

Character Area : **Compton Ward****Overview:** Fi Riches

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Compton Ward of Almondsbury parish contains the villages of Easter Compton and Hallen along with the hamlets of Compton Greenfield and Over. The area is situated within the Green Belt and the land to the NW and N of the village are within the Severn floodplain. The landscape features a mix of agricultural land and woodland.

Compton Greenfield was mentioned in the [Domesday Book](#) (as *Contone*). In the 13th and 14th centuries the [Lords of the Manor](#) were the Grenville family, from whom the village derived its suffix. Until the 19th century the parish extended to the [River Severn](#), and included what is now the much larger village of Easter Compton on the east. The name Compton/Contone means "valley settlement". The parish became a [civil parish](#) in 1866, but in 1885 the civil parish was merged into the civil parish of [Henbury](#). When the civil parish of Henbury was abolished in 1935, the villages became part of the civil parish of [Almondsbury](#). Whilst Compton Greenfield is close to Easter Compton the only pedestrian routes are by PROWs across fields and the hamlet lacks connectivity to the rest of the Parish except by car and the Hollywood Lane cycle/pedestrian route to Cribbs Causeway.



Easter Compton owes much of its existence to its farms, some present as early as the 17th Century. The hamlet, originally known as simply Compton, grew to the east of the parish church, which is located in Compton Greenfield, just across a field. The main road was on the route to the Severn crossings and, with the increased employment at the nearby Cattybrook brickworks and the construction of the Severn Tunnel the village began to overshadow Compton Greenfield. In the 1891 census the village is referred to as East Compton and sometime around the turn of the century the name "Easter Compton" was settled upon, but records show all 3 names being in use for the village for about 30 years. Although in the same Parish as Almondsbury, Easter Compton is distinct and separate. Without a car the only route to walk the 2.5 miles from Easter Compton to Almondsbury is via PROWs over fields due to the lack of pavements along Over Lane, the connecting road. There is no direct bus link to Almondsbury. Easter Compton is only a mile and a half away from the busy Mall shopping and leisure complex at [Cribbs Causeway](#), but again the village is cut-off by lack of pavement route to that area.

Up until now the only new housing in the village has been individual infills and small-scale developments with no more than 25 houses, so Easter Compton has retained its distinct rural village character.

However, the land to the northwest of the village, which was granted, still valid and often referred to as “in perpetuity”, planning permission in 1957, is being developed as part of the Severnside Enterprise area on the Pilning Levels. Each new phase of mostly warehousing is gradually encroaching on the village.



Over is a small hamlet lying east of Easter Compton on the [B4055](#) to Lower Almondsbury, known locally as Over Lane. This road runs parallel to the [M5](#) from Junction 17 to 16, alongside and below the east of a ridge which overlooks the [Severn](#) floodplain.

The Bristol & South Wales Union Railway, including the Patchway-Cattybrook Tunnel, was built through the parish and Over in 1863, prompting the opening of the Cattybrook Brickworks (now Ibstock Bricks) in 1864. Later, when Great Western Railway built the Severn Tunnel, twelve million bricks from this brickworks were used.



Over Court, an Elizabethan Manor house, owned by the Cann-Lippincott family, was built on the site of a 14th century house. It had its own school, brew house, dairy and smithy. In the 1940s, the house was left empty and later neglected, and after a devastating fire in 1977, it was demolished and replaced by a new housing development. All that remains are a listed archway, the old coach house and stables, now converted into mews houses.



Along the ridge between Over and J17 the land adjacent to Over Court, once home to a deer park, is now the Bristol Golf Club course.



Hallen lies south-west of Easter Compton and north-west of Henbury at the edge of the Severn flood plain. The word Hallen is Old Saxon meaning the place of salt. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, Hallen was a popular stop-off point for travellers making their way from the south-west to the ferry to Wales and had three inns and a brewery. Hallen was also home to coal mining and brickmaking, the village's clay pits provided raw materials. The construction of the old Henbury Loop Line made an embankment along one side of the village and during the excavation a natural water spring was blocked destroying the watercress fields that used provide a major income for the village. Hallen also had a dark past; it was the place where public hangings took place for the condemned from Bristol. Hallen no longer has its village school or St John's church, which are now dwellings, but retains one pub and its village atmosphere.

For administrative purposes Hallen is in the civil parish of Almondsbury, although it is some 5 miles from Almondsbury village. The road to nearby Compton Greenfield is narrow, without pavements, and there is no simple PROW route. Historically Hallen was in the large parish of Henbury but was transferred to Almondsbury along with Easter Compton in 1935 when most of Henbury was absorbed into Bristol. Henbury is closer for local facilities along a much better road than Berwick Lane.

Character Area :		Easter Compton Village			
Character Area : Blackhorse Hill		Assessors: Fi Riches		Date: March 2025	
Topography	Land Use(s)	Layout	Roads/Streets/Routes	Spaces	Buildings
<i>Landscape setting / gradient of the local area (flat, sloping, valley, plateau, hilltop, etc.</i> Blackhorse Hill (B4055) is a fairly steep hill heading down from Cribbs Causeway and the M5 junction 17 into the village of Easter Compton.  It is generally accepted locally that Blackhorse Hill becomes Main Road after the Bow Street Part way down the road the land banks up to the left and down to the right before becoming more undulating either side approaching the village.	<i>Residential, Retail, Leisure and Recreation, Commercial, Employment, Community, etc.</i> At the top of the hill there is The Bristol Zoo Project on the east side and the Bristol Golf Course on the west side, both with extensive land on respective sides of the road. There are some residential properties near the top, mainly on the east side of the road, with more houses on the east side approaching the village centre. In-between the Over Lane junctions is a triangle shaped field and the Zoo owns fields to the west behind the trees.	<i>Relationship between buildings, spaces and routes, and how these elements are arranged in relation to each other. Building plots (wide narrow, long, short, etc.</i> The Golf course has a clubhouse and driving range. The Zoo has various animal enclosures, car parking, etc. Hollywood Towers Mansion on the zoo site is accessed from Hollywood Lane, Compton Greenfield. The houses on Blackhorse Hill have varying sized plots. A few are located between the golf course and the road. The majority are after the Over Lane junction, some with large individual plots.	<i>Vehicular routes, pedestrian pathways, cycle paths, shared surfaces, rights of way, bridleways, alleyways, etc.</i> Near the top on the east side is Loverose Way which is now the entrance to the zoo. Opposite is the entrance to the golf course. Further down on the right are the two Over Lane junctions to Almondsbury. There is no pavement from the top of the hill until after the lower Over Lane junction. On the left is Bow Street Lane (part of the Avon cycleway network) heading to Compton Greenfield and Hallen. There is a PROW from Blackhorse Hill to Hollywood Lane situated in a tree lined wildlife corridor parallel Blackhorse Hill and then Bowstreet Lane and along the bottom of the fields on land belonging to the Zoo.	<i>Parks, playing fields, allotments, cemeteries, village greens, car parks, market squares, etc.</i> The Golf Course and Zoo have open spaces, as would be expected. The PROW is a much-used tree-lined corridor and haven for wildlife. 	<i>Building heights, arrangement (detached, semidetached, terraced or apartments), materials, construction era, roof types, distinct / predominant architectural features, window types, condition, etc.</i> At the top of Blackhorse Hill are a few old, Victorian and older, cottages by the golf course and a couple of houses by the zoo. By Over Lane there are some local authority style semi-detached houses. The majority of houses were built as individually styled bungalows between pre/post war and 1970s and have been remodelled over the years.

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<i>Distinct and instantly recognisable local features (including buildings, statues and monuments, and other locally significant features of the local area, both built and natural</i> St. Swithin's Lodge by the entrance to the golf club is Grade II listed c.1840 and the old St. Swithin's Farmhouse, Grade II listed C17 remodelled and extended c.1840, is now the golf clubhouse. The tree lined road and field on the east side between the two Over Lane junctions demonstrate to motorists the separateness between the Cribbs Causeway developments and the village. The village sign showing the distances to Bristol and the old Aust Ferry.	<i>Trees, hedgerows, streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, woodland, landscaped areas, etc.</i> The upper part of Blackhorse Hill has trees/wooded areas either side of the road. The golf course has extensive woodland, ponds and landscaped areas extending to Over Lane. The zoo has incorporated the woodland and open space into its setting. The large triangle shaped field between the Over Lane junctions is bounded by hedges and provides for an open landscape. The majority of the houses have gardens with trees and bushes. The lower houses on the east side back onto open fields. Below the zoo are fields and trees.	<i>Lamp posts, benches and seating, street surfacing materials, signage, boundary treatments, etc.</i> The road surface is reasonable down the hill except along the edges on the upper part where there is no pavement.  The pavement (only on the right) does not start until after the lower Over Lane junction. There is no street lighting. There is a layby on the left coming down the hill where several cars are often parked.	<i>Important views in and out of the character area (record location of viewpoint, and direction and extent of view)</i> As you come down Blackhorse hill into the village there are views over towards the Severn Estuary and Wales beyond. Many of the houses back onto fields and have similar views. 	Due to the lack of pavement on Blackhorse Hill there is no safe pedestrian access from the village to the nearby golf course, zoo or Cribbs Causeway/Mall, so ideally any new housing development will address this to lessen the addition of car journeys from and around the village. At busy times, especially when there are problems on the motorway, traffic can queue all the way from the M5 J17 roundabout back into the village. Any proposed development by Bowstreet Lane should not only incorporate the PROW but also retain the current tree-lined wildlife corridor. 

Character Area : Main Road including The Lane, Compton Lea and Spaniorum View		Assessors: Fi Riches		Date: March 2025	
Topography	Land Use(s)	Layout	Roads/Streets/Routes	Spaces	Buildings
<i>Landscape setting / gradient of the local area (flat, sloping, valley, plateau, hilltop, etc.</i> Main Road is the B4055 through the village. It slopes down from Black Horse Hill and levels out for the main part of the village. At the turning into Station Road on the NE side of the village the flat road becomes Marsh Common and Pilning Parish. 	<i>Residential, Retail, Leisure and Recreation, Commercial, Employment, Community, etc.</i> Largely residential. There is a shop, pub, Village Hall and transport yard within the village boundary. Outside the village on the main road towards Pilning there are farmers' fields either side and on the right a farm shop (Washingpool) with commercial buildings and a surfing lake development (The Wave) including club house and glamping.	<i>Relationship between buildings, spaces and routes, and how these elements are arranged in relation to each other. Building plots (wide narrow, long, short, etc.</i> Variety is part of the character of the village. At the upper end the houses are set up on banks. But the majority of buildings are on the same level as Main Road. Many of the houses have long plots, especially those on the NE side towards the Pilning end of the village. There are also some properties set back behind those on Main Road. The shop, Village Hall and pub are all on the SW side near the centre of the village; the hall and pub both have large car parks.	<i>Vehicular routes, pedestrian pathways, cycle paths, shared surfaces, rights of way, bridleways, alleyways, etc.</i> Coming down the hill Bow Street Lane on the left heads to Compton Greenfield and on to Hallen. On the right is Home Farm Way and on the left Church Road, Prospect Close, the Lane, a private road Compton Lea and Spaniorum View, all cul-de-sacs. There are some properties with shared driveways including some of those set back from the road and some newish developments. The Lane is short single track road, without pavement providing access to a few houses. 	<i>Parks, playing fields, allotments, cemeteries, village greens, car parks, market squares, etc.</i>  The main open space in the village is the playing field with play park and skate park accessed via a short lane off Main Road. 	<i>Building heights, arrangement (detached, semidetached, terraced or apartments), materials, construction era, roof types, distinct / predominant architectural features, window types, condition, etc.</i> The village has a varied mix of building designs and ages. There are remnants of older buildings in the village relating to farming in the area from C16th and C17th; there are C18th properties include the imposing Fox pub; some of the Victorian houses were built for workers at the local brickworks or Severn Tunnel; there are bungalows from the 1930s/50s; small developments from the 70s to 2000s; and the Wave opened in 2019. There was a Victorian School which is now the Village Hall, the "Institute" which is now a house, and the

Either side of the village are fields with rhines to manage flooding.



The surrounding countryside to the east is Green Belt, but to the northwest the Severnside commercial area on the Pilning Levels is steadily encroaching towards the NW end of the village.



Compton Lea was built on a previous commercial site.

Spaniorum View is a small level cul-de-sac adjacent to farmland at the “end” of the village.



Public right of ways on SW side head from beside the old Institute across a field to the Church and Farm Lane in Compton Greenfield, and another at the Wave end of the village towards Farm Lane and Western Approach distribution park. Also on the SW side PROWs lead from Church Road and Prospect Close.



The field, with its path, between the Village Hall and the Compton Greenfield Church gives an open feel to that side of the village.



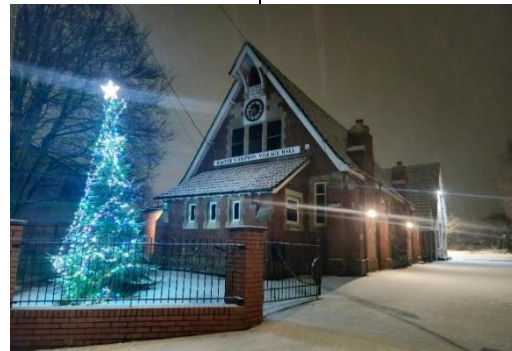
The PROWs leading from Main Road or the side roads are the main access points to the open spaces of fields and surrounding countryside.

Methodist Chapel, recently closed.

Several houses in the village used to be shops. Many of the houses have been significantly adapted, extended and modernised over the years. There are some semis and short terraces. Most have driveways and front and back gardens, with some set well back from the road. There are some flats, for example converted from the old post office shop.

Compton Lea and Spaniorum View are small developments c1990s, the former built on a previous commercial site.

The transport yard has a house, workshop, hardstanding and buildings, and a derelict house next door.

			On the NE side of the road there are PROWs heading from the main road through the playing fields to the Wave then on to Badgers Lane and Lower Almondsbury, and another across fields to Washingpool Farm and the entrance to the Wave, and from Home Farm Way.	
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<i>Distinct and instantly recognisable local features (including buildings, statues and monuments, and other locally significant features of the local area, both built and natural</i> The Fox pub is a Grade II listed building built as an inn in C18 with late C18 and late C19 alterations. It would have served those travelling along the main route to the ferries across the Severn. 	<i>Trees, hedgerows, streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, woodland, landscaped areas, etc.</i> There is a large grass verge area on the corner with Bow Street Lane. Where the houses are set back from the road, the majority of the front gardens have some trees and bushes. There are individual trees along an area of grass verge The playing field is surrounded by hedges with countryside beyond and houses on Main Road are essentially set between farmland/ fields and the road either side.	<i>Lamp posts, benches and seating, street surfacing materials, signage, boundary treatments, etc.</i> There are no name signs at either end of the village to denote that the road is called Main Road. 	<i>Important views in and out of the character area (record location of viewpoint, and direction and extent of view)</i> Coming into Easter Compton from Pilning there is a wonderful view over the fields towards Spaniorum Hill.	Main Road is the heart of Easter Compton, where the shop pub and village hall are located, and has a strong village feel. The easy access to PROWs along its length links it to the surrounding countryside. Unfortunately, it is also becoming subject to increasingly heavy traffic at times, especially with the nearby Severnside developments. With the limited bus service and lack of pedestrian route to the nearby Cribbs area the inhabitants of any new local housing development can only increase the traffic through the village. 

Washingpool Farmhouse is Grade II C18, altered and extended C19 and C20

The old Methodist Methodist Chapel was built in 1839 and has War Memorials in its porch and a Commonwealth Grave, is being converted into a house.

The Davis Memorial Institute was given to the villagers as a working men's reading room, library and games room. It's clock which chimed for the village was moved to the Village Hall.

The Wave is coming to be seen as a local landmark.



The road is generally well lit by street lighting and there are several bus stops. On a grass verge outside the pub there is public bench.

The road surface varies in condition and in some areas there are large puddles/flood when it rains.

Most of Main Road is within the 20mph speed zone, with a large speed bump where the 20mph zone starts and traffic calming bumps and signs along the route.

There are no parking restrictions along Main Road.

The Lane is short single track road, without pavement or lighting, providing access to a few houses.

Spaniorum View has just one street light.

Heading toward Blackhorse Hill the trees and hill shield the village from the Cribbs development.



Many properties on both sides of Main Road have views over the fields and surrounding countryside.

However, with the Severnside commercial development encroaching to the north west side of the village, and housing planned on the west side, some of the views will be compromised.



Character Area : Home Farm Way		Assessors: Fi Riches		Date: March 2025	
Topography	Land Use(s)	Layout	Roads/Streets/Routes	Spaces	Buildings
<i>Landscape setting / gradient of the local area (flat, sloping, valley, plateau, hilltop, etc.</i> HFW slopes up from the main road, flattening out before the bend to the left. On the right there is a level lane. 	<i>Residential, Retail, Leisure and Recreation, Commercial, Employment, Community, etc.</i> Residential along Home Farm Way. The lane leads to fields, a barn, and a residential house with woodland. The fields directly behind HFW are Green Belt, owned by Almondsbury Parish Council. The woods were planted in the early 1990s and originally had benches and paths with public access, now lapsed.	<i>Relationship between buildings, spaces and routes, and how these elements are arranged in relation to each other. Building plots (wide narrow, long, short, etc.</i> HFW is a cul de sac with similar sized house plots either side and what was originally an old people's residential home (now a large single private dwelling) at the end.	<i>Vehicular routes, pedestrian pathways, cycle paths, shared surfaces, rights of way, bridleways, alleyways, etc.</i> HFW has pavements on both sides. A paved path at the end leads to the village playing field with play park and skate park. The lane does not have right of public access. A public right of way leads off from the lane behind the house on the right, via a kissing gate across fields and through the woods. It then divides either across further fields eventually to Badgers Lane and on towards Lower Almondsbury (Community Forest Path) or left towards the playing field and from there another PROW to the Wave.	<i>Parks, playing fields, allotments, cemeteries, village greens, car parks, market squares, etc.</i> HFW has easy access to the park/playing fields. There are fields behind the houses on the right of HFW.  	<i>Building heights, arrangement (detached, semidetached, terraced or apartments), materials, construction era, roof types, distinct / predominant architectural features, window types, condition, etc.</i> HFW was built in the mid 1980s as a development of 20 4-bedroom, mostly of Cotswold effect stone, detached houses. An additional 4 houses were built in early 2000s. All have driveways for 2 or more cars and front and back gardens. The Abbeyfield home for the elderly was also built early 2000s. The house down the lane was built in the late 1980s originally with an agricultural restriction, now lifted.

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<i>Distinct and instantly recognisable local features (including buildings, statues and monuments, and other locally significant features of the local area, both built and natural</i> The fields and woods behind HFW are of local significance.  Wheat Hill rises on the east side behind the houses of Blackhorse Hill.	<i>Trees, hedgerows, streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, woodland, landscaped areas, etc.</i> Several trees were planted on the grass verge on the left of HFW in recent years, but several have died. The majority of front and back gardens have some trees and bushes. The lane and the fields have boundary hedges and ditches. Deer, foxes, rabbits, squirrels and birds, including birds of prey, can often be seen in the adjacent fields and woodland. There is a small pond area on the south side of the lane.	<i>Lamp posts, benches and seating, street surfacing materials, signage, boundary treatments, etc.</i> HFW is clearly signposted at entrance. There is a salt/grit bin where the road slopes. The road and pavements are in a reasonable condition, with good drainage. It is well lit by street lighting, including a light on the paved path towards the playing field. The houses on the east side have a boundary ditch separating them from the fields behind. The lane is not lit and unpaved, the surface quite rough. The PROW is signposted.	Important views in and out of the character area (record location of viewpoint, and direction and extent of view). The houses and fields on the east side have views across towards the original Severn Bridge.	Home Farm Way is the only road on the NE side of the B4055 in the village. It was the second significant housing development in the later C20 (after Prospect /Gable in the 1970s) and was seen as a major addition to the village at the time. When the fields behind were bought by Almondsbury Parish Council in 1993 residents recall being told that it was to protect them from development. The PROW is well used by walkers. 

Character Area : Church Road/Cooks Drive		Assessors: Marian Bennett		Date: March 2025	
Topography	Land Use(s)	Layout	Roads/Streets/Routes	Spaces	Buildings
<i>Landscape setting / gradient of the local area (flat, sloping, valley, plateau, hilltop, etc.</i> Church Road: Gentle slope from the fields at the top down to the main road. Cooks Drive: Flat. 	<i>Residential, Retail, Leisure and Recreation, Commercial, Employment, Community, etc.</i> Residential	<i>Relationship between buildings, spaces and routes, and how these elements are arranged in relation to each other. Building plots (wide narrow, long, short, etc.</i> Church Road: Cul de sac with houses both sides for much of the way. Terraced houses on the right are up from street level and set back with small front and long back gardens. The older properties on the left are also up from road level but have driveways/parking areas. The newest homes at the top of the road have small back gardens and very little land in front of them. Cooks Drive: the houses on the left have front gardens and driveways and those on the right are beside the pavement.	<i>Vehicular routes, pedestrian pathways, cycle paths, shared surfaces, rights of way, bridleways, alleyways, etc.</i> Church Road: a cul de sac with junction onto Main Rd on the SE side., at the end of the cul de sac is a hedge backing onto open fields. On the left as the road bends to the right is a kissing gate to a public right of way leading across the field to the church. The terraced houses on the left, with one exception, have no vehicular access so residents are forced to park on the road. Cooks Drive: no through road with a junction onto Church Road.	<i>Parks, playing fields, allotments, cemeteries, village greens, car parks, market squares, etc.</i> All space allocated to existing housing. The PROW leads across an open field to the Church and cemetery. 	<i>Building heights, arrangement (detached, semidetached, terraced or apartments), materials, construction era, roof types, distinct / predominant architectural features, window types, condition, etc.</i> Church Road: A mixture of social housing built in the 1950s, 4 newer bungalows and 1 house built late 1980s to replace 4 of the terraced houses which were demolished, and a mix of significantly older 2 storey houses and cottages on the opposite side dating from 19th century and earlier. Also 2 properties set back from the road up a driveway built in the 1960's approx. Cooks Drive is a mixture of brick 2 storey houses and 4 bungalows.

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<i>Distinct and instantly recognisable local features (including buildings, statues and monuments, and other locally significant features of the local area, both built and natural</i> None	<i>Trees, hedgerows, streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, woodland, landscaped areas, etc.</i> Boundary hedges and some trees in front gardens. Kissing gate at the top of the road leads onto footpaths/grazing land. 	<i>Lamp posts, benches and seating, street surfacing materials, signage, boundary treatments, etc.</i> Church Road: No pavements and poor road condition in most of the road. Narrow in places which creates problems of access for larger vehicles when cars are parked along one side. No street lighting except at the top – 3 lamp posts. Brick or stone walls and hedges mark boundaries. Many overhead cables. Cooks Drive: Pavements both sides. No street lights.	Important views in and out of the character area (record location of viewpoint, and direction and extent of view) From the kissing gate in Church Rd into the field and from those houses adjacent to fields. 	Both quiet roads with little room for further development. 

Character Area : Prospect Close/Gables Close		Assessors: Marian Bennett		Date: March 2025	
Topography	Land Use(s)	Layout	Roads/Streets/Routes	Spaces	Buildings
<i>Landscape setting / gradient of the local area (flat, sloping, valley, plateau, hilltop, etc.</i> Level  	<i>Residential, Retail, Leisure and Recreation, Commercial, Employment, Community, etc.</i> Residential	<i>Relationship between buildings, spaces and routes, and how these elements are arranged in relation to each other. Building plots (wide narrow, long, short, etc.</i> Prospect Close: 9 houses on one side and at the end of the cul de sac. They have small front gardens or hard standing in front and larger gardens, some backing onto open fields behind them. The back gardens of houses on Main Road that back onto Prospect Close are shielded from view by walls or fences. Gable Close: 12 houses with 6 facing the Main Road but vehicle access to all the houses is from Gable Close. They have gardens to the front and rear.	<i>Vehicular routes, pedestrian pathways, cycle paths, shared surfaces, rights of way, bridleways, alleyways, etc.</i> Prospect Close is a cul de sac accessed from the Main Road. Gable Close is also a cul de sac accessed from Prospect Close. A public right of way heads from Prospect Close across fields to Farm Lane, Compton Greenfield, and the Severnside commercial development. 	<i>Parks, playing fields, allotments, cemeteries, village greens, car parks, market squares, etc.</i> There are grass verges by entrance to Prospect Close and round the corner opposite the houses. Access to open countryside.	<i>Building heights, arrangement (detached, semidetached, terraced or apartments), materials, construction era, roof types, distinct / predominant architectural features, window types, condition, etc.</i> The houses were built in the 1970s/1980s. All the houses are detached, with Prospect Close being built in rather standard design in a mix of brick and render and Gable Close being in an apex design in a grey reconstituted stone.

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<i>Distinct and instantly recognisable local features (including buildings, statues and monuments, and other locally significant features of the local area, both built and natural</i> None	<i>Trees, hedgerows, streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, woodland, landscaped areas, etc.</i> Gardens with trees and bushes. Prospect Close has a farm gate and kissing gate leading onto open fields and a footpath leading across farmland to Farm Lane, Compton Greenfield and the countryside beyond. 	<i>Lamp posts, benches and seating, street surfacing materials, signage, boundary treatments, etc.</i> There are pavements both sides of Prospect Close and Gable Close and streetlights. Most houses have walls or fences some also with hedges/ shrubs marking the boundary with the streets.	Important views in and out of the character area (record location of viewpoint, and direction and extent of view) View from the farm gate across the open fields, which are currently used for grazing sheep, towards Spaniorum Hill.  Properties backing onto the fields have similar views.	The Prospect Close/Gable Close development was a major addition to the village in the 1970s. Both are self-contained, quiet roads, but plans for new developments are likely to change this. 

Character Area : Shaymoor Lane		Assessors: Fi Riches		Date: April 2025	
Topography	Land Use(s)	Layout	Roads/Streets/Routes	Spaces	Buildings
<i>Landscape setting / gradient of the local area (flat, sloping, valley, plateau, hilltop, etc.</i> Flat, very rural area, outside of the village. 	<i>Residential, Retail, Leisure and Recreation, Commercial, Employment, Community, etc.</i> Residential, farmland and farm buildings.	<i>Relationship between buildings, spaces and routes, and how these elements are arranged in relation to each other. Building plots (wide narrow, long, short, etc.</i> Accessed from Starion Road which forms the border between Easter Compton and Pilning. Being on the east side Shaymoor Lane is in Easter Compton. The houses generally all have long or large plots and are set back from the road/lane There are also some houses on the east side of Pilning Street by Shaymoor Lane.	<i>Vehicular routes, pedestrian pathways, cycle paths, shared surfaces, rights of way, bridleways, alleyways, etc.</i> Pilning Street heads north from where Main Road becomes Marsh Common Road. Shaymoor Lane goes SW then bends to the NE and the road heads into Almondsbury Ward under the railway line. There is a PROW south from by the railway line towards Washingpool Farm/ The Wave and on into Easter Compton. Another PROW heads east from near the start of Station Road again to Washingpool crosses the other	<i>Parks, playing fields, allotments, cemeteries, village greens, car parks, market squares, etc.</i> No parks or formal spaces, just open countryside and PROWs	<i>Building heights, arrangement (detached, semidetached, terraced or apartments), materials, construction era, roof types, distinct / predominant architectural features, window types, condition, etc.</i> On Station Road there is a couple of terraces of local authority style houses with a lane behind to give access to the back gardens and some garages. Another local authority style terrace is on Shaymoor Lane, plus further cottages, mostly semis all on the north side. Further along, past the bend, are a couple of bungalow style houses. All houses rendered. Some have garages and outbuildings.

			PROW and on towards Over.		There are further farm houses and buildings down tracks off the lane.
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<i>Distinct and instantly recognisable local features (including buildings, statues and monuments, and other locally significant features of the local area, both built and natural</i> Brynleaze Farmhouse Grade II listed Late C17, altered and extended C19 and C20. 	<i>Trees, hedgerows, streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, woodland, landscaped areas, etc.</i> Both Station Road and Shaymoor Lane have hedges and some trees either side along their routes. The area is surrounded by hedge bound fields with rhines, including the Tockington Mill Rhine, which flows to The Pill, and Gislake Rhine.	<i>Lamp posts, benches and seating, street surfacing materials, signage, boundary treatments, etc.</i> Shaymoor lane is a single-track road without pavements or street lighting. There is a bit of a layby/hard area/verge opposite some of the cottages for parking. There is a streetlight on Station Road opposite the houses and Shaymoor Lane.	<i>Important views in and out of the character area (record location of viewpoint, and direction and extent of view)</i> Across the surrounding fields. Also SE to the wooded Over/Pegwell Ridge in the distance.	The houses on Shaymoor Lane and the east side of Station Road are in rather a forgotten area on the outskirts of Easter Compton. 	

Character Area : COMPTON GREENFIELD		Assessors: PHILIP ROBSON & Fi Riches		Date: 7/03/2025	
Topography	Land Use(s)	Layout	Roads/Streets/Routes	Spaces	Buildings
Generally flat along Bow Street Lane, Berwick Lane, Farm Lane and Vimpennys Lane. Where Bow Street Lane starts the south embankment rises to the Bristol Zoo Project land and opposite across the rolling Daneshill field. Hollywood Lane rises steeply south towards Hollywood Tower and Cribbs Causeway, with steep embankments either side in places and mature trees lining the lane virtually to the top. The Berwick Hill (Spanorium Skyline) rises off Berwick Lane with plateau'd fields and the M5.	Compton Greenfield is mainly rural with farms and residential properties. Generally Green Belt land status to most fields. The fields leading down towards Bow Street Lane (at the junction with Easter Compton) are owned by the Bristol Zoo. Daneshill rear field is owned by Developers and there are larger privately owned fields to the rear plots of The Rectory and Bishops Farm.	Compton Greenfield reflects a very rural backwater from the mid-1800s with some modern dwellings. The farms and houses are spread out to the southwest of Easter Compton. Generally, properties are low density, well-spaced, sometimes isolated, many with large grounds. Berwick Lodge Hotel sits north of the M5 south of Compton Greenfield but can only be accessed from Station Road, Cribbs Causeway.	Bow Street Lane/ Berwick Lane run east to southwest from the Easter Compton A4055 to the Hallen Road A4018. Approximately 2 miles of winding road with countryside views either side. Off Bow Street Lane, along Farm Lane sits the Parish Church on the border with the nearby village of Easter Compton. Farm Lane, heading NE from Bow Street Lane, after Church Farm becomes a cycle/pedestrian route and heads towards the M49, Western Approaches/Sevenside distribution centre and Severn Beach. Hollywood Lane heads south uphill from the corners of Bow Street Lane and Berwick Lane and was pedestrianised with bollards by the Highways Department around 2020/21 to the upper length of the narrow lane.	No public parks or playgrounds as such serve Compton Greenfield specifically. Beside the Church Is a large cemetery area. The PROWs allow substantial access to open fields and woodland from Berwick Lane including Green Belt areas.	Most properties along Berwick Lane and Hollywood Lane are of older (originality) from mid 1850s with isolated newer builds up Hollywood Lane and Berwick Close. Houses in the hamlet are mostly individual, mainly detached, usually set back from the roads. There are some semis and short terraces. Farms and businesses have various assorted buildings.
					

There is a business park off Berwick Lane towards the Hallen end	The top of Hollywood Lane region has entrances to an Activity centre and the Hollywood Estate/Zoo. Berwick/Spanorium Hill is Green Belt with an oil pipeline running beneath it. There are fields with a Scout Camp and the Berwick Lodge buildings & farm/event centre, the latter accessed from the other side of the M5. Vimpennys Lane has fields, farm buildings, cottages and a transport company.	 	On the NE side of Berwick Lane is Vimpennys Lane and a small private cul de sac Berwick Close.	PROWs On the south side of Berwick Lane there are several PROWs up and along Spaniorum/ Berwick Hill and a route called the Spariorum Skyline with spectacular views heads to Berwick Lodge. From the Holllywood/ Bow Street/Berwick Lane junction there is a PROW north to the church/Farm Lane and on the same side another from by the Rectory. Further west is a bridleway.	PROWs The zoo owned fields by Bow Street Lane have an easement / public footpath to the demarked lower field. This well used thoroughfare has access timber steps at the foot of Hollywood Lane end. Daneshill rear field has a public footpath intersecting towards the Church / Farm Lane. A PROW crosses Vimpennys Lane.
Landmarks	Green / Natural Features	Streetscapes	Views	Summary of key defining characteristics/other observations	
The main natural landmark is the Spanirum/Berwick Hill ridge. The parish church of All Saints (Grade II* Listed) Norman arch in its porch, but the church was largely rebuilt in 1852 in the Neo-Norman style. Compton Greenfield Bishop's Farmhouse (Grade II* Listed) now a	Many fields, tracks and roads are lined with heavy shrub/hedgerows in excess of 2-3 metres in height. There are some ponds dotted around the hamlet and fields. Hedge rows generally line the Berwick Lane and Hollywood Lane. Large mature trees also	The roads are predominantly macadam with minimal pavements present due to them being historic older cart paths. There is no street lighting. Boundaries are mainly hedges with telegraph poles/wires/ overhead electrical cable (and	The Spanorium skyline leads from Henbury over towards Berwick Lane with views towards Wales, Almondsbury and Avonmouth. Additionally, the general views of Easter Compton and Compton Greenfield villages with the Hollywood Tower noted across the valley.		

house. Late C16 with C19 additions and C20 alterations. Manor Farmhouse (Grade II Listed) now a house. Early C17 with C18 additions. The Rectory, attached garden wall and entrance piers (Grade II Listed) now a house. C17 with front remodelled c.1750 and extended C19 & C20. Tower at Hollywood Tower and 21.10.52 boundary wall (Grade II Listed) 3-stage clock tower. Early/mid C19. Coursed rubble and stone dressings. Square plan, Italianate and Early English style. Hollywood Tower and attached stable, wall, kennels and piers (Grade II Listed) House, now offices. c.1820 with later C19 and C20 additions and alterations. Limestone ashlar, rubble, rendered rear block, slate roof.	extend along both roads. Large and sprawling Green Belt fields and common land along the Berwick Hill location. Vimpennys Lane has hedges trees and ditches. Lyde Brook runs from beside Hollywood Lane along Berwick Lane, and into the ditches/rhines bordering the fields to the north side. 	Pylons to Daneshill field). There is sign posting for cycle tracks and neighbouring villages. Berwick Lane is frequently used by cyclists along with the Farm Lane link way to the Severnside Enterprise Area and forms a SCS cycle route. Sections of the Berwick Lane are prone to isolated surface water flooding from surface water run-off from spacious fields. Berwick Lane can have traffic issues/ bottlenecks due to its narrowness. There are no buses. 		With Berwick Lane being narrow and, like the local fields, prone to flooding in places the area does not lend itself to any significant housing development. There is a lot of history in the area and Compton Greenfield is the location of numerous archaeological sites: • Post Medieval Cottage remains from 1615 along Bow Street Lane. • Post Medieval fishpond along Berwick Lane. • Medieval Compton Manor and grounds between Daneshill and Bishops Farm. • Later Prehistoric Long Barrow (scout camp). • Post Medieval Pillow Mound (Scout camp). • Post Medieval Farmsteads along Berwick Lane. • World War 1 prisoner camp remnants in the fields between Compton Greenfield and Easter Compton. 
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Character Area : Hallen		Assessors: Fi Riches		Date: March 2025	
Topography	Land Use(s)	Layout	Roads/Streets/Routes	Spaces	Buildings
<i>Landscape setting / gradient of the local area (flat, sloping, valley, plateau, hilltop, etc.</i> Largely flat, except on the SE side, the land mainly rising on the Bristol side of the M5, Mount Skitham/ Haw Wood.	<i>Residential, Retail, Leisure and Recreation, Commercial, Employment, Community, etc.</i> Largely residential. One pub and a Football Club with grounds, pitches, carparks and clubhouse/Village Hall. There are several business/industrial/ commercial sites and farms/farmland. Most fields have Green Belt status.	<i>Relationship between buildings, spaces and routes, and how these elements are arranged in relation to each other. Building plots (wide narrow, long, short, etc.</i> The land plots are a varied mix of sizes and arrangements.	<i>Vehicular routes, pedestrian pathways, cycle paths, shared surfaces, rights of way, bridleways, alleyways, etc.</i> From Easter Compton/Compton Greenfield, Berwick Lane comes to a dog-legged crossroads with Hallen Road, Severn Road and Moorhouse Lane. Hallen Road goes under the M5, where Oakhill Lane, Windsor Crescent and Dog Lane are situated, becomes Ison Hill and Hallen ends where the road crosses the old railway line into Henbury. There are a some public right of way leading from the village, including towards Avonmouth and to Mount Skitham and on towards the Henbury / Cribbs areas.	<i>Parks, playing fields, allotments, cemeteries, village greens, car parks, market squares, etc.</i> There is no park in Hallen. The main open spaces are the Hallen Football Club pitches, the fields around and surrounding the village, and the woods/countryside of Mount Skitham and the Berwick Hill. More Buildings Uphill from the M5 on Hallen Road there are some historic houses, a Victorian terrace (Mount Pleasant) set on a slight bank and an industrial site both sides of the road, which includes an old stone house. Windsor Crescent has local authority style semis/ terraces, some brick, some rendered. Oakhill Lane has old houses and terraces, some in stone.	<i>Building heights, arrangement (detached, semidetached, terraced or apartments), materials, construction era, roof types, distinct / predominant architectural features, window types, condition, etc.</i> A varied mixture of older buildings and newer built houses. Some semis, some terraces and detached dwellings. Along Severn Road and Hallen Road there are industrial/commercial buildings, a modern private road development of houses (Berwick Court), bungalow styles, modern detached houses, older cottages, modern semis and terraces, a row of 50s style semis set back from the road and accessed from a lane behind, the pub with the old brewery attached, and the old Victorian church and school buildings which are now houses.
					

			 Hallen Village Hall and Recreation Centre/Football Clubhouse was built c1980.	Several of the older buildings are built of the same stone. Moorehouse Lane has a mix of older buildings, local authority style brick terraces, detached houses and a park home site, Hi-Ways Park. There is a lane with some older properties behind Severn Road.
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<i>Distinct and instantly recognisable local features (including buildings, statues and monuments, and other locally significant features of the local area, both built and natural</i> The Hallen War Memorial, on Hallen Road unveiled in 1921 and re-sited in the second half of the C20 is listed at Grade II Wellinghouse Farmhouse, Moorhouse Lane listed Grade II, early C17, altered and extended C19 and C20.	<i>Trees, hedgerows, streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, woodland, landscaped areas, etc.</i> The roads leading into village have trees and hedges either side. Fields and countryside surround the village with woodland on the SE side. The fields behind either side the village on level land are bounded by a network of rhines with Hallen Rhine running along the west side of the village.	<i>Lamp posts, benches and seating, street surfacing materials, signage, boundary treatments, etc.</i> Hallen Road has some old stone boundary walls, fences trees and hedges and a large reconstituted stone retaining wall by Windsor Crescent. Pavement on the right from the village to Ison Hill and streetlights just from Mount Pleasant to the industrial site. From the War Memorial there are pavements	<i>Important views in and out of the character area (record location of viewpoint, and direction and extent of view)</i> The village still has a rural feel to it with general views towards the surrounding countryside. 	Hallen is often viewed as a forgotten outpost of Easter Compton ward and Almondsbury Parish as the only connection it has with the rest of the parish is via Berwick Lane which has no buses or pavement. Residents are more likely to use facilities in nearby Henbury within the city of Bristol. The flood risk is seen as a barrier to development in much of the village area.



The King William IV (King Billy) pub and attached old brewery building is of historic interest.



both sides, along Severn Road to past the King Billy, from there just a pavement on the right ending by Berwick Court where the streetlights from the War Memorial also end.

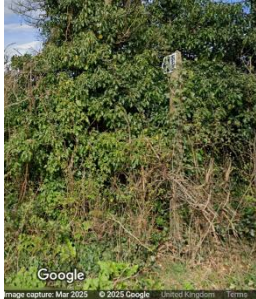
Moorhouse Lane has a pavement on the left to Hi-Ways Park, but no streetlights

Oakhill Lane is narrow with stone boundary walls either side and peters out into access tracks.

Windsor Crescent has pavements and some streetlights.



Character Area : Over				Date: June 2025	Updated February 2026
Topography	Land Use(s)	Layout	Roads/Streets/Routes	Spaces	Buildings
<i>Landscape setting / gradient of the local area (flat, sloping, valley, plateau, hilltop, etc.</i> Over is a small hamlet between the villages of Almondsbury to the northeast and Easter Compton to the southwest. The land on the southeast side of Over rises up the escarpment of the Severn ridge before levelling off along the boundary of the M5. On the other side of Over, to the northwest, the land falls away to the flatlands of the Severn Vale. Heading beyond the main cluster of the settlement, before the lane climbs to the north, it passes over the deep cutting of the London to South Wales main railway	<i>Residential, Retail, Leisure and Recreation, Commercial, Employment, Community, etc.</i> There are no shops, public houses, nor any community or public buildings within Over. The area is residential and farming, with some other significant land users in and around Over. The Bristol Golf Course is a private golf course, occupying the land between Blackhorse Hill, Easter Compton, Over Lane and the M5. Also on the south side of Over Lane is the large barn of the old Deer Farm and the buildings of Sandays Nursery, now closed. Mojo Active, encompasses the fields/land between the north side of Over Lane and Badgers Lane and The Wave	<i>Relationship between buildings, spaces and routes, and how these elements are arranged in relation to each other. Building plots (wide narrow, long, short, etc.</i> Most of the properties are congregated on Over Lane close to the site of the old manor of Over Court.  There are a few properties spread out along Over Lane, in Almondsbury Ward, and also down Badger's Lane and Ash Lane, which both head northwest from Over Lane.	<i>Vehicular routes, pedestrian pathways, cycle paths, shared surfaces, rights of way, bridleways, alleyways, etc.</i> Over lies off the B4055, on a road that parallels the M5 from Junction 17 to 16, known locally as Over Lane. Badgers Lane, which is very narrow, single track, provides an alternative back road to Lower Almondsbury, and Ash Lane is a narrow no through road to some farm/ commercial buildings and a couple of houses.	<i>Parks, playing fields, allotments, cemeteries, village greens, car parks, market squares, etc.</i> While many footpaths cross the pastures on either side of the hamlet and there is the Mojo outdoor activity centre, there are no parish owned open spaces or recreation spaces in Over. The large grass verges on the corners of Badger's Lane and Over Lane provide for a bit of a village green feel. 	<i>Building heights, arrangement (detached, semidetached, terraced or apartments), materials, construction era, roof types, distinct / predominant architectural features, window types, condition, etc.</i> The houses of Over are mostly privately owned either cottages or larger detached houses. Most of the old buildings (and some newer ones) are of stone, some now rendered. C20 & C21 houses are in a variety of materials and styles. In the grounds of the ruins of Over Court, the detached houses were built in the 1980s and the stable block was also converted to private homes in late C20.

line emerging from the Patchway tunnel. The boundary between Compton and Almondsbury wards is this railway line. As the land falls away to the west the line atop an embankment as it heads across the Severn floodplain to the Severn Tunnel.	and Wheathill Farm, Easter Compton provides corporate, group and children's activities.  The main building of The Wave surfing lake lies close to Badger's Lane, with the entrance road coming from the car park by the Easter Compton Farm Shop at Washingpool. Heading over the railway, in Almondsbury Ward are the Cattybrook Brickworks and the greenhouses of Springwood Nurseries, now closed.	Most of the houses, in and around Over, are on large or long plots  	Public right of ways A PROW network heads from Over Lane, opposite the old deer park barns (can be overgrown), towards Badger's Lane and Ash Lane. From Badger's Lane two PROWs head to Easter Compton, one via The Wave and the park. Further paths from Ash Lane/Badger's Lane, over railway footbridge, round the brickworks to Monmouth Hill, Lower Almondsbury; from opposite Ash Lane, uphill through the wooded Pegwell Brake (Community Forest Path), over the M5 to Patchway; and others towards Almondsbury. Also, from Badger's Lane by the tunnel under the railway a bridle path leads to Shaymoor Lane and other paths to Easter Compton.		Mojo and Hydrock are housed in converted farm buildings of the old Over Court farm. The Over Farm stables and barn are now houses; and the old Cattybrook Farm and Over Farm buildings have also been converted into housing. There are various farm/ commercial buildings dotted around the area.
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<i>Distinct and instantly recognisable local features (including buildings, statues and monuments, and other locally significant features of the local area, both built and natural</i> Listed Buildings Archway to Over Court G.V. II*. Mid C18. Sandstone and limestone rubble, limestone ashlar and brick. Classical style with flanking wings.  Gate piers, wall and gate about 56 metres north west of Archway to Over Court. G.V.II	<i>Trees, hedgerows, streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, woodland, landscaped areas, etc.</i> Over Brook runs from the golf course across the fields, past The Wave, is joined by West Cattybrook Rhine, to Swanmoor Rhine by Washingpool Farm, Easter Compton. The lanes, surrounding fields, and many of the houses, have hedges and trees. The woodland of Pegwell Brake runs along the slope of the escarpment. Most of the surrounding countryside is Green Belt.	<i>Lamp posts, benches and seating, street surfacing materials, signage, boundary treatments, etc.</i> There are no street-lights in the village, and the only short length of pavement is on Over Lane in the centre of the hamlet. Many of the older properties, especially Over Court, have stone boundary walls. The wall on the corner with Badger's Lane has a red Victorian post-box set in it. A line of large pylons crosses the Mojo fields, Badger Lane, Over Lane, Pegwell Brake and the M5.	Important views in and out of the character area (record location of viewpoint, and direction and extent of view) There are superb views over the Severn Vale, from Avonmouth to the southwest, to Oldbury in the northwest, the two Severn Bridges, and the Severn, and across to the Welsh hills beyond.  The best views are from the top of the ridge, including Bristol Golf Course/ clubhouse, but many properties along Over Lane also have far reaching views.	The defining characteristics of Over are that of a charming small hamlet nestling under the escarpment.

Over Stable and attached barn about 9 metres to north of Over Farmhouse. G.V. II. c1840.

Over Court Farmhouse, Over Lane (west side). G.V. II. C17 with C19/20 alterations & additions.

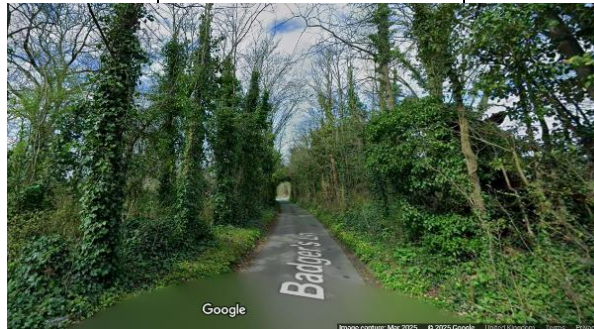


Rose Cottage and The Cottage, Over Lane (west side). G.V. II. 2 houses, formerly one. C16 origin with later alterations and additions.

Over Farmhouse, Badger's Lane (east side). G.V. II. Mid-late C17, remodelled c.1840 and altered C20.



The lanes have many overgrown hedges and unkempt trees either side, are often banked one or both sides, and are prone to large puddles in places. The road services are generally poor.



From lower down (Mojo) there are views up to Pegwell Break.



On a traveller site on the outskirts (now a Mojo coach entrance) a decorative red brick wall was built which led to a lot of planning complaints at the time.

