

Roydon

Local Green Spaces (LGS):

Roydon initially proposed 17 LGS and these gained good support from residents. However, we recognised that this was too long a list to be accepted by the Examiner of the DDNP (a stage that the Plan has yet to go through). Although we cherish our LGS, whether they be children's play areas or stretches of woodland, we knew we had to reduce the list to those areas that were of especial importance as green spaces and which had least protection and recognition as valued green spaces in the parish. We have settled on a final list of 8 LGS which we hope everyone will support.

Non-designated Heritage Assets (NDHAs):

Roydon has several listed buildings, but it also has buildings, features and settings which are special in some way: they have historical and/ or architectural interest, or they are valued by the community as part of the village landscape.

Much investigation and consultation led to our final list of NDHAs.

Key Views:

A significant feature of Roydon is its proximity to countryside - the Waveney Valley to the south, open arable farmland to the north and west, a large area of farmed meadowland between Baynards Lane/ Swamp Lane and Snow Street, and the registered, ecologically rich common land of Brewers Green.

Ecological Corridors:

Recent research has recognised that areas of species-rich land (such as Roydon Fen) are not enough by themselves to begin the process of reversing the present worrying decline in biodiversity across the country. They need to be linked up by a wide network of "ecological corridors" along which lie the varied habitats needed for the movement and spread of plants and all forms of wildlife, especially invertebrates and pollinators.

In Roydon we have devised a network that joins together Roydon Fen, Quaker Wood, Brewers Green, Baynards Green and Wortham Ling, and leads out to the adjoining parishes. Some of these routes are maintained for ecological richness by the parish council, for example Roydon Loke, Swamp Lane, the High Road verges opposite the church, and Millway Green (the very wide verge at the south west end of Shelfanger Road) - and we are working towards the improvement of some of the other routes.



Roydon Steering Group representatives:



Paul Curson

I moved to Roydon in 1980. I worked as a veterinary surgeon in Diss for 26 years before retirement.

Joining Roydon Parish council in 2007, I have been Chairman for the past six years. I joined the Steering group of the DDNP at its inception with a view to contributing to a project which should direct the future of the seven parishes, as local people wish, rather than others who may have less knowledge of the area and its needs.



Jane Jennifer

I have lived in Roydon for six years and joined the steering group in May 2019 when I became a parish councillor. The position of second parish representative on the steering group was vacant and I thought it a good opportunity to find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan and to see if I could aid communication back and forth between Roydon residents and the steering group.



Trevor Ault

I moved to Ipswich in 1974 and worked there for 33 years, in which time I often visited Diss and other parts of the Waveney Valley. I moved to Roydon in 2014 and developed a great interest in its geography and history. After becoming a parish councillor I joined the steering group as reserve to the Roydon reps, hoping I could support them in their work.