

Wednesday 12 November 2025

To Councillors – Danny Bonnett (Chair), Chris Bloor, Christine Carter, Chris Davies, Fiona Deas, Gil Gilroy, James Murray, Phil O'Rourke, Chris Rowe, Emma Shepherd, Chris Woodhouse

Please take notice that a meeting of the **Open Spaces Committee** of Thornbury Town Council will be held in the **Council Chamber of the Town Hall** on **Tuesday 18 November 2025 at 7.30pm**.

All above named Councillors are hereby **summoned** to attend the above meeting for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out hereunder.



Wendy Sydenham, Deputy Town Clerk

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, Human Rights and the need to conserve biodiversity.

Public Participation: Please note that this meeting is open to the public. Please take note of the guidance notes for public participation [provided](#).

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If you would not be physically able to use the stairs in the event of a fire, please inform us of your intention to attend this meeting no later than 9.00am on the Monday before, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

AGENDA

1. To note the resignation from Council of the previous Committee Chair, Cllr John Reynolds, and to welcome the new Committee Chair, Cllr Danny Bonnett
2. To receive any apologies for absence
3. To receive any members' declarations of interest
4. To receive any representations from the public relating to items on the agenda
5. To elect a new Committee Vice Chair
6. To approve and sign the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 16 September 2025 (paper attached)

7. To receive a presentation from South Gloucestershire Council on Streamside Improvements (paper to follow) *(awaiting confirmation, may be deferred to January)*
8. To consider matters relating to the hedge cutting regime (papers attached)
 - 8.1 To consider suggested changes to the hedge cutting regime
 - 8.2 To note that hedge surveys are being carried out by Avon Wildlife Trust and to consider delegating authority to officers to proceed with any cost-neutral works suggested in the survey reports
 - 8.3 To consider delegating authorisation for expenditure on Winter 2025 hedge works
9. To consider a request to hold a Junior Parkrun on Sunday mornings at the Mundy Playing Fields (paper attached)
10. To consider matters relating to seating on Town Council land
 - 10.1 To consider options for a replacement seat on Rock Street Garden (paper attached)
 - 10.2 To note and ratify an officer response to comments regarding planned seating on Oakleaze Green (paper attached)
11. To consider quotes for replacement fencing around the two public tennis courts at the Mundy Playing Fields (paper attached)
12. To consider Committee budget requirements for 2026/2027 (paper attached)
13. To consider draft walk leaflets produced by Walkers Are Welcome supported by the Town Council (papers attached)
14. To ratify the out of meeting decision to amend the type and positioning of the storage structure for the Football Club at the Mundy Playing Fields (paper attached)
15. To pass a resolution to exclude members of the public and press for the remaining agenda items due to the **COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE** nature of the business to be transacted
16. To consider matters relating to the refurbishment of Streamleaze Play Area
 - 16.1 To agree to proceed with the refurbishment of Streamleaze Play Area
 - 16.2 To agree a budget for the project (subject to final agreement during budget setting for 2026/2027) and agree the design brief (paper attached)
 - 16.3 To agree to make a recommendation to Full Council to allocate funds from an existing Ear Marked Reserve to the project (EMR 355 Play Equipment)
 - 16.4 To agree to an electronic tender process
 - 16.5 To agree to delegate authority to officers to prepare all other tender documentation
17. To note that the deadline for submission of items to the Deputy Clerk for inclusion in the next agenda is Wednesday 7 January 2026
18. To note the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 20 January 2026

END OF AGENDA

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee
held on 16 September 2025 at 7:30pm
in the Council Chamber, Town Hall

Councillors present: Cllr John Reynolds (Chair)
Cllr Chris Bloor
Cllr Danny Bonnett
Cllr Christine Carter
Cllr Chris Davies
Cllr Fiona Deas
Cllr Gil Gilroy
Cllr James Murray
Cllr Chris Rowe

Officers present: Wendy Sydenham (Deputy Clerk)

Councillors absent: Cllr Phil O'Rourke
Cllr Emma Shepherd
Cllr Chris Woodhouse

There was one member of the public present

OS2526.40 TO CONSIDER ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Phil O'Rourke and Chris Woodhouse.

OS2526.41 TO RECEIVE ANY MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Reynolds declared an interest in matters relating to Thornbury In Bloom, as a family member is involved in the organisation.

OS2526.42 TO RECEIVE ANY REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There was one member of the public present, but no representations were made.

OS2526.43 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 JULY 2025

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on 22 July 2025, and they were then signed by the Chair.

OS2526.44 TO CONSIDER FEEDBACK ON THE CONSULTATION ON POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE PATCH OF TARMAC NEAR LARKSPUR AVENUE AND AGREE NEXT STEPS

In relation to the feedback on the consultation on the patch of tarmac near Larkspur Avenue and the information in the officer's report regarding ownership of the land, the following was **RESOLVED**:

- Officers should continue efforts to contact the developer who owns the site to ascertain their views on the Town Council potentially making changes to the land.
- To refer this potential project to the Capital Strategy Group, so that this can be captured within their list of projects and considered further in relation to other planned projects.

OS2526.45 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THORNBURY IN BLOOM FOR AN ALTERNATIVE LOCATION FOR THE THIRD BENCH ON ROCK STREET GARDEN.

It was noted that Thornbury In Bloom had withdrawn their request for consideration of an alternative location for the bench and therefore the original resolution regarding the placement of the third bench would stand (to be installed in the same location as the Remembrance Bench that was due to be relocated).

OS2526.46 TO CONSIDER A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CLIMATE & NATURE COMMITTEE FOR WILDFLOWER PLANTING ON THE MUNDY PLAYING FIELDS

In relation to the recommendation from the Climate & Nature Committee, it was **RESOLVED** to agree to the planting of wildflower seed in existing areas of wildflower meadow, hay meadow and tall grassland at the Mundy Playing Fields, as set out in the officer report.

OS2526.47 TO RATIFY AN OFFICER DECISION REGARDING ALLOWING PLAQUES ON PUBLIC GRAVES AT THORNBURY CEMETERY

It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the officer decision to allow any requests made to the Town Council to place a marker on public graves. The requester would be allowed to purchase and have installed through the Town Council, a small bronze plaque to be placed on the plot, the same as that allowed on cremated remains plots.

OS2526.48 TO CONSIDER PROCEEDING WITH ENTERING THE MUNDY PLAYING FIELDS INTO THE GREEN FLAG AWARDS AND DELEGATE AUTHORITY FOR ANY ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE

The Committee discussed the Green Flag Awards in general, noting how they linked with the work currently being carried out through Full Council on the potential development of a Land Management Plan. It was **RESOLVED** to put this item on the next Open Spaces Committee agenda, by which time there may be more certainty through Full Council on a potential Land Management Plan and Committee members would have had more time to look through the Green Flag Awards criteria. The aim at the next Committee meeting would be to consider this criterion in more detail and highlight any areas that the Committee would not feel comfortable with working towards.

OS2526.49 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO ALLOW THE ADOPTION OF AN EXISTING BENCH AS A MEMORIAL BENCH

It was **RESOLVED** that requests to adopt an existing bench as a memorial bench would be allowed, on the basis that the bench would then become a “shared” memorial bench, which could have a number of plaques on it. As a shared bench is already an option in the existing policy, the placement of a plaque on an existing bench would be covered by the same terms and conditions as that, including the fee. This policy change would be made in the form of a recommendation to the next Finance & General Purpose Committee to agree the amendment to the policy.

OS2526.50 TO NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ITEMS TO THE DEPUTY CLERK FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA IS WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2025

The deadline for submission of items to the Clerk/Deputy Clerk for inclusion in the next agenda was noted to be Wednesday 5 November 2025.

OS2526.51 TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2025

The date of the next meeting was noted to be Tuesday 18 November 2025.

The meeting closed at 20.20.

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Officer Report to Thornbury Town Council Open Spaces Committee

Report Title: Review of Hedge Maintenance Regime – Winter 2025

Prepared By: Wendy Sydenham, Deputy Clerk

Meeting Date: 18 November 2025

Status: For Action



1. Background

In 2024, the Open Spaces Committee oversaw the review of the Town Council's hedge maintenance regime with a view to improving the ecological quality of the hedges and increasing biodiversity, whilst still keeping in mind operational and safety considerations. Improvements to the regime were agreed and the first year of works carried out. Many of the improvements involved less cutting overall.

Since then, there has been an increased focus on Biodiversity Net Gain as well as a general focus on continuing to make improvements to how we manage our green spaces. In light of this, the hedge regime has been reviewed again, and some further improvements are recommended by officers – see summary below. This review has been carried out by the Deputy Clerk, Climate & Nature Officer, Facilities Officer and Site Supervisor.

At the same time, the Climate & Nature Officer was approached by the Avon Wildlife Trust (AWT) regarding a wildlife regeneration project that they, and WECA, are delivering around Bristol and Bath with a view to improving pollinator connectivity. As part of the project, AWT offered to survey our green spaces to ascertain if there were any positive changes that could be made in line with the aims of their project and which they may, potentially, carry out themselves or provide access to funding.

Their Site Report is appended to this report, and officers are looking into their recommendations ("Pointers and Ideas") and, where appropriate and practicable, will present these to future Committee meetings in due course. In the meantime, it seemed ideal timing to ask them to go ahead with carrying out a Healthy Hedgerow survey, which was one of their suggestions. They were asked to look specifically at the meadow section of Cemetery and also the hedges around Thicket Walk where officers felt there may be scope for significant improvement e.g. hedge laying, particularly if funding and/or capacity was available through this project. We await the result of this survey from AWT on these two sections of hedging.

2. Summary of Officer Recommendations for Improvements to the Maintenance Regime

(Note – the summary includes only sites where changes are recommended)

<i>Site/Hedge</i>	<i>Current Regime</i>	<i>Suggested Improvements</i>
Chantry Field	Contractor to cut outside annually and inside every three years. Staff to maintain minimally in between as needed.	In addition to current regime: Clare Walk and Church Road sections – longer term, consider filling gaps and hedge laying.

<i>Site/Hedge</i>	<i>Current Regime</i>	<i>Suggested Improvements</i>
Oakleaze Green	Staff to maintain new hedge roughly in line with the fence.	In addition to current regime: Fill gaps and replace dead plants.
Thornbury Cemetery	Staff to cut back as required, but as little as possible. Contractor to cut back laurel hedge around store to avoid problem with power lines.	Mainly as per existing regime, but with following change - surgeon to cut back or remove trees under power lines, and removal of weed trees. AWT requested to survey the hedges around the meadow section which are currently in a poor/declining condition and would benefit from intervention e.g. laying.
Thicket Walk	Staff to continue to cut back brambles. Contractor reduced height of hedge on right side so that staff can maintain going forward.	Continue with existing regime but also request AWT to survey as there is scope for real ecology improvement to the right-side hedge e.g. laying and filling gaps, which would also reduce the height which will alleviate ongoing concerns from neighbouring residents.
MPF – Wellfield Lane and Car Park	Contractor to cut annually along the lane and near power lines, low enough so that staff can maintain through the year and top remaining hedge every three years.	Staff to side both sides of the lane, but no topping – height to be kept under review. Contractor to top only near to power lines. Tree surgeon to look at trees along the lane with a review to monolithing or removing, and fill gaps as necessary.
MPF – Pitch 1 Laurel Hedge	Contractor to cut each year, keeping at roughly the same height, with lower section near to CCTV camera. Staff to reduce width. (Following a misunderstanding, the hedge height was reduced to five foot.)	Hedge will be left to grow to original height and contractors brought in annually to keep height and width under control. Lower section to be maintained to allow unhindered CCTV coverage.
MPF – Poulterbrook, along far side of largest pitch	Staff to cut parts of hedge periodically as needed. Contractor to cut Winter 2025, and then every three years.	New regime – staff to side every year, contractor to flail top every two years, leaving some of previous year's growth, starting in Winter 2026. Longer term – consider additional planting and/or laying in gaps.

3. **Implications**

- (a) *Financial* – there are no significant financial implications to the suggested improvements in the short term. In some areas there will be less expenditure (where less work will be done or where work will be carried out by staff), and in other areas there will be more expenditure (where contractors are brought in or plants purchased to fill gaps). Overall, this should

mean no significant difference to the expenditure already agreed and allocated for the Town Council's new approach to hedge maintenance.

The only increase in costs in the future could be where contractors are brought in to carry out hedge laying. This is a longer-term aim for some of the hedges and a full report and costings will be brought to the Committee at the appropriate time for consideration. By agreeing to the suggested changes above, the Committee is only committing to considering these potentially more costly changes in the future.

- (b) *Ecological* – there is significant scope for improvements to our hedges, particularly on some sites. These improvements will create richer habitats that support more birds, insects, and small mammals, boosting overall biodiversity in the area.
- (c) *Public Use and Enjoyment of Green Spaces* – the improvements being suggested are to existing hedges and therefore will provide real ecological benefits without taking over any additional green space. Public enjoyment will also be enhanced by the increased diversity of the improved hedges.

4. Recommendations

- (a) Agree to the suggested improvements to the hedge maintenance regime.
- (b) Agree to delegate authority to officers to instruct AWT to go ahead with any suggested improvements to our hedges from their Healthy Hedgerow survey, assuming that they are cost neutral to the Town Council and have no significant impact on any other part of the green space i.e. they only involve changes to existing hedges and do not encroach onto the surrounding green space. (Should there be any cost or space implications to any of AWT's suggested hedge improvements, an officer report along with costings will be brought to a future meeting.)
- (c) In relation to hedge maintenance generally, agree to delegate authority to officers to engage contractors to carry out the Winter 2025 works on all hedges. Increased funding has already been agreed for the new hedge maintenance regime and only part of this has been spent so far. There is £7000 still available for hedge works (as an agreed overspend to the Open Spaces Maintenance Budget) and officers request delegated authority to spend up to this amount for the Winter 2025 works and to engage contractors in line with Town Council's Financial Regulations.

Site Name:	Thornbury Town Council	Site Location:	Thornbury, BS35
Report Date:	20/21/10/2025	W3W:	Mundy Park- topical.perfumed.informal Cemetery- vipers.cleanest.ladder St Marys- shrub.outdoor.tonality
Date of Visit(s):	29/09/2025	Case Number:	0029
Surveyor (s):	Tom Snowball, Pollinator Recovery Manager Ben Stainton, Nature Recovery Officer Jim Drew, Pollinator Pathways Trainee Mathilda Whittle, Pollinator Pathways Trainee		

Mundy playing fields:



Cemetery:



St Mary's Church:



Site Description

Mundy Playing Fields-

Made up of a large park area with 3 football pitches, a playground, football club, and car park. The pitch on the south side is bordered by hedgerow and a stream on one side that then flows under the park and comes out to the North after the playground. This football pitch already has a wildflower strip along two sides. They have plans to make the stream flow through the park, creating a natural water play area in the playground. The other two pitches, football club and car park sit to the west along the back of the playing fields. The main park area is mostly managed grassland with a few larger and newly planted trees. They are planning on scarifying and planting wildflowers in an area of the grassland on the eastern side this Autumn. The playfield slopes down on either side to the stream, which is bordered by trees, they also have plans to plant wildflowers on the sloping side to the east of the stream.

Cemetery-

Made up of newer burial sites on the southeast side, with older sites and the church behind, on the northeast side there is a small strip of grassland with some trees. Behind is a sloping field of grass and some scrub that has been cut and taken away, with a small section on the southwest, mostly cut off with hedgerow, used for disposing plant waste. Currently there's only one artificial beehive in the middle of the field and they have plans to turn this area into a small woodland, they have previously tried planting wildflowers but they didn't take. There are issues with flooding in the northeast corner of the field at the bottom of the slope. They own the hedgerow along the north and west of the site which has some leggy areas and gaps.

St Mary's Church-

The cemetery area surrounds the church and is a closed church yard. There are several tomb graves that will be having restoration done to remove ivy and stop them from sinking. There are several trees on and around the site and they have done a lot of work cutting back laurel and heightening the canopies of the yews. The cemetery is managed grass, there is a lot of moss throughout, there are also areas with snowdrop, primrose and orchids. A cut and takeaway happen every month between April and September for the last 15 years and before that two a year. A small patch on the right-hand side of the main door was roped off and left in 2020 and during this time ox eye daisies came up. Their plan is now to let the wildflowers that may be naturally sitting in the soil come up throughout the cemetery.

Pointers and Ideas:

- Potential soil sampling in Mundy playing fields if it hasn't already been done
- Potentially create strip of wildflower along the stream by the football field however this depends on the work they are planning on doing connecting the stream
- Could connect the meadow being planted on the slope down to the stream and along the bank, however the stream does flood often
- Healthy Hedgerow survey in cemetery if not already done
- Hedgerow enhancement around cemetery dependant on results of hedgerow survey (coppice/plant up/lay)
- Look at forest of Avon funding for the potential wet woodland
- Potential Wildflower meadow on high area of cemetery field (dependent on soil sampling results)
- Not much that we can help with in St Marys but may be worth getting in contact with owner of a meadow across from church

Potential Sources of Funding and Resources:

- Forest of Avon for the cemetery woodland
- Pollinator Pathways capital grants fund

Next Steps:

Below is a list of Suggested Actions for AWT, subject to the Landowner Engagement Agreement. Please let us know if you would like our help with any of the actions listed. We can provide a management plan with schedule of works, help with funding applications, source and pay for contractors, and organise practical tasks to be completed by our volunteers. For works that require completion by end of winter 25/26, please register your interest as soon as possible so that we can it all scheduled in.

Suggested Actions for 2024-25	2025			2026									
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1. Write management plan with schedule of works													
2. Healthy Hedgerows survey													
3. Soil sampling (June, July, August weather dependant)													
4. Grassland/meadow management													
5. Hedgerow management													
6. Bee bank creation													

Thornbury Junior Park run

Following our meeting at Mundys we have produced this document to confirm the points raised prior to approval from the council for the use of the mundy playing fields for junior park run on a sunday morning at 9am each week

- A risk assessment has been completed and is issued with this document
- The same safety requirements as the adult event will be followed along with additional marshalling numbers in line with Parkrun juniors policy - this is that a marshal is present at every 100m on the course and at each entry and exit point
- As part of the event set up a volunteer will walk the course prior to each event to ensure there are no hazards - we have mapped out a option A green and option B red route in the event that one route cannot be used if there is a hazard or if the ground is deemed unsafe etc - these are shown in the photos below - both are 1km laps that will be run twice to make up the 2km course length - by doing 2 x 1km laps will help us reduce the marshal numbers needed each week
- Attendees of the event will be encouraged to park in the car parks in the town and to avoid where possible to use the car park at the Mundys
- The volunteers will meet around 8.15-8.30 on a sunday to walk the process and place cones, start/ finish banners and sign posts, a pre race briefing will happen around 8.50 with the run to begin at 9 - it is anticipated that all attendees will be finished by 9.30 with the course packed up and cleared by 10 at the latest
- Looking at other park run events we are anticipating an average number of 20-30 children running each week
- Parkuns insurance details are attached
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Mundy Playing Fields



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Officer Report to Thornbury Town Council Open Spaces Committee

Report Title: Options for a Replacement Seat on Rock Street Garden

Prepared By: Wendy Sydenham, Deputy Clerk

Meeting Date: 18 November 2025

Status: For Action



1. Background

The Committee has resolved to replace the Remembrance Bench at the Rock Street Garden with a bench very similar in style to the other two existing benches in that location. The Committee has allocated £1000 for this replacement bench.

Officers have investigated options/quotes for this bench and have obtained the following for consideration:

<i>Company</i>	<i>Type of Company</i>	<i>Quote</i>	<i>Is the hardwood timber FSC certified/harvested sustainably</i>
Company A	Large, national	c£900	No
Company B	Large, national	c£1300	Yes
Company C	Small, local (would be bespoke)	£1068	Yes

2. Implications

- (a) *Financial* – £1000 has been budgeted for the bench, but there would be scope to increase this.
- (b) *Ecological* – the Committee may prefer to choose a bench will be made from FSC certified hardwood, which would be more in line with Town Council’s ecological aims. FSC certified hardwood is harvested sustainably.
- (c) *Supporting Local Businesses* – the Committee may prefer to purchase from local businesses, where suitable and affordable, over larger national companies.

3. Recommendations

Agree to purchase the bench from Company C for £1068 and agree the small overspend.

Officer Report to Thornbury Town Council Open Spaces Committee

Report Title: **Comments Received Regarding Oakleaze Green Seating**

Prepared By: **Wendy Sydenham, Deputy Clerk**

Meeting Date: **18 November 2025**

Status: **For Noting/Ratifying Officer Response**



1. Background

The Committee commissioned a survey in Autumn/Winter 2024 asking for views from the public regarding where they would like to see more seating around Thornbury. The Committee then agree to install seats in a number of locations, based partly on the results of the survey. This includes one new seat on Oakleaze Green, which was one of the most popular requests from the survey.

Since the planned new seating has been publicised, officers have received two complaints regarding the seat on Oakleaze Green. Installation has been halted temporarily until after the Committee meeting.

The complaints focus on concerns around antisocial behaviour and litter, as well as a lack of consultation with adjacent residents. Officers have responded to these complaints highlighting the fact that a seat in that location was one of the most popular requests and that grounds maintenance staff would regularly litter pick the area, as they currently do.

2. Request to Committee

The Committee is asked to note the comments received regarding the planned seat and to note the officer's response.

The Committee could consider asking officers to purchase and install a bin next to the new bench to reduce the risk of increased littering. There would be sufficient funds in the street furniture budget.

Summary of Quotes for Replacement Tennis Court Fencing

<i>Company</i>	<i>Quote ex VAT</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Company A	£17,990	If completed between Nov-Feb, otherwise £20280 Company used before, no issues at all with previous work Based in Bristol
Company B		No quote received
Company C	£21,162	Based in Wales
Company D		No quote received
Company E	£23,280	Based in Essex

There are funds available for the works, up to £20,000.

Open Spaces Draft Budget 2026/27

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		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	FORECAST	TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	TRANSFER TO EMR	BUDGET	TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	TRANSFER TO EMR	BUDGET	TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	TRANSFER TO EMR	BUDGET	TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	TRANSFER TO EMR	BUDGET	TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	TRANSFER TO EMR	
4150	Maintenance	27,151	13,934	30,000	30,000	-	-	30,000	-	-	30,000	-	-	30,000	-	-	30,000	-	-	Unknown. To be picked up in LMS
4400	Septic Tank	536	585	600	600	-	-	1,800	-	-	1,854	-	-	1,891	-	-	1,929	-	-	From 2026/27 will be emptying every 12 months.
4401	Security	6,806	5,227	6,962	5,600	-	-	5,768	-	-	5,941	-	-	6,060	-	-	6,181	-	-	
4410	Play Equipment Maintenance	10,000	10,611	45,000	45,000	-	35,000	80,000	35,000	-	45,000	-	35,000	45,000	-	35,000	45,000	-	35,000	Streamleaze upgrade in 2026/27, funded over two years.From 2027/28 allocation to EMR for upgrading MPF playground
4420	Fuel	7,067	3,402	6,000	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	Fuel required for vehicles until all replaced with electric
4430	Tennis Courts	5,678	5,181	23,857	23,821	-	4,303	6,750	-	3,137	6,873	-	3,200	6,999	-	3,264	43,000	36,000	3,035	2029/30 - surface replacement
4432	Sports Pitches	7,000	9,036	7,000	7,700	-	-	7,931	-	-	8,169	-	-	8,332	-	-	8,499	-	-	
4435	Portable Toilet	1,728	2,170	1,829	1,830	-	-	1,829	-	-	1,884	-	-	1,922	-	-	1,960	-	-	
4440	Skatepark Maintenance	2,094	265	500	500	-	-	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Transfer to CIC
4445	Tree Works Inspection & Works	-	2,750	5,000	6,500	-	-	5,000	2,000	-	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,060	-	-	
4490	St Mary's Churchyard	80,000	1,570	80,000	72,500	72,500	-	1,500	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-	£68k memorial repairs, gates £4000 & facilities £100/month
4495	Bedding Plants	1,417	1,125	1,158	800	-	-	824	-	-	849	-	-	866	-	-	883	-	-	
4500	Memorial Plaque Service	2,094	1,541	1,423	1,500	-	-	1,403	-	-	1,445	-	-	1,474	-	-	1,503	-	-	
4501	War memorial repairs	-	-	-	2,620	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	Allocating funds to EMR for memorial repairs
4550	Tree Planting	7,182	208	3,000	-	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	Unknown as tree planting programme not identified. To be picked up in LMS
4555	Hanging Baskets	2,618	913	1,833	1,410	-	-	1,452	-	-	1,496	-	-	1,526	-	-	1,556	-	-	
4560	Town Hall Planting	2,303	2,303	2,372	1,300	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,545	-	-	1,576	-	-	1,607	-	-	
4580	Grass Cutting SGC	2,539	1,269	2,615	2,736	-	-	2,615	-	-	2,694	-	-	2,747	-	-	2,802	-	-	
4581	Dog Waste Bin Collection SGC	6,873	6,873	7,079	7,408	-	-	7,079	-	-	7,292	-	-	7,437	-	-	7,586	-	-	
4585	Floral Displays SGC	2,985	2,127	2,575	2,575	-	-	2,575	-	-	2,652	-	-	2,705	-	-	2,759	-	-	
4595	Street Furniture (inc bins) (relocate)	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,500	-	-	4,500	-	-	4,500	-	-	4,500	-	-	Needs to include signage upgrade costs
Total Open Spaces		178,165	72,695	228,802	217,400	72,500	39,303	181,027	38,500	5,137	134,693	1,500	40,200	135,535	1,500	40,264	172,327	37,500	40,035	

THORNBURY WALKS

1: A TOWN IN THE COUNTRY



Follow the right of way to the left around the perimeter of the field and through the trees at the far end to find a kissing gate in the far corner.

Through the gate, turn right and follow the hedge on the right until you get to another kissing gate.

Through this gate, go up to a tarmac path and turn left keeping the stream on your left. Go past one footbridge and at the second turn right and immediately left to cross a footbridge over a tributary stream.

Follow the Streamside Walk upstream past the silted up remains of a pond and another footbridge.

Go through the underbridge beneath Park Road and follow the path past the Scout Hut.

When the tarmac path crosses the stream, you have the option of using the muddier path on the other bank, which leads to some stepping stones, which are slippery when wet.



It is safer to continue up the tarmac path to Gloucester Road. Cross the zebra crossing. On the other side, bear right to rejoin the Streamside Walk.

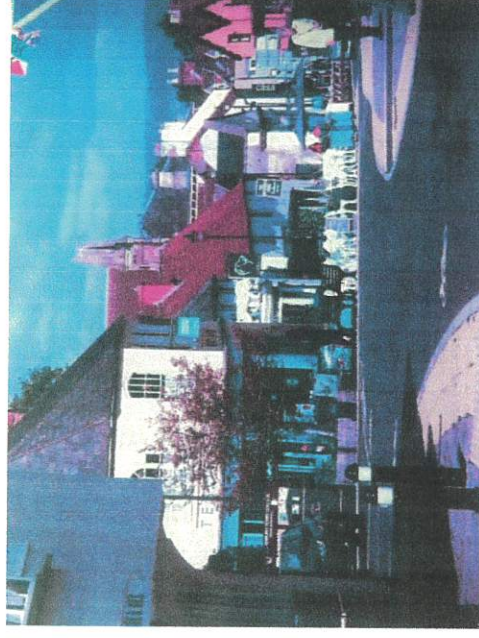
Continue to walk upstream. At the end, go straight ahead on the path between the houses. Cross the road into another enclosed path that takes you through to a grassy open space.

Turn left on the tarmac path across Oakleaze Green to some concrete bollards.

Go through the subway under Gillingstool and turn right up the ramp and continue past the school on the left.

Head up the hill to return to the pedestrian lights next to Rock Street car park and the start.

More at: <https://thornburyafoot.com>



A circular walking route of about 3 miles
to complement
the Thornbury Heritage Trail

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Start next to Aldi in the Mary Street Shopping Centre - close to buses and parking.

Cross Rock Street towards the Rock Street car park and turn right. Cross Bath Road and Upper Bath Road and turn left down Streamleaze.

Just before you reach Tyndale View, cross Streamleaze to access the tunnel under Midland Way.

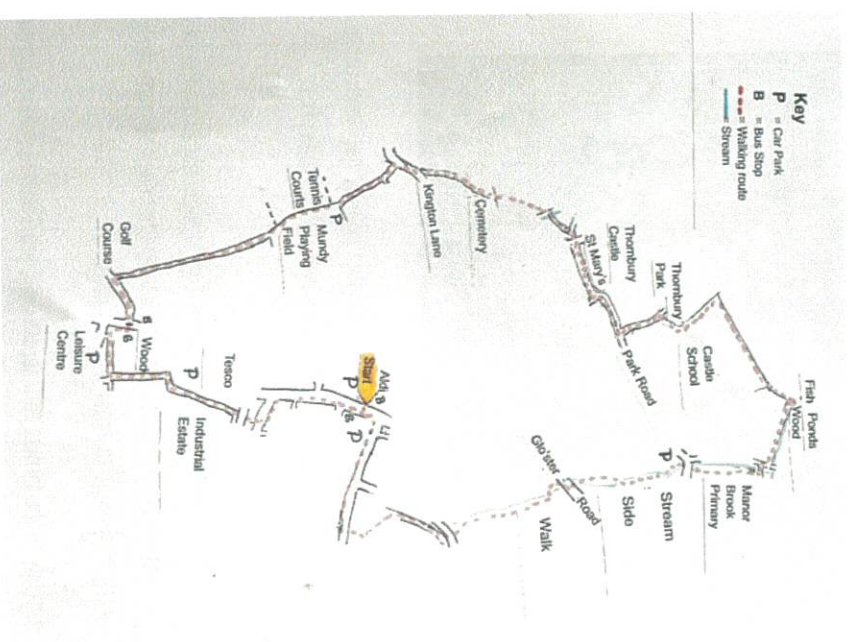


Go straight ahead up the cycle/foot path past Tesco car park and between Thornbury Farm Wood and the Industrial Estate.

At the junction, turn right down Vilner Lane. At the bottom, turn right past the bus stop. Cross Bristol Road using the traffic island and go up the drive towards Thornbury Golf Centre.

Just before you reach the Golf Course, turn right over a stile into an enclosed path. (You are now following part of The Jubilee Way and the Biodiversity Ring.)

Follow this past a couple of redundant gates until you reach Mundy Playing Fields.



Continue straight ahead past the stone stile on your left, where the Jubilee Way heads off into the country. Follow the ditch and hedge on the left.

The new hedge planted with native hedge plants on the right is part of The Biodiversity Ring.

We continue past the car park down the access lane to Kington Lane.

At the end, turn right past some cottages. Keep to the right until you see a kissing gate on the other side of the road. Through the gate, follow the enclosed path to another kissing gate.

Follow the edge of the cemetery until you see a new kissing gate into the field ahead.

Continue on the diagonal path across the field to another kissing gate.

Cross the footbridge over the stream and follow the path enclosed between a wire fence and a stone wall.

At the T-junction turn right.

Pass the entrances to the Castle and the Church, then cross the road towards the Glebe Field and turn left.

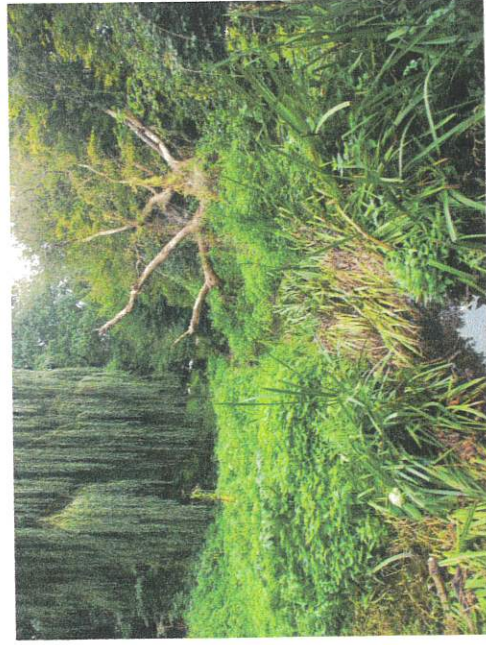


Follow the path between Pound Cottage and the Pound itself and cross Church Road to join the path alongside Park Road.

When a footpath joins from the right, cross Park Road into the grounds of Thornbury Park. Continue up the drive until a footpath sign diverts you to the right past a house to a kissing gate into the grounds of Castle School.

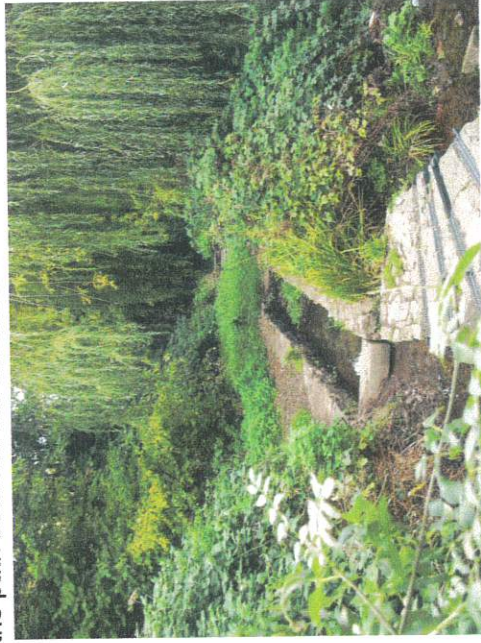
THORNBURY WALKS

2: THE STREAMSIDE WALK



The silted up pond.

Take the subway under Park Road and continue on the path between the stream and a Scout hut.



The remains of the old sewage works.

Keep to the tarmac path alongside the stream until you emerge on Gloucester Road. (There is an alternative route through the sewage works; but it is not an accessible path.)

Cross the road using the zebra crossing and bear right to rejoin the streamside path.

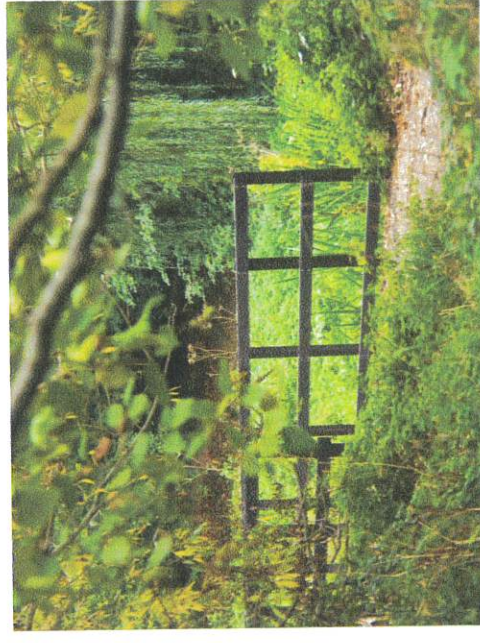


Follow the path upstream. Go straight ahead between the houses to St David's Road. Cross the road to a path that runs along the top of the stream through to a green open space. Bear left on a tarmac path to some bollards. Cross the road using the underpass and turn right.



The stream from the Bathings is buried under the bricks marking the borough boundary.

Head up the hill to return to the start.



An accessible circular Community Path
of about 3 miles
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Start by the pedestrian lights next to the St Mary Centre on Rock Street.

Cross Rock Street towards the car park and turn right. Turn left down Bath Road and keep straight on past the car park entrance and Turnberries to the back of Gillingstool Primary School.

On the right is a building called The Bathings on the site of a former swimming bath. The stream at the end of this walk used to drain the pool.

Follow the tarmac path between the back of the school and stone wall.

Turn left at the T-junction and follow the path around the houses until it splits into three.

Take the middle path and bear left on the main path between two rows of houses. Bear right on the path to the underpass beneath Streamleaze.



I always feel that this marks the start of The Green!

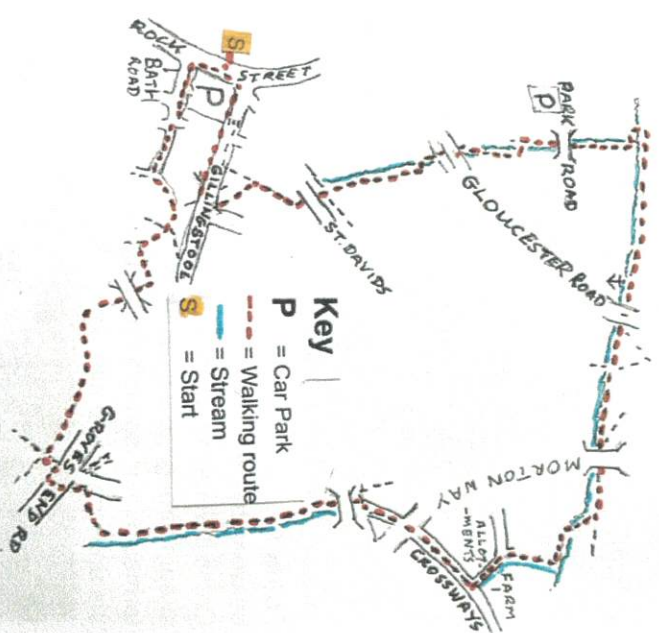
On the other side, head up between houses on the left and trees on the right.

Keep left along the side of a long thin open space, passing paths joining from the left and right until you come to a new plantation on the right.

Turn left to Grovesend Road and turn right to find a path across the verge. Cross the road and turn left and then right into Malvern Drive.

Turn right on a metalled path past a sort of car park and then keep left alongside a tree-lined path.

Pass three footbridges on the right. (One is currently out of use.)



At a grassy triangle, keep straight on along the left hand side of an open space.



Keep right through the subway and follow the road more or less straight ahead past Hackett Lane and a pretty cottage.

At the end, cross Morton Way into Crossways Lane. Follow the lane for a bit over a hundred and fifty metres until you can turn left down an enclosed path with a concealed stream on the right and some allotments on your left.

Past the allotments turn right on a tarmac path.

Ignore paths joining from the left and right and follow the path around to the left past a shallow pond.



Cross the footbridge over a stream and follow the path up into the next field and through the underpass under Morton Way.

Continue to follow the stream (second on the left) past the Community Orchard and Wildflower Meadow.

Cross Gloucester Road and continue to follow the stream past one footbridge and the site of Morton Mill, where you will hear tinkling waterfalls. *This is proof if it were needed that this is not Picked Moor Lane Rhine (a drainage ditch a mile away.)*

Take the second footbridge after this and turn left again over another bridge crossing a tributary stream. Follow the path past a silted up pond and continue upstream.

Follow the hedge on your right. Cross Peacock Road and continue on the grass between the hedge and Purple Emperor Road.

Cross Meadow Brown Close and continue on the grass alongside the hedge. Continue in the same direction until you emerge through a kissing gate onto Butt Lane.

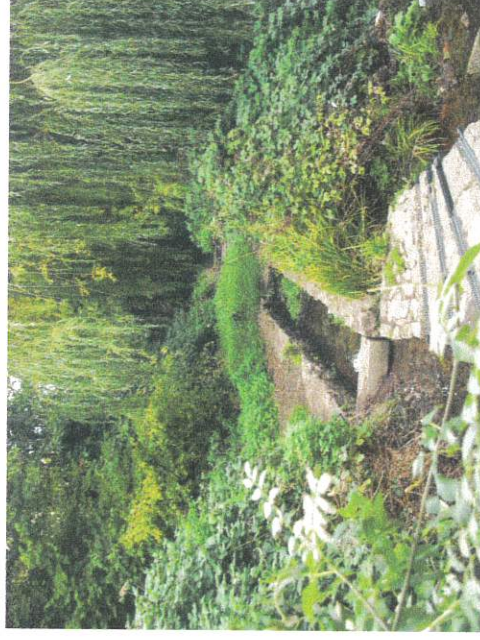
Turn left and cross the road into Ringtail Lane. Follow the lane and path through to Barley Fields. Cross the road to the cut through on the other side. Cross Harvest Way to pick up the yellow path past the play equipment and follow it to a cul de sac.

Go straight ahead across the grass to a footbridge. On the other side, follow the path around the edge of the wood on the left to a kissing gate.

Through the kissing gate, go up to the tarmac path and turn left. Follow the path to a T-junction and turn right and immediately left over a footbridge. Follow the Streamside Walk upstream past the silted up remains of a pond and another footbridge.



Go through the underbridge beneath Park Road and follow the path past the Scout Hut. Continue to follow the path past the remains of the old sewage works to Gloucester Road.



Use the Zebra Crossing to find the Streamside path on the other side. Continue to walk upstream.

At the end, go straight ahead on the ginnel between the houses. Cross the road into another enclosed path that takes you through to a grassy open space.

Keep right and follow the path round to a last ginnel through to Gillingstool. Turn right, cross St David's Road, cross Gillingstool using the pedestrian crossing and turn right to return to the start in Rock Street.

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THORNBURY WALKS

3: GINNELS GREENS AND GULLICKSEN PATHS



A circular walking route of about 3 miles

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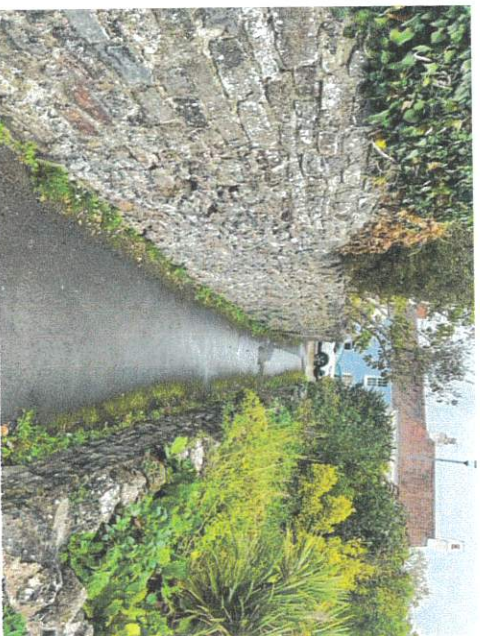


Start next to Aldi in the Mary Street Shopping Centre - close to buses and parking.

This walk explores Ginnels, Greens and Gulliksen Paths in the northern part of Thornbury. Ginnel is a northern word for a walled passageway between buildings. We are not yet claiming that all the green spaces you will encounter are Village Greens nor that the paths through housing estates are legally Gulliksen paths, but the terms alliterate appropriately!

Cross Rock Street towards the Rock Street car park and turn left.

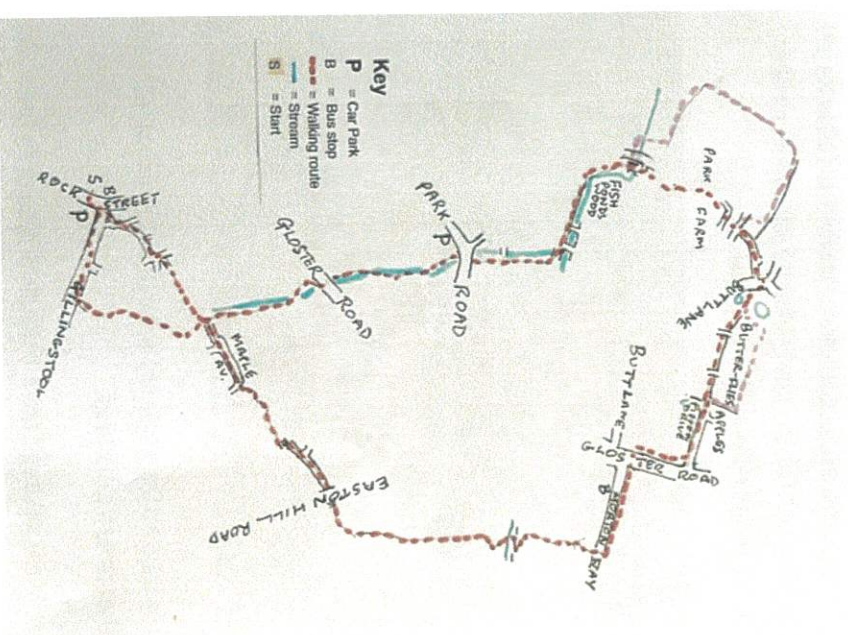
Cross the top of Gillingstool and go down the Ginnel in the picture.



Go straight across Pullin's Green into Crispin Lane. At the end turn left into Hillcrest then immediately right through another Ginnel into the old Sixth Form playing field..

Go straight ahead across the field or take the path around the right hand edge of the field. In either case, descend to the Streamside Path and go up the Ginnel into Maple Avenue. Go straight ahead to another Ginnel to a small Green and keep right.

When you reach some steps go up them and turn right into another Ginnel.



The Ginnel turns into an enclosed path past the playing field of Christ the King Primary School, which goes to the top of Easton Hill Road.



Cross the road to some steps and follow the path past some houses on the left and an open space on the right. Keep left past the back of the One Stop Shop to pick up a ginnel that opens up to reveal another open space on the right.



Follow the path across a crosspath to descend to a bridge over a stream.

At a junction, turn right and then left to ascend to a ginnel through to Osprey Park. Cross one path then turn left and then right to a ginnel through to Morton Way

Cross the road by the pedestrian crossing and turn left. Continue until you can cross Gloucester Road into the "Apple Estate." Turn right and follow the path to Phippen Drive. Turn left along the far side of Phippen Drive, Continue past an attenuation pond to a kissing gate into the "Butterfly Estate."

Through the gate, turn left through another kissing gate and turn right.

pair of attenuation ponds on the left. You will cross Cleve Wood Road on the way to a kissing gate onto Morton Way.

Turn left and

then cross

Morton Way

into Chiltern

Park. At the

T-junction,

turn left and

second right

on the path

past the

houses on your left. Follow the path through the trees and around to the left to emerge on Malvern Drive.

Turn left down to Grovesend Road, cross over and turn right and second left on a cut through to Streamleaze Open Space.

When you come to a newish plantation, turn right and follow the path around the right hand edge of the green open space.

You will pass four or five inviting cutthroughs on the right before you are more or less forced to turn right past the last row of houses.

At a junction, turn

left to the underpass beneath Streamleaze road. Continue across one path and follow the path through a cutthrough to the left. At the first

junction turn right then left at the next. This takes you around the edge of the estate until you are able to turn right into a cutthrough that is nearly a ginnel as it has a wall on the left and a school fence on the right.



At the end of this path, continue up Bath Road, past the car park to Rock Street.

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THORNBURY WALKS

4: CROSSWAYS AND CLAY



Clay Lane

A circular walking route of about 3 miles

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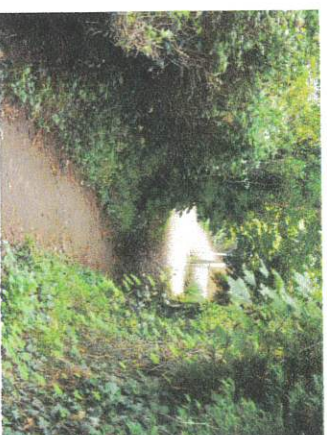
More 'ginnels', 'cutthroughs' and other paths between buildings .

Cross Rock Street towards the Rock Street car park and turn left.



Cross the top of Gillingstool and go down the ginnel in the picture. Go straight across Pullin's Green into Crispin Lane. At the end turn left into Hillcrest then

immediately right through another ginnel into the old Sixth Form playing field.

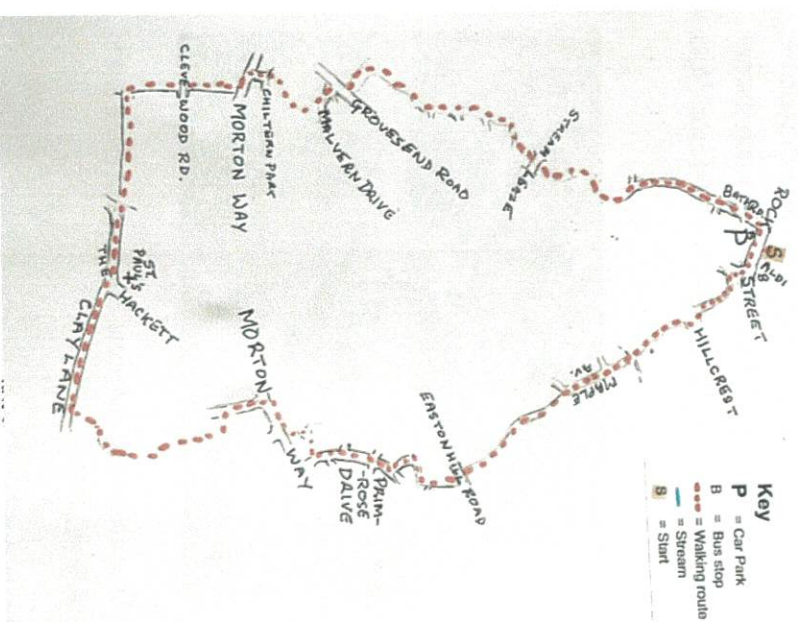


Go straight ahead across the field or take the path around the right hand edge of the field. In either case, descend to the

Streamside Path

and go up the ginnel into Maple Avenue. Go straight ahead on the right hand path to find a path on the bend leading to a small green. Keep right. When you reach some steps go up them and turn right into another ginnel.

The ginnel turns into an enclosed path past the playing field of Christ the King Primary School, which goes to the top of Easton Hill Road.



Cross the road to some steps and follow the path past some houses on the left and an open space on the right. At a 3-way junction, turn

right and right again, which takes you into a ginnel leading to Primrose Drive. Turn right, cross two roads, then turn right on a path past some oak trees into a cul de sac.

Turn left through another ginnel into Morton Way and turn right. After you have passed the bus stop, cross the road into Collesster Way

Take the yellow path on the left. Turn left when you come out on a road, then right on the path that leads out onto Clay Lane.



Turn right and follow Clay Lane until you reach The Hackett opposite St Paul's Church. Turn left to find a kissing gate on the right, just before you reach a house.



Through the gate, turn left and follow the yellow brick road (Well it's not really brick!) Continue past the wood and then a drainage ditch on the right and a farm and a hedge on the left.

Turn right on the other side of a hedge and continue with the hedge on your right and a



Cross the road and turn right and then left past a pillar box. Follow the path between the houses until you come to a footbridge over the stream.

Turn left and follow the path until it bends around to the right away from the stream to join Malvern Drive.



Turn left down to Grovesend Road, cross over and turn right and second left on a cut through to Streamleaze Open Space.

When you come to a newish plantation, turn right and follow the path around the right hand edge of the green open space.



You will pass four or five inviting cutthroughs on the right before you are more or less forced to turn

right past the last row of houses.

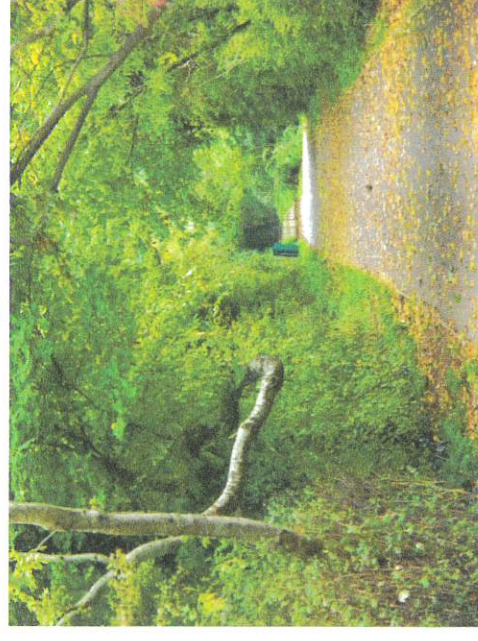


At a junction, turn left to the underpass beneath Streamleaze road. Continue across one path and follow the path through to the left. At the first junction turn right then left at the next. This takes you around the edge of the estate until you can turn right on a path with a school fence on the right. And a wall on the left. At the end of this path, continue up Bath Road, past the car park to Rook Street.

More at: <https://thornburyafoot.co>

THORNBURY WALKS

5: RAIL-WOOD-STREAM



A circular walking route of about 3 miles

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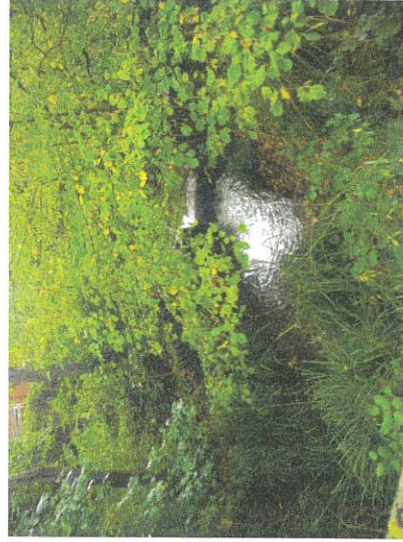


Look for a footbridge leading into Crossways Wood (aka Hackett Wood) on your left.

Follow the main path through the wood, which should lead you to a footbridge over a stream. Continue out of the wood onto Morton Way.



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At the end of this path, continue up Bath Road, past the car park to Rock Street.

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THORNBURY WALKS

6: EIGHT WOODS WALK



A circular walking route of about 4 miles

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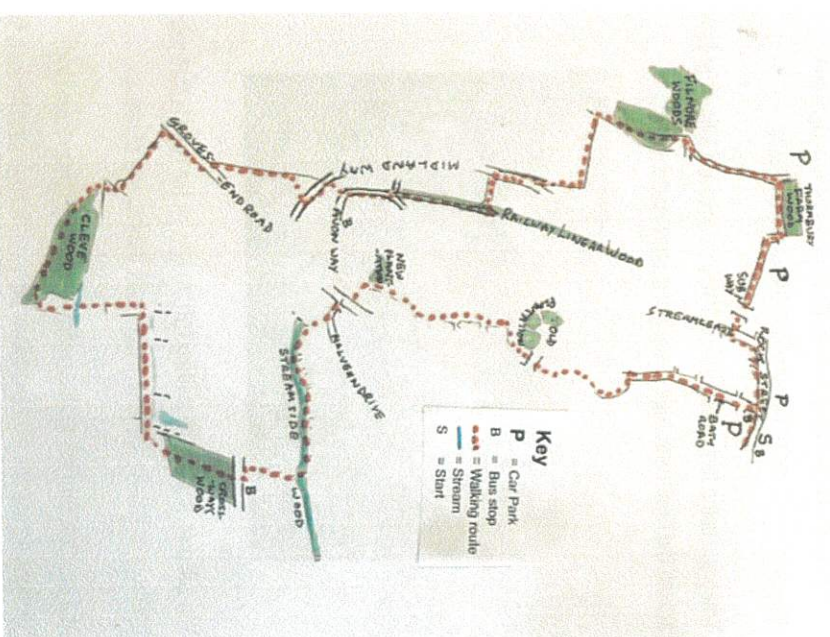
Start next to Aldi in the St Mary's Shopping Centre - close to buses and parking.

Cross Rock Street towards the Rock Street car park and turn right. Cross Bath Road and Lower Bath Road and turn left down Streamleaze. Take the first right to a tunnel under Midland Road.

Go straight ahead up the cycle/foot path past Tesco car park and between Thornbury Farm Wood and the Industrial Estate.



At the T-junction, turn left up Vilner Lane. Keep straight on past the turning into the Industrial Estate and go straight ahead when the main path turns to the right. Follow the path up through the woods and out into a grassy space.



Continue straight ahead until you can turn left through a kissing gate. Head down the field and around to the right at the bottom to find a kissing gate into an enclosed path. At the bottom, turn right along a path to cross Midland Way using a traffic island. Turn right and then left into an enclosed path or ginnel. At the junction, turn left up to the railway path and then right over the bridge.

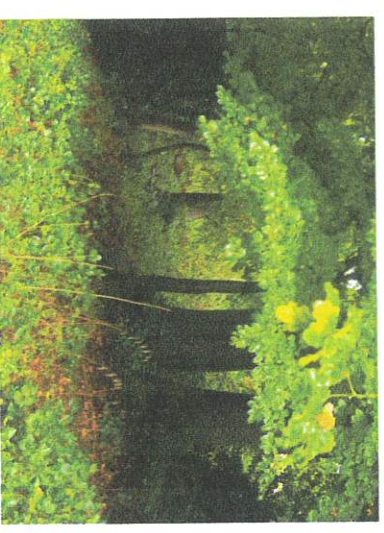
At the end, cross the Link and turn left to Avon Way. Cross this road and turn right. Continue until the road bends to the left and cross the road to find a gap through to Midland Way.

Turn left and then right to a kissing gate into a field. Follow the path diagonally right towards a stile and then turn left up the side of the field to a kissing gate onto Grovesend Road.

Cross the road and turn right and head up the path to find a gate to the left alongside a wall.

Through the gate, head across the gravel to a kissing gate into a field. Follow the right hand fence to another kissing gate.

In the next field, look for a gap in the hedge to the right. Through the gap head down the hill to find a path to the right around the edge of Cleve Wood.



Follow the path uphill and around the top of the wood, which ends up as an engineered path through the wood. At the end turn left down the hill to a shallow ford. On the other side head uphill to a yellow path through the next field. At a junction, turn right on the main yellow (not brick) road.

This will take you into the next field. Go past the farm on your right and three turnings on the left. This will bring you out into a third field.

Turn left and follow the lane to a road junction. Go straight across Gloucester Road and the road to Rockhampton to a Bristol Gate into a field. The right of way goes straight across the field following the power line, but it is sometimes better to go around the left hand edge of the field.



There is a kissing gate hidden under the pylon. Through the gate into Morton Meadows, turn right and follow the right hand hedge past an attenuation pond to stone stile in the corner.



In the next field, the right of way goes diagonally right across the field to a stile and then sharply left to another stone stile, but it is probably better to follow the left hand hedge to the stone stile.

In any case, the way now goes down an enclosed path to the "Butterfly" estate. Over the stile, Turn right and follow the path around the allotments and attenuation pond. Turn right to find a kissing gate into Butt Lane. Cross the road into Ringtail Lane.

Follow the lane to "Barley Fields." Cross on the yellow path to "Harvest Way" and continue past the play equipment to a cul-de-sac. Keep straight ahead to a footbridge over Morton Brook. Follow the path around to the left to find a kissing gate next to the brook.

(The map shows a trim trail around Park Farm estate that extends the route.)

Turn right and left on the path between some houses and the stream. When you come to a T-junction, turn left and then right along the other side of the stream.



Keep right when the path splits and turn right over a footbridge, which leads to the back entrance to the Anchor.

More at: www.thornburywayfinders.uk

THORNBURY WALKS

7: FROM MORTON BRIDGE



A circular walking route of 3 or 4 miles

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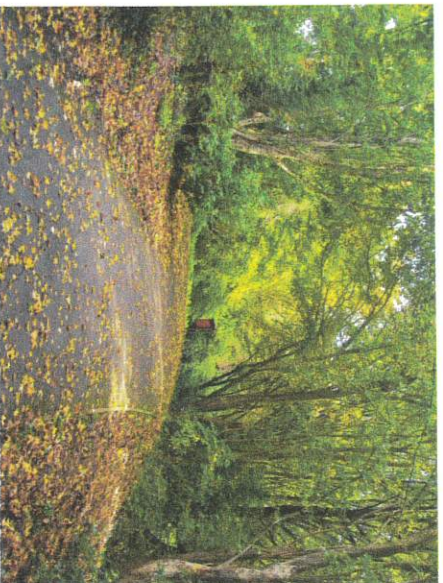


Start at The Anchor by Morton Bridge. (Do not park in the pub car park unless you have permission. The T1 bus stops opposite the pub in Severn View.)

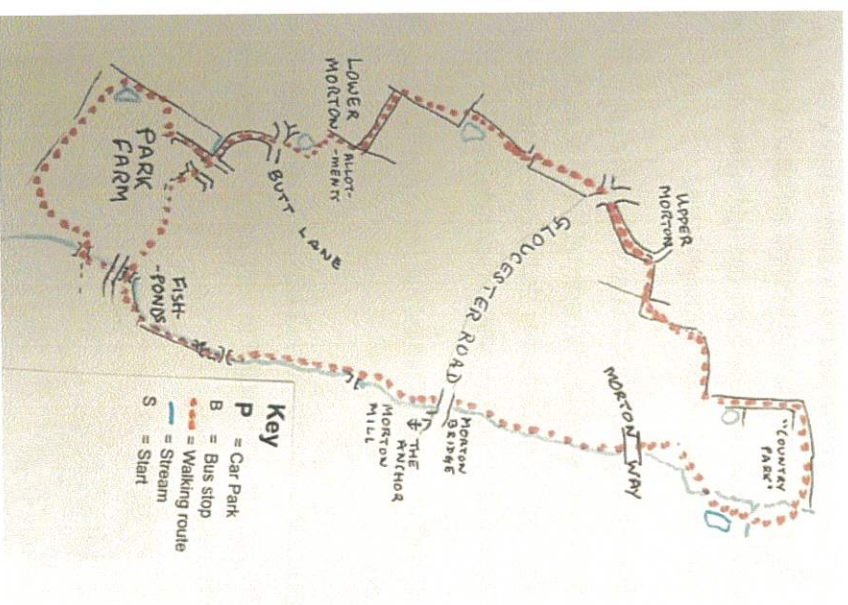
From the pub, turn left and cross Park Road and Morton Bridge and use the traffic island to cross Gloucester Road.



Follow the path past the Community Orchard on your right.



Keep going alongside the Morton Brook until you go through a subway into Thornbury Country Park.



Keep straight ahead through a hedge then turn right on a tarmac path down to a footbridge over the brook.

Follow the path around the attenuation pond, then turn left on a footbridge over a tributary stream. Follow the winding path to a footbridge back over the brook. Follow the path up to a complex junction, then follow the path uphill next to the hedge on your right. At the top, turn left alongside the football pitches and another attenuation pond with a hedge on your right. At the end of the hedge, turn right and follow the hedge on your right past one stile to another one leading into a field.



Bear left to a gap or gate into the next field. Follow the right hand hedge down to a field gate onto a lane.



This is Upper Morton.

At the end of the field, turn left again down a track on the far side of a hedge.



At the bottom of

this field, go through a gap and continue on with a hedge now on your right.

At the end, turn right through the hedge and follow the headland past an interesting pond. In the next field, look for a footbridge on the left.

In the next field, the right of way cuts the corners to a gate next to a former chapel. It is usually more convenient to follow the right hand edge of the field round to the Bristol gate.

Turn left in Crossways Lane, and look for a kissing gate next to a field gate on your right. Go through "Gerry's Meadow" to a pedestrian gate and stile under a power line.



Descend the next field to a Bristol gate and footbridge.

Beware there is a hole next to the bridge to trap the unwary.

The right of way shadows the right hand hedge to a kissing gate into a narrow field. Bear left to a stile leading into the Badger Road Country Park.



Follow the left hand hedge down the hill to a complex junction. Take what would be the second exit if this were a roundabout. This leads you to a

footbridge over a little brook. Follow the winding path to another footbridge that comes out opposite an attenuation pond. Turn left and follow the path uphill until you reach a road that rejoices in the name - Shrew Gardens.

Turn left and follow the path past the allotments into Crossways Lane. Turn right. Follow the lane down to Morton Way. Cross the road into Knapp Road.

Follow the right hand path down to a subway. On the other side follow the path until you come to a footbridge over the stream on your left,

Follow the path between the houses until you reach Morton Way. If you got here by bus, the T1 Chiltern Drive bus stop is on the left. If you have left a car at the church, head for the kissing gate ahead and follow the yellow path alongside Crossways Wood. At the junction, turn left to find the kissing gate you went through at the start. More at: <https://thornburyafoot.com>

THORNBURY WALKS

8: ST PAUL'S TO THE WHITE HORSE



A circular walking route of about 3 miles

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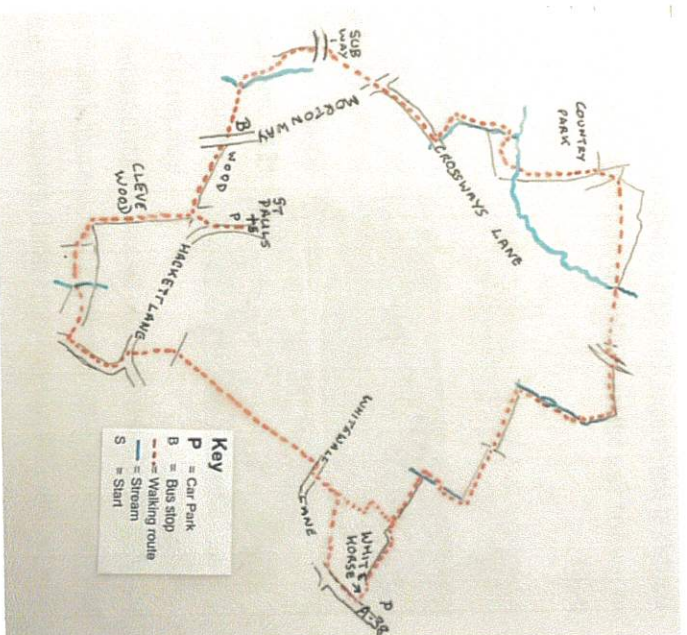
Start next to St Paul's Church in the Hackett, where there is limited parking.

(From the T1 Cheviot Drive Bus Stop, cross the road and take the path through Crossways Wood. At the far side, bear right to a kissing gate and either go through the gate and turn left to the church or follow the yellow path to the right.)



From the Church gate turn right and follow the Hackett to find the kissing gate on the right just before you reach a house. Through the gate, turn left and follow the "yellow brick road". Continue past the wood and then a drainage ditch on the right and a farm and a hedge on the left. When you have passed four turnings on the right, turn left on a new yellow path.

Keep going down the hill to ford through a shallow stream, then head up the path on the other side towards a kissing gate onto the Hackett in the top left corner of the field.



Turn left on the road and then left again at a junction and immediately right to a kissing gate into a field. Follow the path between the



and turn right and then left up Hobbs Path.

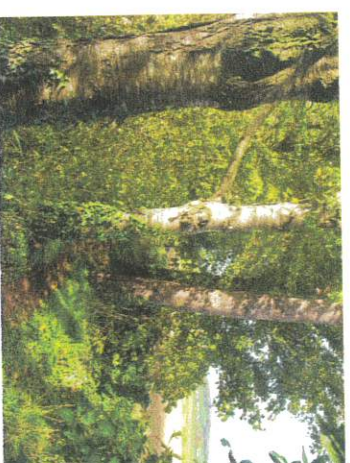
paddocks to a gate into the next field and follow the long path along the contour. At the end of the field, descend the steps to Whitewall Lane

If you are going to the White Horse, Turn right up some steps into the field and follow the diagonal path up to a stile leading onto the A38. Turn left and follow the pavement to the pub.



After you have visited the pub, turn left and left again to find a stile on a permissive path leading down the left hand side of the field to a kissing gate leading to the path down through trees mentioned below.

If you are not visiting the pub. Keep going along Hobbs Path. Turn left down to some stables and follow the diverted path across the paddock to a kissing gate leading to the aforementioned path down through the trees. At the end of the enclosed path, continue to the stiles and footbridge over a ditch. On the far side, turn right and follow the ditch to another footbridge. On the other side, turn left.



Officer Report to Thornbury Town Council Open Spaces Committee

Report Title: Amendment to Storage Facility for Football Club at Mundy Playing Fields

Prepared By: Wendy Sydenham, Deputy Clerk

Meeting Date: 18 November 2025

Status: For Ratifying – Decision Made Out of Meeting



1. Background

In September the Committee was asked out of meeting for comments on an amendment to the storage facility for the Football Club at the Mundy Playing Fields. The email sent to the Committee is appended to this report – full details of the amendment are contained in the email.

There were no objections received by officers and therefore the required amendment to the planning application was made. We are currently awaiting a response from South Gloucestershire Council to the planning application.

One comment that was received from Committee members was that the Football Club should be asked to make a contribution to the fee for submitting the planning application. At a subsequent meeting of officers and Club representatives, the Club offered to cover the costs of preparing the surface for the storage containers to sit on. Officers accepted the offer, the value of which would cover any contribution to the planning application fee.

2. Request to Committee

The Committee is asked to ratify the Committee decision made out of meeting to alter the type and location of the Club's storage structure as set out in the appended email.

Appendix – Email: Amendment to Storage Facility for the Football Club at the MPF

From: Wendy Sydenham

Sent: 19 September 2025 18:39

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Cc: Hannah Bowden <clerk@thornburytowncouncil.gov.uk>; Alan Stealey <facilities@thornburytowncouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Urgent Comments Please - Amendment to Storage Facility for Football Club

Importance: High

Dear Open Spaces Committee,

At the Committee meeting in July, it was resolved that the Committee was supportive in principle of the Football Club's request for a storage unit to be installed at the Mundy Playing Fields. The Club's request was for a wooden unit to be positioned on the existing hard standing next to pitch one, where the covered seating used to be. It was also resolved at the meeting that officers would establish whether the installation of the unit would have any negative impact on any current or future planning application that the Town Council may make.

Since that meeting, officers have discussed the planning issues with the architects engaged to assist the Town Council with their planning applications. These are for the MUGA and the new storage structures (new machine store to replace the existing Marley Garage and new storage container to be located in the fenced-off garden area). These discussions will continue, but initial thoughts are that a plan showing all intended/likely applications will be given to SGC planning department so that they are aware of this when considering our applications.

In the meantime, the Football Club have expressed an interest in having a storage container, the same as the Town Council is installing, rather than the wooden structure they originally requested. The architects have said that it would be sensible to add this second storage container to the application that is being submitted for the Town Council's storage structures, and to locate it immediately next to the Town Council storage container in the fenced-off garden. They believe it would make no substantive difference to the application, that the planning department will see the logic in placing the two storage containers side by side, that there will be no Biodiversity Net Gain implications and that the storage containers will be partially hidden by the existing fencing.

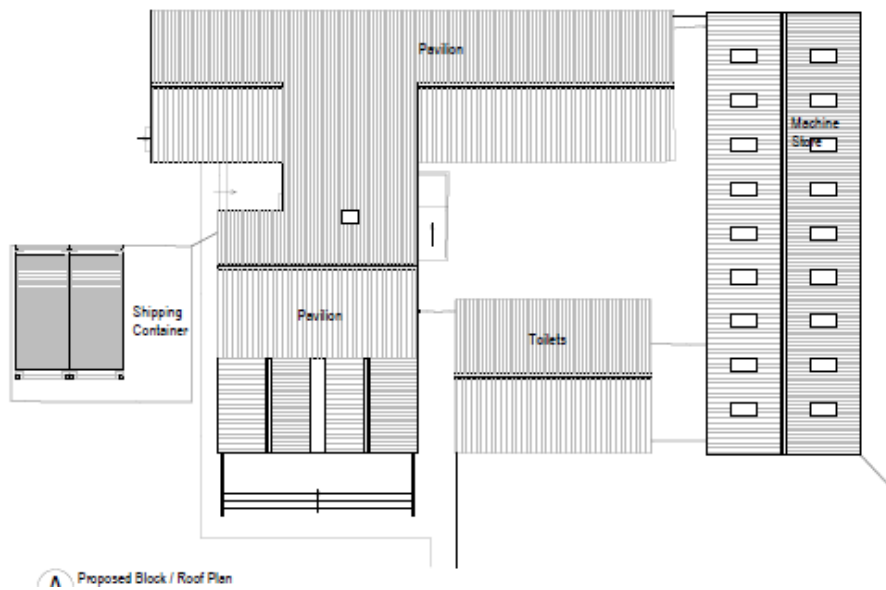
Officers and staff have no objection to this. It is only a small change to the location and to the type of unit. The lost space within the fenced-off garden is not significant, as it is not covered space and therefore has little practical use. (A diagram has been included below showing the two storage units within the fenced-off garden.)

The architects wish to submit the planning application early next week and we are therefore asking for the Committee to let us have any objections to this proposal by midday on Monday 22 September 2025.

I will write separately to the Chair of the MPF Trust to inform them of this situation.

Thank you.

Wendy



Wendy Sydenham

Deputy Clerk – Thornbury Town Council