

Annex 9

Photographs supporting Community Right to Bid application

Fields off Scott’s Lane, Maids Moreton

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1 Tin Hovel Field and pond



Fig. 1.1 Tin Hovel Field seen from footpath between Scott's Lane and Main Street (2020).



Fig. 1.2 Public use of Tin Hovel Field: a stretch of the fence alongside the footpath has been down for several years, allowing freeflow access into the unmown field. People exercise dogs, and children trample mazes in the long grass, or go bug-spotting (2020).



Fig. 1.3 Tin Hovel pond hedgerow (right) seen from footpath and Culver Close (left) (2020). This is the most popular spot in the village for picking sloes and blackberries.



Fig. 1.4 Public use of Tin Hovel field: well trodden path to Tin Hovel pond from Scott's Lane; the orange netting holds a leafmould heap created by work parties (2019).



Fig. 1.5
Public use of Tin Hovel field: walker and dog visiting Tin Hovel pond. The “secret” pond has long been a favourite landmark especially for children, and is believed to be a public space by many residents (Sept 2020).



Fig. 1.6
Public use of Tin Hovel field: walker emerging from Tin Hovel pond on to Scott’s Lane (Sept 2020).



Fig. 1.7 Paul Holton (AVDC Ecologist), the Vale Countryside Volunteers and residents' work party preparing to work on Tin Hovel pond (2010). The Vale Volunteers also came to work on Tin Hovel pond in 2009, 2014 and 2017.



Fig. 1.8 Public use of Tin Hovel field: Vale Volunteers and residents working on Tin Hovel pond (2010).



Fig. 1.9 Public use of Tin Hovel field: footprints in mud of Tin Hovel pond before work by Vale Volunteers and residents (2010).



Fig. 1.10 Tin Hovel pond in full water (2014).



Fig. 1.11 Tin Hovel pond in full water (2020).



Fig. 1.12 Village residents work party near entrance to Tin Hovel pond (2017).

2 Culver Close and pond



Fig. 2.1 Culver Close seen from footpath bench (2020).



Fig. 2.2 Culver Close seen from eastern end of footpath (2010).



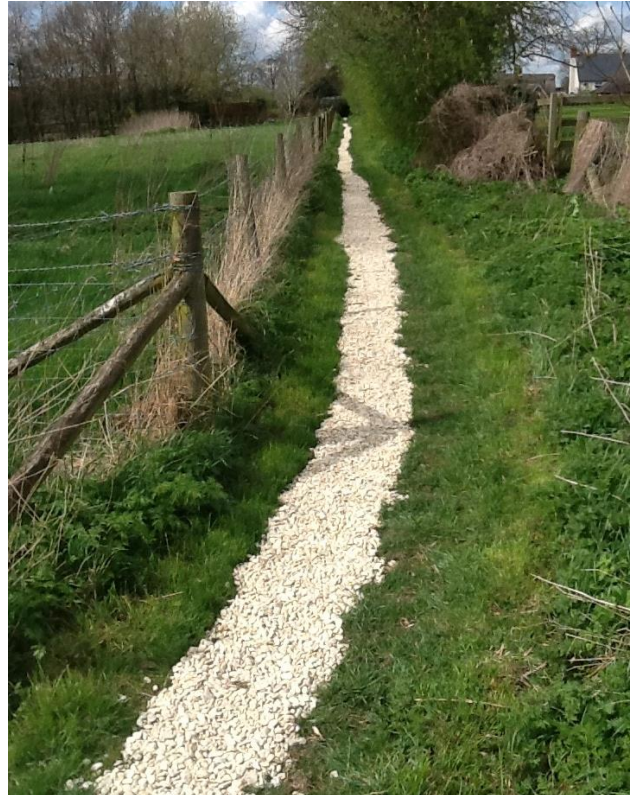
Fig. 2.3 Culver Close seen from western end of footpath (2020).



Fig. 2.4 Public use of Culver Close: shaggy inkcap mushrooms photographed in the centre of the field (2011).



Fig. 2.5 Footpath between Culver Close (right) and Tin Hovel Field (left) before gravel-laying (2020).



Figs 2.6–2.7
Footpath between Culver Close and Tin Hovel Field after volunteer gravel-laying (2020).



Figs 2.8–2.9 Double-aspect bench looking towards Culver Close (above); and Tin Hovel Field (below); note lack of fencing along the edge of Tin Hovel field. Gravel is laid by volunteers along the footpath line in wetter months. The wider grassy footpath has been mown regularly by volunteers for many years. Note widened passing place created by volunteers during the Covid pandemic, since this is a busy leisure walking route which saw greatly increased footfall during lockdown. (2020)





Fig. 2.10 Resident and dog enjoying interactions with sheep in Culver Close. This resident described the “special relationship” her dog has with the sheep. The sheep are not alarmed by the dog, but approach with interest. The dog and the sheep regularly sniff and nuzzle each other through the fencing (September 2020).



Fig. 2.11 Sheep taking an interest in photographer visiting Culver Close at dusk (September 2020).



Fig. 2.12 Public use of Culver Close: volunteers installing owl and bat boxes in the trees in Culver Close (2007).



Fig. 2.13 Public use of Culver Close: Culver Close spinney and pond are easily accessed from Moreton Road. The well lit area (centre) is Moreton Road roadway (2020).



Fig. 2.14 Public use of Culver Close: well trodden footpaths through Culver Close pond spinney indicate regular use (2020).



Fig. 2.15 Public use of Culver Close: a clearly trampled footpath through the pond spinney (2020).



Fig. 2.16 Public use of Culver Close: a visitor walking a clear route through Culver Close pond spinney (2020).



Fig. 2.17 Public use of Culver Close: litter indicates that some visitors use Culver Close pond spinney as a destination (2020).



Figs 2.18–2.19 Public use of Culver Close: fallen trees (above) and ruined built structures (below) create an adventure playground feel that draws youngsters in to explore (2020).



3 Whirly Field



Fig. 3.1 Whirly Field seen from Avenue Road, looking north (2008).



Fig. 3.2 Whirly Field seen from Avenue Road, looking north (2019).



Fig. 3.3 Whirly Field and residents' volunteer work party in Scott's Lane (spring 2020).



Fig. 3.4 Sheep interacting with member of the same work party at Whirly Field gate (2020).



Fig. 3.5 Whirly Field seen from footpath, looking south (2019).



Fig. 3.6 Whirly Field seen from footpath to Hall Close. The sheep are socialised by their proximity to the well-used footpath, and interact readily with passers-by (2020).



Fig. 3.7 The deep nectar border in Whirly Field alongside the footpath is maintained by volunteers (2020).



Fig. 3.8 Whirly Field seen from Scott's Lane through 'windows' in the hedgerow created deliberately by volunteers to frame the picturesque views (2020).



Fig. 3.9 The sheep in Whirly Field are a conspicuous part of the setting and readily approach visitors at the gate (2020).



Fig. 3.10 Family interacting with sheep in Whirly Field (2020).



Fig. 3.11 Dog-walking along Church Footpath through Whirly Field with the community-developed nectar border on the right (2020).



Fig. 3.12 A family at Whirly Field gate, and walkers and dogs in Scott's Lane (2020).



Fig. 3.13 Public use of Whirly Field: people enter the field to walk there or exercise dogs when the field does not contain sheep. The gate is usually unlocked. (2019).

4 Scott's Lane Community Wildlife Area and community involvement



Figs 4.1–4.2 Volunteers planting wildflowers in spring (above) and bulbs in autumn (below) in Scott's Lane (2005).





Fig. 4.3 Work party in Scott's Lane near Whirly Field gate (2005).



Fig. 4.4 Parish Councillors John White and Malcom Beck installing Community Wildlife Site sign; Culver Close behind (2007).



Fig. 4.5 Doing a brass rubbing of a kestrel, at the launch of the Maids Moreton circular walk round the village which incorporates the Scott's Lane area (2007).



Fig. 4.6 Maids Moreton Pre-School children planting wildflowers in Scott's Lane (*Buckingham Advertiser*, 5th October 2008).



Fig. 4.7 Breathing Spaces Grant awarded to Maids Moreton Conservation Group for bulbs and wildflowers for Scott's Lane (*Buckingham Advertiser*, October 2012).



Fig. 4.8 Maids Moreton Scarecrow Day: Alice in Wonderland, Culver Close (2012).



Fig. 4.9 Maids Moreton Scarecrow Day: Friar Tuck next to Whirly Field gate (2015).



Fig. 4.10 Maids Moreton Scarecrow Day: Tinker scarecrow at Scott's Lane bench with view of Culver Close behind blocked by hedgerow (2016).



Fig. 4.11 Maids Moreton Scarecrow Day: hedgerow 'window' managed by work parties to frame view of Culver Close (cf. Fig. 4.10, taken before 'window' was re-cut) (2019).



Fig. 4.12 Volunteer installation of interpretation board with Culver Close behind (2019).



Fig. 4.13 Schoolchildren's nature walk along Scott's Lane and footpaths, viewing installation of interpretation board (2019).



Fig. 4.14 Interpretation board artwork is done each month by volunteers, with paintings and information on 'What to look out for' in Scott's Lane and the fields; the hedgerow 'window' behind frames an attractiv view of Culver Close (2019).



Fig. 4.15 Resident reading interpretation board, with Culver Close view beyond (2019).



Fig. 4.16 Guided bat-spotting walk in Scott's Lane (July 2019).



Fig. 4.17 Wildlife, ponds and Scott's Lane survey day HQ, near Culver Close gate (2019).



Figs 4.18–4.19

A Duke of Edinburgh Award candidate (left) constructed a newt hibernaculum (below), between Whirly Field and Scott's Lane, and another within the Tin Hovel Pond area (unpictured) (May 2020).





Fig. 4.20 Bench on Covid-safe widened footpath overlooking Culver Close (left) and unfenced Tin Hovel Field (right) (2020).



Fig. 4.21 Bench in Scott's Lane overlooking Culver Close, with interpretation board (left), brass rubbing post (right) and hedgerow windows overlooking Culver Close (behind), maintained by volunteers (2020).



Figs 4.22–4.23 Bench in Scott’s Lane near Whirly Field (above) and overlooking Culver Close (below), with brass rubbing post on right (start of the circular walk) (2018).





Fig. 4.24 Bench at Whirly Field (2020). The path is gravelled and mown by by volunteers.



Fig. 4.25 Father and child looking for conkers, Scott's Lane (2020).



Fig. 4.26– 4.28 Volunteers preparing temporary tree trail on work party and Scott's Lane Usage Survey day, and schoolchildren interacting with it (Sept 2020).





Fig. 4.29– 4.31 Work party maintaining Scott’s Lane for biodiversity, and field views through hedgerow ‘windows’ (Sept 2020).



Fig. 4.32 The first respondent completing Scott's Lane usage survey poster, while child looks into Whirly Field (8.57 a.m. Sunday 13th September 2020).



Fig. 4.33 People approaching unsupervised Scott's Lane usage survey poster on work party and tree trail day (afternoon, Sunday 13th September 2020).



Fig. 4.34 People completing survey poster (afternoon, Sunday 13th September 2020).

SCOTT'S LANE SURVEY - ADD YOUR DOTS

1. How often do you usually come to Scott's Lane?

| | | | |
|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Most days | Most weeks | Occasionally | Rarely |
| [Red dots] | [Red dots] | [Red dots] | [Red dots] |

2. Why are you here today?

| | | | |
|--|--------------------------|------------|---|
| Walking for pleasure / with dog / exercise | On my way somewhere else | Work party | Blackberries, conkers, sloes, nuts etc. |
| [Red dots] | [Red dots] | [Red dots] | [Red dots] |

3. Why do you usually come here?

| | | | |
|--|--------------------------|------------|---|
| Walking for pleasure / with dog / exercise | On my way somewhere else | Work party | Blackberries, conkers, sloes, nuts etc. |
| [Red dots] | [Red dots] | [Red dots] | [Red dots] |

4. Who is in your group today?

| | | | |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Adults | Teenagers | Children | Boys |
| [Red dots] | [Red dots] | [Red dots] | [Red dots] |

5. Which parts of the Scott's Lane area do you use?

| | | | | |
|------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| The lane | The footpaths | Inside the fields | "Secret" pond off Scott's Lane | Pond area off Towcester Road |
| [Red dots] | [Red dots] | [Red dots] | [Red dots] | [Red dots] |

6. Which statement do you most agree with?

| | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| I enjoy the whole Scott's Lane area - lane, fields, footpaths, ponds, views, sheep etc. | I enjoy the lane and footpaths. I don't really notice the fields & setting. | I don't feel strongly about the Scott's Lane area, one way or the other. | I don't particularly enjoy the Scott's Lane area. |
| [Red dots] | [Red dots] | [Red dots] | [Red dots] |

7. What time is it now?

From 9am - 10am [Red dots] 10am - 11am [Red dots] 11am - 12pm [Red dots] 12pm - 1pm [Red dots] 1pm - 2pm [Red dots] 2pm - 3pm [Red dots] 3pm - 4pm [Red dots] 4pm - 5pm [Red dots] 5pm - 6pm [Red dots] 6pm - 7pm [Red dots] 7pm - 8pm [Red dots] 8pm - 9pm [Red dots] 9pm - 10pm [Red dots] 10pm - 11pm [Red dots] 11pm - 12am [Red dots]

Thank you
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Fig. 4.35 Partially completed survey poster, Scott's Lane (Sunday 13th September 2020).

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