

SUB AREA 6

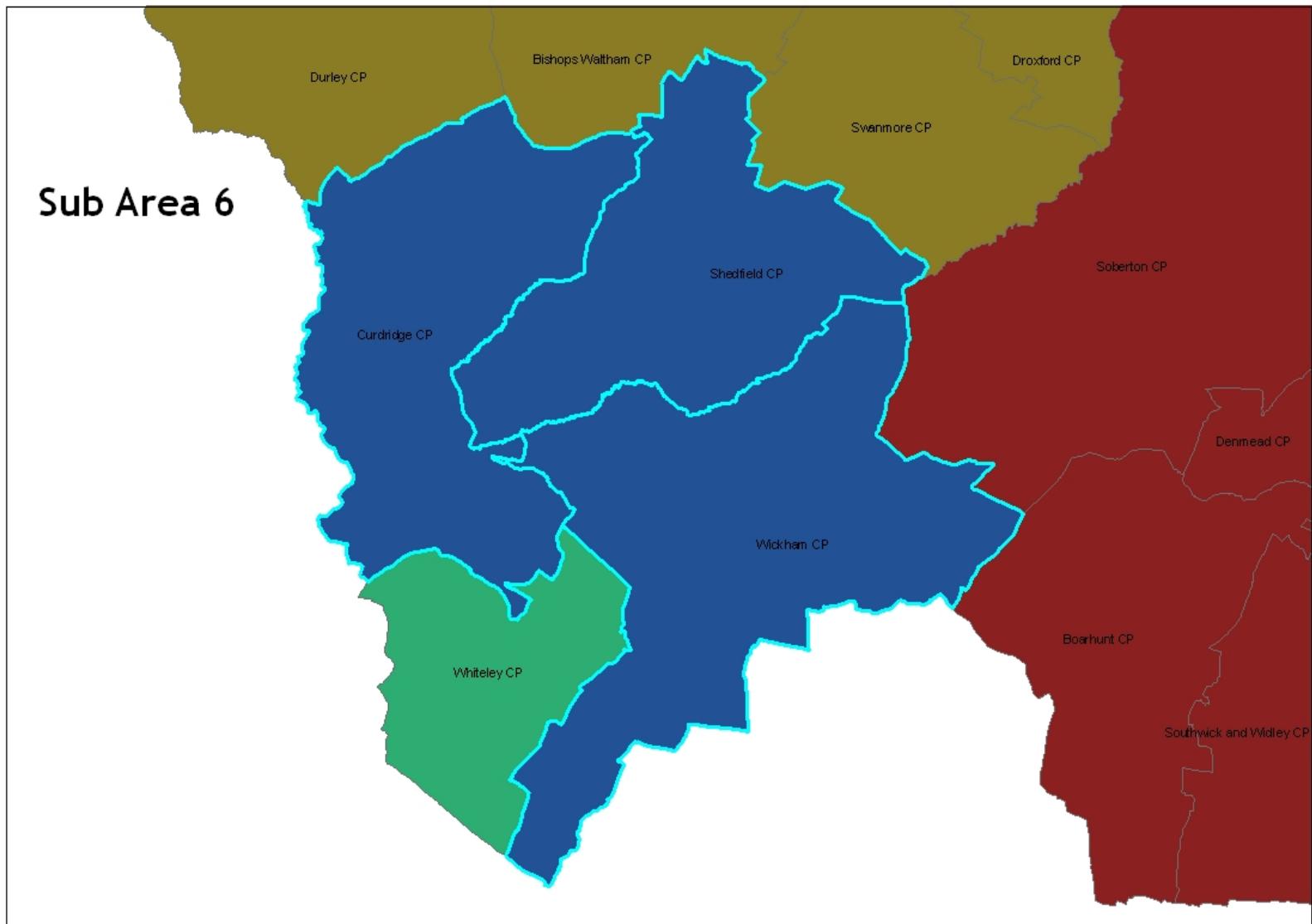


Curdrige, Wickham, Shedfield

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1.0 Map of Sub Area



2.0 Description of Sub Area

2.1 Population 9,221

2.2 Location & Demographics

Curdridge. The Parish is rural in character, containing a main settlement of Curdridge, which has a dispersed form, with separate areas of frontage development interspersed with areas of countryside. It has defined development frontages in both the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review.

Wickham. The parish contains the main settlement of Wickham, and the smaller settlement of Knowle, which is currently being developed as a new village on the site of the former hospital. Both settlements have defined policy boundaries in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. Wickham also has a Conservation Area covering its historic core.

Shedfield. A parish containing three distinct settlements: Waltham Chase, Shedfield and Shirrell Heath. Waltham Chase has a defined policy boundary, whilst both Shedfield and Shirrell Heath have development frontage status in both the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. All three settlements adjoin the Bishops Waltham/Swanmore/Waltham Chase/Shedfield/Shirrell Heath Local Gap in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review.

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	0.70	0.08	0.00	0.70	0.00	0.00	N/A	1
Informal Green Space	9.24	1.00	7.38	1.86	0.80	0.20	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	24
Natural Greenspace	394.99	42.84	9.22	385.77	1.00	41.84	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	3
Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	1.10	0.12	0.00	1.10	0.00	0.00	N/A	1
Parks & Recreation Grounds	11.24	1.22	13.83	-2.59	1.50	-0.28	UNDER SUPPLY	7
Children's Play (inc kickabout)	6.30	4.61	1.69	0.68	0.50	0.18	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	13

3.3 Provision against the standard in Wickham

Population 3,983

Typology	Existing provision (ha)	Required provision (ha)	Difference (ha)	Existing ha / 1000	Require ha / 1000	Difference / 1000	Supply	Number
Churchyard & Cemetery	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.00	0.00	N/A	1
Informal Green Space	7.31	3.18	4.12	1.83	0.80	1.03	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	22
Natural Greenspace	394.99	3.98	391.00	99.16	1.00	98.16	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	3
Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	1.10	0.00	1.10	0.27	0.00	0.00	N/A	1
Parks & Recreation Grounds	1.67	5.97	-4.30	0.41	1.50	-1.08	UNDER SUPPLY	2
Children's Play (inc kickabout)	1.10	1.99	-0.89	0.27	0.50	-0.23	UNDER SUPPLY	4

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

Access to facilities varies across the area, whilst each Parish has a main Park, Sport and Recreation Ground, access to play and specific types of outdoor sports provision varies:

- Parks, Sport and Recreation Grounds. There is a facility in each of the parishes within the sub area. Curdridge has provision for football, Wickham football and tennis, and Shedfield has provision for football.
- Children & Young people's Provision. There are facilities for children in each of the parishes, and provision for young people in Wickham;
- Natural Greenspace. There is good access in Wickham, but the rest of the Parishes lack access to accessible natural space.

4.2 Access to built facilities

Curdridge and Wickham have both been identified as having access to Village Halls or Community Halls. Curdridge also has access to a sports hall, whilst Shedfield has a swimming pool.

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 is mixed, with some obvious community input in areas such as Wickham, and some good quality new facilities currently under construction in Knowle. There is a need however, to ensure investment is spread evenly throughout the sub area.

5.3 Specific recommendations

- **Management and Maintenance.** Generally the maintenance of sites across the area was good, however, a number of sites are in need of improvement. These include Provere Gardens (30), and The Triangle (31), which are both in Shedfield, and the site adjacent to the community centre in Wickham (39).
- **Children and Young Peoples Provision.** Whilst there is provision in each of the Parishes, attention is required to improving the quality of provision for young people. For example, the facility adjacent to the community centre in Wickham, which includes a MUGA and a skate park, has become run down and is in need of better maintenance. There is also an opportunity to provide additional youth facilities at Curdridge Recreation Ground.
- **Parks, Sports and Recreation Grounds.** A number of the larger facilities have been identified as having potential for improvement, this includes:
 - Wickham Recreation Ground (179) would benefit from improved changing facilities and investment in the tennis courts (the site does have an excellent new play area);

- Curdridge Recreation ground (48), would benefit from improved sports pitches, and there is potential to develop improved youth facilities;

5.4 Quality of built facilities

Wickham has a good, modern community hall and social club, which is in good condition and offers opportunity for a good range of community activities. There were no other significant issues identified within the study.

6.0 Strategic priorities

- There is an under supply of Parks, Sports and Recreation grounds within the area, therefore investment in the quality of existing provision should be a priority. This should be delivered through the development and implementation of site management plan;
- New open space should be provided as part of any new development within the sub area, particularly more formal provision such as Parks and Recreation grounds;
- There is a need to improve the management and maintenance of existing facilities across the sub area;
- There is an undersupply of children and young people's provision in Wickham, this could be met through extending and improving existing provision, or providing new play facilities as part of any new development.

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

Most popular local areas of open space/recreation facilities:

- Wickham water meadows
- Wickham Recreation Ground, Meon Park (The Circle) play area
- Wickham Community Centre
- Wickham Old Railway Track
- Bere Forest

Quantity

- Identified need for football pitches: Wickham
- Junior footballers' not met in Curdridge
- Need for MUGA/ tennis courts
- "It is not possible to make good land shortfalls as landowners on the edge of developed areas are unwilling to sell. New developments should provide land for recreation not just funding. A mechanism to allow communities to negotiate recreation infrastructure in return for development is needed" (Wickham PC)
- Shedfield – pitches can cope at present, but Parish Council very keen to continue to provide and expand facilities for junior teams – boys and girls.

Quality

- Poor changing facilities at Wickham Recreation Ground and Curdridge (Reading Room lane) Recreation Ground
- Poor quality pitches at Curdridge
- Junior pitches at Botley Road Recreation Ground in Curdridge needs draining; also new changing required here

Accessibility

- The swimming pool and sports ground at Wickham Primary School could be used but significant investment would be needed to extend for community use
- Would like more footpaths and bridleways in Curdridge area - could possibly use disused railway, most of the old railway is now in private ownership

Quotes

- I am a retired widow with a large garden in a rural area who uses her garden to the full (for exercise). More activities/facilities are needed for local teenagers.
- Great park for under 12's in Wickham - unfortunately we live opposite side of A32 and there is no safe place to cross for children.
- We have a local community centre which doesn't appear to be used by much of the local community. Those groups that do use it sometimes end up closing because it costs too much. It seems those that manage it are not maintaining its facilities (not very clean) well enough and there isn't enough info in our village in places where it can be seen (Wickham).
- The provision of outdoor play areas for children or for teenagers should include the cost of supervision and maintenance. I have no experience of allotments but I shall be looking for one this year.
- The Meon Valley Railway is very muddy, and recent work did not remedy all the problem areas. Too many footpaths go across cultivated fields. Many footpaths have no convenient car park for access.
- We rely on Fareham for most sporting facilities and leisure centre but because we live in the Winchester local authority area, we do not have the benefit of a Fareham leisure discount card.
- I feel that there are enough in the Wickham area already. Although for indoor sports our nearest is supplied by Fareham Council. The recreation and open spaces however are very well maintained but subject to evening/late night get-togethers by local youths. These tend to be of a destructive nature.
- I would like provision of allotments for each village, in particular Wickham.
- This survey is too general - it needs targeting. 2. Is there a hidden agenda? Most answers can be used to suit a purpose unknown to the responder.
- More local gym facilities - nearest Fareham
- If anything keep dogs out! We live in the countryside so if people have a dog let it go and poo there. Do not encourage dog owners (with poo bins) to take their dogs to areas for recreation.
- Not enough price concessions for teenagers - need to provide more facilities for this age group with better access and cheaper costs.

Appendix 2 Summary of quality assessment data

Table 1 Sub-Area 6: Summary of percentage scores showing 'potential to improve'												
Site	Parish	Site Ref	Typology	Description	Access	Managment & Maintenance	Conservation & Heritage	Healthy, Safe & Secure	Community Involvement	Marketing	Value	Summary of improvements
Shedfield Recreation Ground*	Shedfield	28	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Recreation ground, open space and pitches. The site is well used with a balance of use between informal recreation and organised sport.	25%	34%	50%	25%	31%	44%	25%	
Waltham Chase Recreation Ground*	Shedfield	29	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Park and garden with a mix of sports pitches. The site is very well used, with a mix of informal recreation and organise sport.	25%	36%	50%	25%	36%	44%	25%	
Provene Gardens, Waltham Chase*	Shedfield	30	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space, used for informal play and recreation.	44%	35%	0%	0%	33%	0%	33%	Higher maintenance required.
The Triangle, Waltham Chase	Shedfield	31	Informal Green Space	The triangle is an informal amenity space, it is well used by children and young people, as well as dog walkers.	36%	36%	0%	14%	33%	0%	33%	Higher maintenance required.
Shirell Heath Recreation Ground	Shedfield	32	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Park & recreation ground, well used with a mix of pitches and informal use. The site is well used by all the community.	25%	39%	50%	25%	23%	44%	25%	
Adjacent Community Centre*	Wickham	39	Informal Green Space	Adjacent to community centre, CPG fenced (TOP), skate park unfenced MUGA, some lighting.	18%	42%	0%	27%	25%	100%	25%	Attention required to youth provision which is run down, needs new fencing, higher maintenance.

Adjacent Community Centre*	Wickham	40	Informal Green Space	SEE 39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Recreation Ground*	Curdridge	48	Parks & Recreation Grounds	The site is home to Curdridge cricket club, it has a wicket and a play area. The site is the main open space in the parish and is well used and maintained.	25%	39%	50%	25%	31%	44%	25%	Activity trail for young people required.
Allotment Recreation Ground	Curdridge	49	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Informal open space, the site has a junior football pitch and is used for formal sport and general recreation.	31%	39%	50%	25%	36%	44%	25%	
Meonwara Crescent	West Meon	90	Informal Green Space	Informal open space	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Victoria Mews	Knowle	91	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Victoria Mews	Knowle	92	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Knowle	93	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Knowle	94	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Knowle	95	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Knowle	96	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	

	Knowle	97	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Knowle	98	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Knowle	99	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Knowle	100	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Knowle	101	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Knowle	102	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Knowle	103	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Knowle	104	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Knowle	105	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	

	Knowle	106	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Knowle	107	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Greater Horseshoe Way	Knowle	108	Informal Green Space	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Recreation Ground	Knowle	109	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Sites currently under construction as part of new housing development - unable to gain access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Wickham Cricket Club (P)	Wickham	178	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	Private cricket club	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Wickham Recreation Ground*	Wickham	179	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Recreation ground with tennis, pavilion, football, car park, new CPG	27%	20%	0%	25%	25%	0%	23%	Tennis courts need improvement, pavilion would benefit from improvement.
The Circle	Wickham	180	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space with grass and a few trees	0%	0%	0%	13%	0%	0%	6%	
	Wickham	288	Natural Greenspace	Millennium Green, water meadows, adjacent to stream, benches, paths, bridge, trees	0%	5%	0%	0%	0%	25%	5%	Signage from main village
		289	Churchyard & Cemetery	Church and cemetery, path, natural features, on corner of large junction	25%	20%	14%	0%	0%	0%	0%	