

Site Details (complete this form for each site to be proposed for designation)

Local Green Space Assessment for: St Mary’s Church, Hythe Avenue, Bulverhythe	
Date of assessment: 17 th February 2025	
Assessors: Anna Sabin (WSLNF), Jim Boot, Community Planner	
Site Name and Address (location)	Grid Ref:
St Mary’s Church, Hythe Avenue, Bulverhythe	TQ 76803 08255
Site owner (if known)	Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Hastings
Have they been informed / discussed? No	If yes date:
Description and purpose / current use	
Official listing: Ruins of the Chancel of the C13 to C14 Parish Church of St Mary's, Bulverhythe. Consisting of 2 blocks of masonry about 12 ft high with a wall about 3 ft high connecting them. Attached is a tablet saying that the nave and western tower have been entirely destroyed. The walls incorporate carved stones from the earlier Norman Church of the same site. Built of stone and flint.	
Statutory designations (eg SSSI¹)	Other designations (eg LNR²)
Grade II listed building and curtilage	
Site allocations in Local Plan	
None known	
Planning permission	
Access & proximity including how close to the community it serves (in meters)	
It was the end point of the old coach road from Crowhurst to the loading quay of Bulverhythe Harbour below - but is now a land-locked rough stone ruin owned and preserved by HBC. It is in the Bexleigh-Abbey Road neighbourhood of modest mid-century houses - gated but at all times open to visitors.	
List any public rights of way to or across the site:	
Public access at all times	
Which of the following criteria does it meet?	<u>F</u> ully / <u>P</u> artially / <u>N</u> ot (if <u>F</u> or <u>P</u>)

¹ Site of Special Scientific Interest

² Local Nature Reserve

	provide details)
• Beauty	Fully – a stone and flint ruined chapel within a former council housing estate
• Historic significance / heritage	Fully – Listed building
• Recreational value	None – vulnerable to vandalism
• Tranquillity	Partially – a quiet historic spot
• Wildlife	Partially - some untreated grassland

Local in character – how would you describe for this statement?

A local landmark

Area (in hectares)

0.025 ha

Photograph

St Mary’s Church



12. St. Mary's Church, Bulverhythe

Aerial photo map or plan showing accurate boundary of site.



Adapted from Locality Local Green Spaces, 2019:

<https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/toolkits-and-guidance/making-local-green-space-designations-neighbourhood-plan/>