



Renhold's local environment: what do we value; what do we want?

We live in a great community surrounded by valuable countryside, but it is an area facing increased pressure for development. For that reason, we have commissioned **Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity** to engage and consult with you, our residents, to produce a **Parish-wide Green Infrastructure Plan** which will help inform the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

The first step is a **Green Infrastructure Survey** which *is an assessment to identify natural or semi-natural areas that are important to us in our Parish now and in the future*. It gives us all an opportunity to explain what aspects of the local environment we value, our aspirations and our views on how our local environment should be protected and enhanced. It will also help to prioritise actions for improvements to Renhold's network of public access, biodiversity, heritage and landscape.

This process would normally start with a face-to-face community workshop, but because of Covid-19 social distancing restrictions, that will not be possible. Instead, this public consultation will commence with a **Zoom presentation from Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity at 7.00pm on Thursday February 4th**.

Following this presentation, you will be able to fill in an **online or a paper survey** in your own time over the subsequent couple of weeks. Maps and guidance notes will be available to view on a dedicated BedsRCC webpage here ([link here](#)).

*If you would like to join the Zoom presentation to hear more about the Renhold Parish Green Infrastructure Plan, please e-mail **TBC**. You will be sent a link about a week beforehand to join the live presentation and to access the online survey.*

If you cannot take part in the Zoom presentation or the online survey, you will still be able to have your say. Just return your completed paper questionnaire to one of the collection boxes located around the Parish** and we will collect them from there.

The results will be drawn together to create a draft **Green Infrastructure map of community aspirations**. There will be a **further consultation in early 2021** before the draft map is finalised.

SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4th at 7:00pm

** **Collection Boxes:** Asgard Drive P.C. Notice Board; outside Aspire Sports Pavilion; Maskell Drive P.C. Notice Board; inside the Post Office; on the School fence; Church Porch; Chapel letter box.

GI Plan – SurveyMonkey questionnaire

Please Note:

- a) *This survey is being conducted on behalf of Renhold Neighbourhood Plan Working Group by Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity. All your answers are and will remain anonymous.*
- b) *You are kindly requested to complete the Survey on line at: [tba](#)*
- c) *We've reproduced the on line questions here so you can think about your answers and be ready to complete the survey on line.*
- d) *If you can't respond on line, please write your answers below or on a separate sheet of paper and drop it into one of the collection boxes around the Parish (For box locations, see other side .*

1. **How long have you lived in the parish?** (Please select from drop down menu) (or please tick box)
 Less than 2 yrs 3-5yrs 5-10 yrs 11-20 yrs longer than 20 yrs
2. **Which part of the parish do you live in?**
3. **Where do you like to walk within the parish?**
 Please be specific: from (location), via (features on route), to (location).
4. **Are there any public footpaths or bridleways in the parish that you feel need to be improved (surfacing, widening etc.)?** Please be specific as to location and improvements that you feel should be undertaken.
5. **Are there any public footpaths or bridleways in the parish that you would like to see upgraded to allow cycling or horse riding?** Please be specific as to location and upgrades that you feel should be undertaken.
6. **Which are your three favourite open spaces in the parish?**
 Please name and describe their location(s).
7. **Would you like to see more accessible community green areas in the parish?**
 If so where, and what type of open space (e.g. playing field, community orchard, woodland etc).
8. **Do you have any favourite views looking into or from the parish?**
 Please specify where you would be standing and what the view is.
9. **Are there any specific wildlife habitats that you would like to see protected / enhanced?**
 Please specify what and where these habitats are
10. **Are there any specific wildlife habitats that you would like to see created?**
 Please specify what type of habitat(s) and where you would like to see them
11. **Are there any specific environmental heritage features that you would like to see protected/ enhanced?**
 Please specify what and where these features are
12. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about Renhold's green infrastructure?**