

Name of Space	<b>K06 Edward Marsh Playing Fields</b>
Street/Location	Edward Marsh Community Centre (KSCA), Legion Drive, off High Street, Kinver
Post Code	DY7 6ET
Grid ref	SO8469583922
Brief Description	Community playing field and green space adjacent Kinver Sports & Community Association hall ( now the Edward Marsh Centre)

Plan



**Suitability for LGS Designation** (Add detail as appropriate. Tick indicates satisfies criterion) ✓

Location: In reasonably close proximity to the community, it serves	✓	Yes	A lovely green community space just off the village centre, adjacent to Community Centre, playground, bowling green and Model Railway track. The eastern side of the playing fields lead to the paddocks and footpath 23. To the north are the woods which in turn take you to The Hyde track and bridlepath 95.
Local Significance/ Special Community Value: Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife.	✓	Recreation, sport, events, paths	This well used site is part of the Edward Marsh Community Centre (formerly KSCA). The hall hosts events, meetings, exercise classes, youth café, catering facilities and more. Car park, catering, toilets, and facilities for all ages mean families gather here especially at weekends and after school.  The site has Cricket, Football, a skate park, and a skill track for bikes, outdoor exercise machines, secure children's play area. The Bowling club and Light Model Railway adjoin and share access.  The area is also part of a circular walk from the High Street to the Hyde via the canal. This area is used daily by many local residents as well as visitors to the area.

			Ramblers, Dog walkers, Runners, Cyclists, families enjoy this area. It is used for picnics, reading, catch-ups, wooden benches are dotted along the gravel path that lies to the east side of the area, leading to the pony paddocks.
	✓	Wildlife, ecology	The Sterrymere on the western edge is seasonally marshy, creating valuable habitat which is being improved by the Centre. Owls, Muntjacs, birds, bats, moles, rabbits, grass snakes can be found in this area. Wildlife/flowers, damsel/dragonflies and insect life in abundance along with birds of prey. Adjacent to woods and the canal/river corridor. Part of the Wooded Waterways Nature Recovery Area.
	✓	Heritage	The playing field was donated by Edward Marsh for the people of Kinver.
	✓	Beauty, setting, tranquillity, green lung	Trees, hedgerow, woods, stream and river border the playing fields. The Sterrymere, a seasonally flooded stream, runs along the west.
		Other	Subject to flooding, flood mitigation
Size, Scale Local in character, not extensive tract of land.	✓	Area (ha):	2.8
	✓	Local character	Yes, Edward Marsh community centre, Kinver's community centre/hub.
Planning permissions or site allocations		None.	
Other Designations Formal designations or recognised in Local Plan, etc e.g. nature reserve		Green Belt Fields In Trust Close to the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal conservation area and Kinver conservation area	
Recommendation	✓		Suitable for Local Green Space Designation

Photographs:





Exercise equipment



Edward Marsh Playing fields and Community Centre



Playground adjacent to playing fields



Kinver Model Railway



Platinum Jubilee celebrations 2022





Edward Marsh Community Centre, playing fields and bike adventure area



Bike adventure