility is also in good condition;
- Boarhunt has a village hall / social club. It appears to be in poor condition, and in need of investment. There is also poor parking and no information provision;
- Hambledon has a good, new Village Hall with car park, information provision. It is in good condition. There is also a youth hut, which is also in a good state of repair and provides a valuable space for young people in the Parish.

6.0 Strategic priorities

- Carry out programme of improvements to play areas across the District, ensuring complimentary improvements are made to wider site infrastructure. There is potential to make these play areas larger to meet the shortfall in quantity of play space across the area;
- Produce a management plan for Ashling Park, Denmead and support the Parish Council in an application for a green flag award;
- Seek to address the under supply of open space in the area. This can be achieved through providing new land as part of any proposed development. There is also opportunity for identifying new areas of land which could be allocated as open space, or securing access to open space which currently has limited public access (e.g. dual use agreement with schools);

Appendix 1 Summary of Consultation

These are not necessarily the only issues which the Strategy will be addressing in this Sub Area, but are the key ones to arise from consultation

Main local areas of open space by residents in this area are:

- Village Green Denmead
- King George playing fields, Denmead
- Butser Country Park and Old Winchester Hill
- Local footpaths in the Denmead and Hambledon area
- Hambledon Village Hall park
- Speltham Down
- Queen Elizabeth Country Park

Quantity

- Insufficient football and cricket pitches, need an AWP and more land for pitches at Ashling Park (Denmead)
- Teenagers needs not met in Southwick – issue over where to put facilities and shelter and purpose built youth club required in Denmead
- Need a MUGA and informal open space - Denmead
- need a new large community hall - Denmead
- Denmead Tennis club: The rebuilding of the courts was completed in November 2006, floodlights were added to 2 courts but not yet operational. Need to replace aged clubhouse to include improved toilet facilities, accommodation for coaching staff and visitors and equipment storage. Would like an extra court, a mini tennis court and covered courts
- Have poor quality pitches and changing facilities, need a bowling green and a teenage area and need to replace existing village hall - Boarhunt
- “Whilst Denmead Parish council makes best use of its open space areas, Denmead is a very sporting area and requires more land and facilities. Experience has proved that the very small areas provide small benefit for the cost incurred in maintenance”.
- Denmead is also considering upgrading equipment at The Barn LEAP play area.
- At the moment the local park in Denmead is a large lawn area with sports pitches - an opportunity to create a beautiful public garden is being missed - not everyone goes to the park to play football! More seating and shelters would help to create a more inclusive environment

Quality

- Poor pitch quality - Denmead
- Play areas too small - Denmead
- Conflict between use as pitches and park e.g. in Denmead.
- Schools concern about overuse of pitches, e.g. Denmead

Accessibility

- Need a cycle link to Waterlooville from Denmead

Quotes:

- There is adequate provision and you shouldn't be wasting money on this survey
- We need better communication links with Winchester in Denmead. Also, we are regarded as a suburb of Waterlooville even though we pay rates to Winchester.
- Winchester City only provides facilities for area adjacent not for eastern end of its district.
- There are no health clubs in Winchester
- Privileged to have open space where I live. 2. Need more cycle/walk tracks to/from town for safety reasons - would definitely cycle more if these were provided - currently too dangerous to cycle on roads. 3. Cost of indoor sports facilities very high - would use much more if cost reduced.
- I would like to swim more often with or without the children. I would like an indoor pool nearer to me that doesn't cost a fortune!
- Very privileged, live in beautiful area and large garden. Waterlooville accessible by bus - pool etc. Use bus, one car family. No indoor sports within about 10 miles and buses in one direction only. Most families here use cars. New football pitch being used. Need to travel to facilities - not viable geographically, not appropriate here.
- There are lots of excellent facilities in the local area. Most are not accessible to the general public e.g. squash courts, tennis courts, sports halls, swimming pools at military establishments e.g. HMS Dryad and schools both public and private. Greater use of these facilities would enable more facilities to be available for all and very cheaply.
- Resurfacing paths/cycleways would help encourage more people to use them more! These routes need to be kept trimmed back more regularly too.
- Condition of footpaths to be improved (especially as regards dog fouling). Cycle paths and footpaths not always compatible - perhaps more cycle paths needed.
- Footpaths are generally well marked and good condition but sties are often not fitted with dog gates leading to fences being disturbed to let dogs through, and no way that pushchairs can get through - more gates needed!
- Hambledon needs a football pitch for locals
- A lot of families have 3 wheeler 'off roader' prams for small children. You are still very limited where you can use these due to stiles/locked gates.
- Not enough swimming pools and facilities
- I would like to go cycling but the roads are not safe enough. I would therefore like to know of any cycle routes in my area (Hambledon).
- Hambledon desperately needs more facilities for 10-17 year olds, who hang around the toddler play area and vandalise village hall facilities. The Council has been trying to provide a football pitch for some time
- More swimming pools and gyms
- Waterlooville Leisure Centre - my nearest local swimming pool - one place is unclean and unpleasant to use. Has to improve especially with the demand that will be placed on it when the new housing is built.
- Please help to educate both old and particularly young, about avoiding litter all over our countryside and polluting our roadside verges. Supply more bins and make people use them.
- Lack of facilities can be frustrating, but the development of extra/further facilities may not be appropriate in AONBs and the rural environment, especially if it leads to increased traffic and noise and damage to the countryside.
- I live in a rural area but not immediately near a footpath; therefore use country lanes (often dangerous) or drive short distance to the village or other location for country walks etc. I would use a leisure centre if nearer - prefer swimming. (Hambledon)

Appendix 2 Summary of quality assessment data

Site	Parish	Site Ref	Typology	Description	Access	Management & Maintenance	Conservation & Heritage	Healthy, Safe & Secure	Community Involvement	Marketing	Value	Summary of improvements
Roman Green*	Denmead	47	Informal Green Space	SEE 190	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Broadhalfpenny Cricket Ground (P)	Hambledon	69	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	Private sports ground with limited public access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Adj. Hambledon Village Hall*	Hambledon	70	Informal Green Space	Informal space adjacent Village Hall and youth hut, hard surface kickabout /basketball, and separate play area	0%	0%	0%	9%	0%	0%	0%	
Southwick Playing Field	Southwick & Widley	181	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Park with CPG with slide, swing, roundabout, informal kickabout with posts, basketball on hardstanding, benches, bins, entrance, hedges.	25%	3%	0%	0%	10%	0%	13%	
Norton Road*	Southwick & Widley	182	Informal Green Space	Informal space with open CPG see saw, swings, rocker, bin, bench, grass.	25%	19%	0%	0%	10%	0%	13%	Play equipment in need of updating

Creech View*	Denmead	183	Informal Green Space	Informal space with TOP, grass area, trees, goal/basketball (area waterlogged - needs improving)	0%	10%	0%	0%	25%	0%	14%	
Kidmore Lane Archery Field	Denmead	184	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Informal space adjacent scout hut with informal kickabout with posts	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Bridge Green	Denmead	185	Informal Green Space	Informal space with TOP, grass area, trees, stream	0%	10%	0%	0%	25%	0%	14%	Play area could be improved
The Barn*	Denmead	186	Informal Green Space	Amenity space with grass and a few trees, and shrubs	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Wayfarers Green	Denmead	187	Informal Green Space	Amenity space with grass and a few trees, and shrubs	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
The liberty	Denmead	188	Informal Green Space	Amenity space with grass and a few trees, stream	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Ashling Park (King George V playing fields)	Denmead	189	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Large multi-use park including football, bowling tennis, skate park, play area, pavilions - excellent facility	8%	0%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Excellent site - should have a management plan, potential to be a green flag park
Southwick Road	Denmead	190	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Park with CPG, wetland area, signage, paths, informal kickabout with posts, entrances, bins, benches.	0%	2%	0%	0%	8%	0%	8%	

Soberton Heath Recreation Ground	Soberton	193	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Recreation ground with football, CPG, skate ramp and rails, pavilion, scout hut, bins, benches, car park, paths.	0%	9%	0%	0%	8%	0%	15%	
Chidden Cricket Ground (P)	Hambledon	204	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	Private cricket ground	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Trampers Lane Recreation Ground*	Boarhunt	208	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Recreation ground with TOP/JOP play area, hardstanding for kickabout/basketball, small pavilion, football pitch, bins, benches.	25%	23%	0%	10%	25%	0%	19%	Site in need of general improvement, updating of play facilities
Southwick RMP Training (P)	Southwick & Widley	214	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	Private sports ground - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Stewarts Green	Hambledon	220	Informal Green Space	Amenity space with grass and a few trees	27%	9%	0%	14%	100%	100%	6%	
	Southwick and Widley	225	Churchyard & Cemetery	Church and cemetery	25%	20%	14%	0%	100%	100%	100%	
	Southwick	278	Churchyard & Cemetery	Church and cemetery, path, natural features SEE 190	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Denmead	279	Natural Greenspace		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Denmead	280	Informal Green Space	Amenity space with grass and a few trees, and shrubs	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	

	Denmead	281	Churchyard & Cemetery	Cemetery with entrance, paths.	25%	20%	14%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Denmead	282	Churchyard & Cemetery	Church and cemetery, path, natural features, on corner of large junction	25%	20%	14%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Denmead	283	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	Private sports ground with limited public access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Denmead	284	Informal Green Space	Large field with entrance, footpath and dog bin	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Boarhunt	285	Natural Greenspace	Large area of natural greenspace	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Boarhunt	286	Natural Greenspace	Woodland area	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Boarhunt	287	Natural Greenspace	Woodland area	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Wickham	290	Natural Greenspace	Large area of natural greenspace	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Soberton	291	Churchyard & Cemetery	Church and cemetery, path, natural features.	25%	20%	14%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Soberton	292	Churchyard & Cemetery	Church and cemetery	25%	20%	14%	0%	0%	0%	0%	