

LOCAL GREEN SPACES

Tregrehan Mills Recreation Ground

The Tregrehan Mills Recreation Ground, shown below in the extract from the St Austell Strategic Open Spaces map, is the area marked in yellow (classed as 'Parks and garden; Amenity green space; Civic Spaces') and blue ('Children's play areas – equipped').

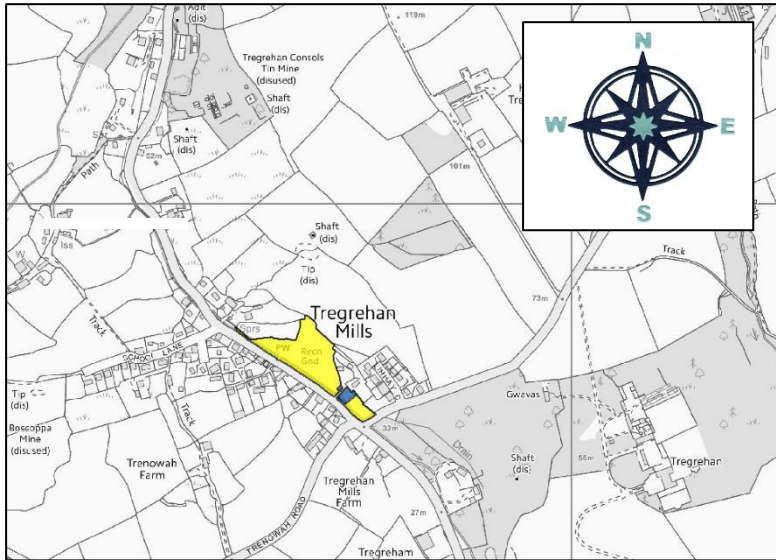


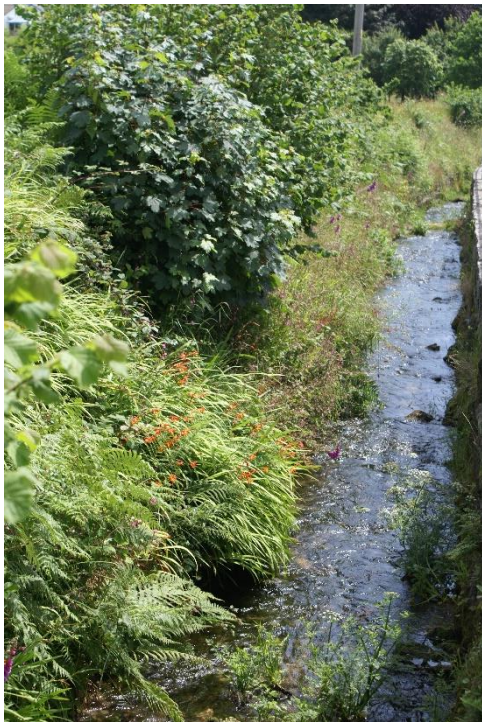
Figure 1 Extract from the St Austell Strategic Open Spaces Map (2014)

The ground is owned by Cornwall Council and maintained by subcontractors. It is located centrally to the village in the valley bottom, encompassing approximately 2.2 acres in total. It is formed by two areas separated by an access lane to four residential dwellings. The two areas are highlighted in the satellite image below:



Figure 2 Satellite image showing the two areas of the Tregrehan Mills Recreation Ground

The recreation grounds are within a short and level walk from most of the village's residential dwellings. Both areas provide a visual connection to the surrounding fields, enhancing the sense of rurality and space that is an inherent part of the village's character. This is especially true of Area 2, which is at the main cross-roads in the village and so is immediately visible to any traffic coming into or through the village. The proximity of the grounds to the Tregrehan Stream, which runs along the south west edge of both areas, also adds to the aesthetic and sensory qualities of the area.



The grounds are a fundamental part of community life and form the only open community areas within the village. They are used to host many organised community events including summer fete's, football matches, scout activities and children's parties. Area 1 is also used for community event parking, by arrangement, as there are no public car parks within the village and only very limited on-street parking.

Both areas are in regular use by the community, with Area 1 especially popular with dog walkers and Area 2 dedicated to children's play, with the presence of a slide, swings and several pieces of activity equipment maintained by the Parish Council.

As well as being an important social asset to the community, the grounds are also a critical environmental asset, with several large mature trees providing carbon sequestration, and strong hedgerows and river banks providing wildlife habitat.



Description of Area 1

Area 1 (Latitude 50.351122, Longitude -4.748754) forms the largest of the two areas, encompassing approximately 1.9 acres, and is classified solely as 'Parks and garden; Amenity green space; Civic Spaces'. It is predominantly improved grassland with some mature trees planted inside the borders.



Figure 3 Satellite image showing Area 1 of the Tregrehan Mills Recreation Ground



Figure 4 Panoramic view of Area 1 looking north from its southern border

The area has pedestrian access through a gate and over a small bridge in its south western corner and has further vehicular and pedestrian access through a field gate in its south east corner.

Area 1 is bordered to the north and north west by 92 metres of strong hedge boundaries and broad-leaved mature trees (see image below).



Figure 5 View Area 1 looking across to its north and north west borders

To the north east, the 65-metre boundary is bordered by wooden fencing and conifer hedges where the area adjoins two residential properties (see image below).



Figure 6 View Area 1 looking across to its north east border

To the south west, the 162-metre boundary is bordered by the Tregrehan stream with a small embankment of scattered scrub and some semi-mature trees (see image below).



Figure 7 View of Area 1 looking along its south west border

Description of Area 2

Area 2 (Latitude 50.350236, Longitude -4.747619) forms the smallest of the two areas, encompassing approximately 0.3 acres, and is classified jointly as 'Parks and garden; Amenity green space; Civic Spaces' and 'Children's play area- equipped'. The area is comprised of an equipped children's playground in its upper section, accounting for approximately 40% of the total area with improved grassland in the lower section accounting for approximately 60% of the total area.



Figure 8 Satellite image showing Area 2 of the Tregrehan Mills Recreation Ground



Figure 9 Panoramic view of Area 2 looking north east

The area has pedestrian access through a gate from the adjoining lane on its western corner and has further vehicular access through a field gate in its northern corner.

As with Area 1, to the south west the area is bordered by the Tregrehan stream for approximately 60 metres, with a small embankment of scattered scrub (see image below).



Figure 9 View of Area 2 looking along its southern border

The 60 metre north eastern border adjoins the garden of Mill Cottage and is a combination of scattered scrub on improved grassland with a drainage ditch (see image below).



Figure 10 View of Area 2 looking across to its eastern border

To the south east, the 20-metre border adjoins the lane leading to Bodelva and is comprised of stone walling with scattered scrub (see image below).



Figure 11 View of Area 2 looking at its south east border