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Summary of Evidence Base for Local Green Spaces

	REF	DESCRIPTION / EVIDENCE	NPPF (2018) LOCAL GREEN SPACE CRITERIA							
			1. LOCAL BOUNDED, NOT EXTENSIVE YES/NO	2. PROXIMITY 0 - 5	3. SPECIAL TO COMMUNITY (Max 10)			4. LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE (Max 10)		
					3.1 BEAUTY 0 - 3	3.2 TRANQUIL 0 - 2	3.3 REC. VALUE 0 - 5	4.1 HISTORY 0 - 5	4.2 WILDLIFE 0 - 5	TOTAL /25
	V	All Saints churchyard	Υ	5	3	2	3	5	3	21

Historic parish churchyard at one of the two centres of the village. On mounded site, bounded by retaining wall (south and east sides) in local ironstone and limestone. Headstones dating from mid-18th century, including a number of examples in Swithland Slate with ornate Georgian engraving. Beauty and tranquillity are provided by large mature trees, close-mown grass and areas of wildflower meadow, seating, and the church itself (Listed Grade I, substantial parts dating from 13th, 14th and 15th centuries, some rebuilding late 19th) for which the site provides a main part of the *setting* as defined by Historic England. A late 20th-century extension, modern style but in local stone, provides a very well-used community facility. Trees include local native deciduous species, ornamental conifers and large mature yews; recorded wildlife includes two bat species, other mammals, and five bird species of conservation concern (UK Biodiversity Action Plan species).





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All Saints Churchyard, 2018
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Haddon Fields - Little Hill and Great Hill

Two fields of permanent pasture land recently merged as the site of a managed community semi-natural greenspace and woodland (Woodland Trust supported). Northamptonshire Historic Environment Asset MNN133295 area of survival of ridge and furrow. Includes Environment Agency flood retention earth dam in part

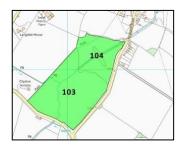
Coherent bounded site in single management, 12.2 ha., adjacent to southern outskirts of village. Open views and interesting topography including natural meandering course of brook with small 'oxbows' and species-rich sinuous (probably medieval) hedged internal boundary. Good ridge and furrow on slopes above the narrow floodplain in 103. Biodiversity site with 4-species hedge, relatively unimproved grassland, bat foraging area (and roost trees), birds including 5 BAP species.







Community tree planting, 2017



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А	Village Green (Two Parcels)	Y	5	3	1	4	4	2	19

Registered Village Green VG3, NCC 1970. Open space forming the visual and social centre of the village on a site which has been open since the 18^{th} century – important buildings of c.1770 and 1840 are aligned with its boundaries – and probably since early medieval time. A letter of 28 June 1973 directed Northants CC to Register Clipston Parish Council as the owner of the land, which was previously part of the manorial land of Clipston cum Newbold.

The Green provides an essential part of the *setting* of Clipston House (Listed Grade II) and the location of the village war memorial (Imperial War Museum record 14893). It is recorded as HER 4232/5 in the Northants Historic Environment Record. Flower beds, lawns and mature trees, including three large limes which have local ecological and arboricultural value.

The Green has served as a village meeting place since at least the mid-19th century, and is still the regular venue for village fairs, the Christmas tree and other events.



Clipston village green and war memorial, 2019

