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Site	Newpool Meadows- Village Green
Grid Reference / Post Code	SJ880 564
Brief Description	This area now has Village Green status. It connects the main road (A527) to the Biddulph Valley way via a public footpath. It is rich in wildlife and contains a small pond which is marked as a Conservation Area.

Criteria.		
Location <i>In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</i>	√	Entrance is opposite Knypersley Cricket Club on the A527. To one side it is bordered by housing. Access to the area is via the main road or by Biddulph Valley way.
Local Significance <i>Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquility or richness of its wildlife.</i>	√	It is significantly important to the local community. The area is jointly managed by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and the Newpool Meadows Village Green Friends group. The following taken from the Friends website - Prior to Knypersley and Serpentine Pool's being constructed, the largest area of water around the local area was known as Newpool Lake. The lake covered an area from just beyond the Old Railway Road Bridge at Newpool to the cricket ground at Knypersley, where the old dam wall still stands on the opposite side of Tunstall Road. The lake was partially drained in 1808 to allow the expansion of the coal industry. The outfall of Newpool was a small stone packhouse bridge, now buried under A527 Road by the bus stand at the cricket ground. In 1970 when work was carried out to the drains, the bridge came to light perfectly preserved and after being examined found to have a date stone "1609 Patronis J B" on the front and also two bronze rings and an iron chain across its archway. The bridge was reburied once the roadworks were complete. The Friends also say "The Friends of Newpool Meadows has been set up from the Newpool Meadows Action Group who fought long and hard to get this valuable piece of land Village Green status after it was threatened with development. The meadow has been used for recreation for as long as can be remembered and we are proud to be able to know that future generations can enjoy the land the way we have."
Size, Scale <i>Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.</i>	√	A plot of 9 acres. However (taken from the Friends website) - Newpool Meadows was originally part of the Knypersley Estate. It was first recorded in State Documents in 1195 to Alfred Ormus, who later changed his name to de Knypersley. For 200 years de Knypersley owned the land until one daughter married a Bowyer who then became lords of Knypersley until 1719. In 1809 the estate was passed to James Bateman Snr, who's son John lived there until he died in 1858. 1872 saw the land purchased by Robert Heath Snr who also purchased The Grange and Greenway Bank Hall. After WW1 the estate was sold and houses were developed over the land and by 1960's much of the land had been developed for private housing.
Recommendation	√	Suitable for Local Green Space Designation

Pictures:



Map:

