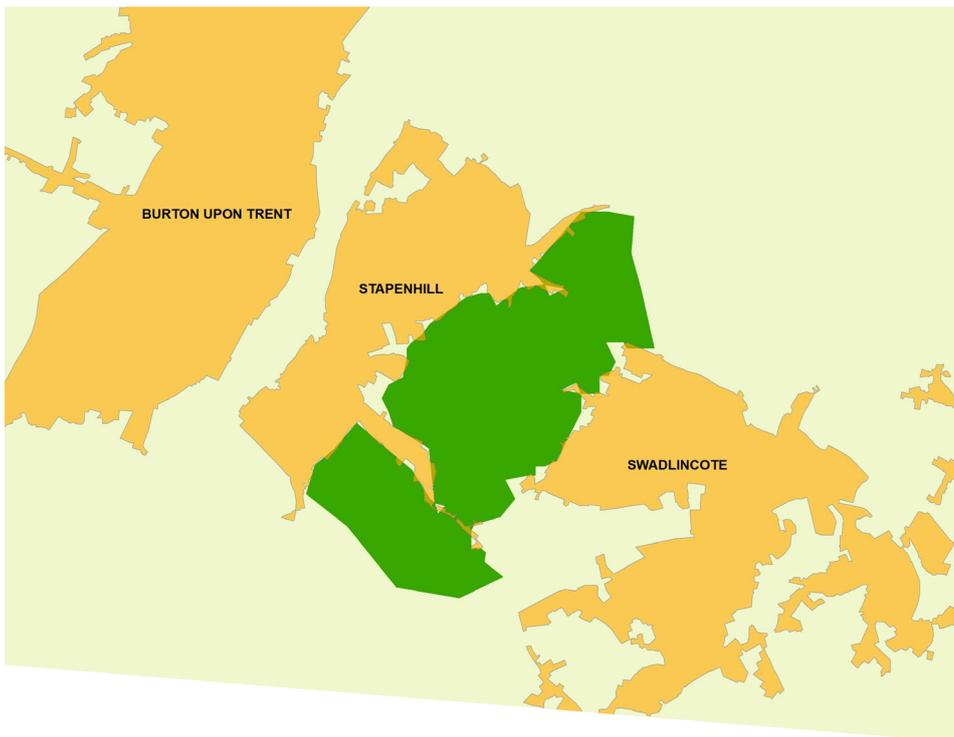


# BURTON GREEN BELT

**Land Area: 725 hectares**

(0.05% of total green belt land and 0.005% of the total land area of England)



## What kind of place is the Burton/Swadlincote Green Belt?

- This is the **smallest Green Belt** in terms of land area in England
- **Prevents the joining together** of Burton-upon-Trent and Swadlincote
- Very accessible, with highest density of the National Cycle Network and over **1,804 km of public rights of way**.
- The vast majority of the land is in **agricultural use**; and half of this land benefits from Natural England support for **environmentally sensitive farming**.
- The landscape is in very good condition, with **67% of the area “enhancing” or “strengthening” its established character**, and the remainder “maintained”

## Green Belts:

Total area of all Green Belts in England is **1.6 million ha** (13% of England’s total land area)

## Green Belt fact sheets covered in this series:

England

Avon

### Burton/Swadlincote

Cambridge

Gloucester/Cheltenham

Hampshire/Dorset

London (Metropolitan)

North West

Nottingham/Derby

Oxford

South & West Yorkshire

Stoke-on-Trent

Tyne & Wear

West Midlands

York

## These fact sheets support the reports:

- Nature Conservation and Recreational Opportunities in the Green Belt (2016); with ADAS
- Green Belts: A Greener Future (2010); a joint report with Natural England

**Download the reports from [www.cpre.org.uk](http://www.cpre.org.uk)**

## Nature conservation\*



None of this Green Belt is registered as **Sites of Special Scientific Interest** of national importance for wildlife.

There are 3 different **priority habitats** that cover 36 ha (5% of this Green Belt)

**2%** (17 ha) of the Burton/Swadlicote Green Belt is **broadleaf and mixed woodland**<sup>†</sup>. Compared to 8% of all land in England

## Agriculture<sup>†</sup>



**13%** is **Grade 1, Grade 2** or the 'best and most versatile' **agricultural land**. Compared with 17% of land nationally.

**96%** (687 ha) is currently in **agricultural use**, compared with 71% of land nationally

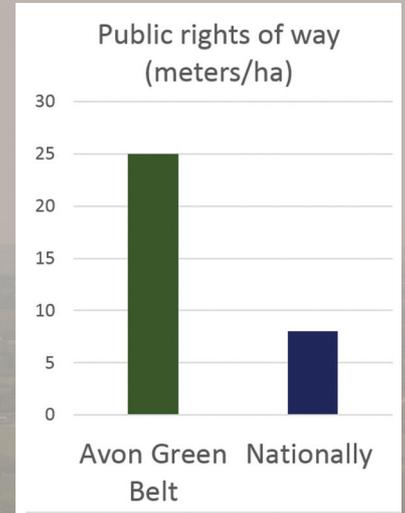
**54%** of the total agricultural land<sup>‡</sup> is subject to Natural England funding '**agri-environment schemes**'. (67% of agricultural land nationally, and 53% of all Green Belt agricultural land, is subject to agri-environment schemes).

## Public access and recreation<sup>†</sup>



There are **16km of public rights of way**, or 22 meters per hectare.

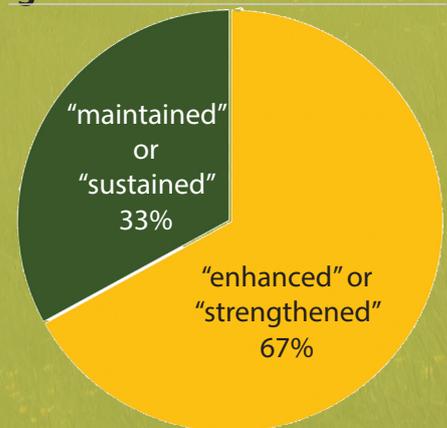
There are **0.36 ha of Registered (historic) Park and Gardens** in the Burton/Swadlicote Green Belt



## Landscape quality<sup>†</sup>

Landscape **strengths** lie in the condition of **agricultural land and woodlands**

The land is **very good quality**, with over half being identified as "enhanced".



\*These figures are from CPRE's report with ADAS, *Nature Conservation and Recreational Opportunities in the Green Belt* (2016)

<sup>†</sup> These figures are from CPRE and Natural England's report *Green Belt: A Greener Future* (2010)

<sup>‡</sup> Note that the total for agricultural land on which the percentage covered by agri-environment schemes is based is higher than the total for agricultural land currently in use. This is because a small area of land classed as 'agricultural' is not currently in use.