

# MALVERN HILLS DISTRICT COUNCIL OPEN SPACE, SPORT & RECREATION STUDY: ASSESSMENT REPORT

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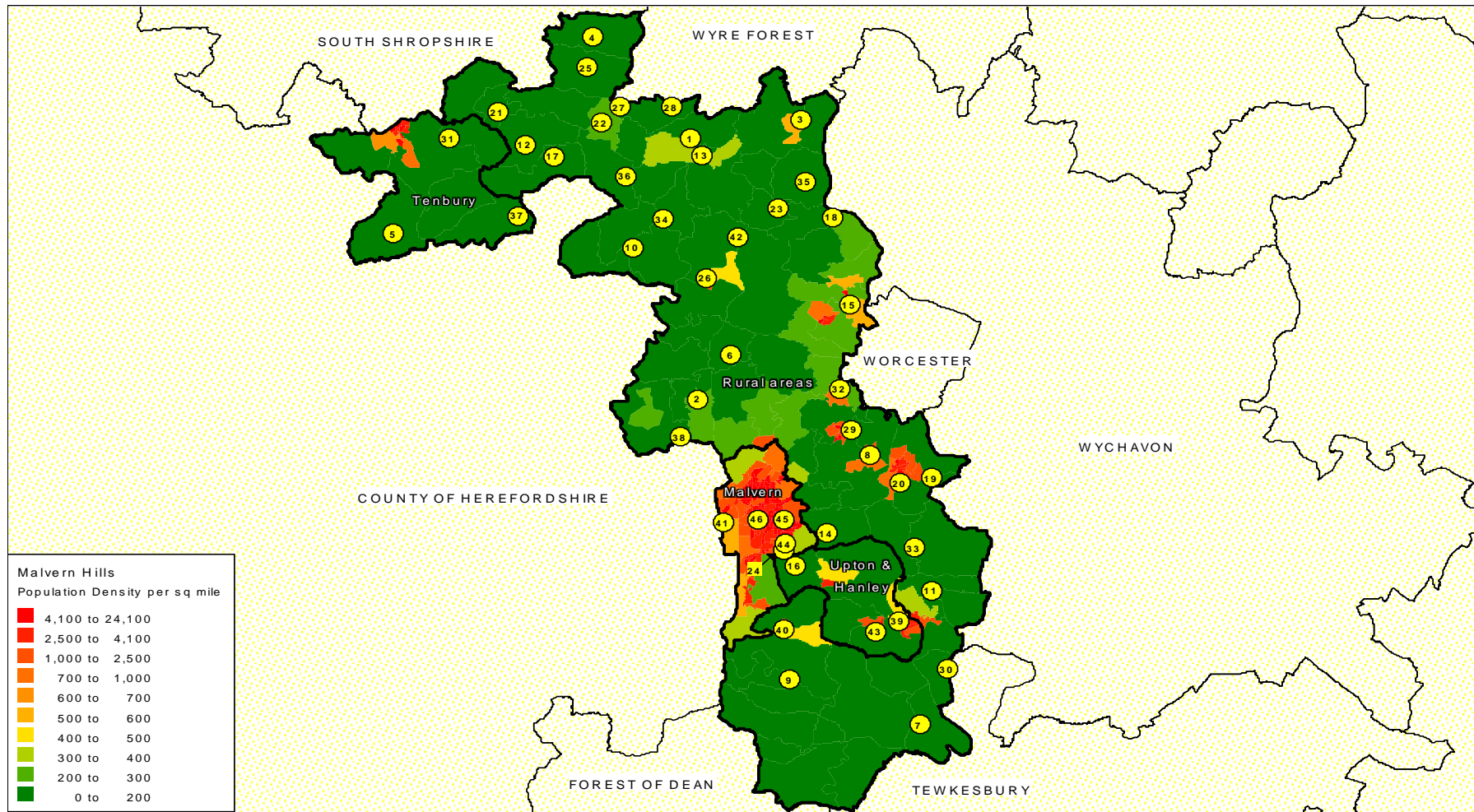
## **PART 31: VILLAGE, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY HALLS**

- 31.1 Village halls and community centres are important to residential neighbourhoods and rural areas to create a focal point for the community. These types of facilities are not primarily for use as sports facilities, although many are utilised for activities such as badminton, table tennis, martial arts and keep fit classes.
- 31.2 Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) is a national charity whose purpose is to support sustainable rural community development. Its aim is to facilitate the development of thriving, diverse and sustainable communities throughout rural England. ACRE's definition of a village hall is:
- “Community facilities are normally owned, as well as managed, by the local community. They provide a focus for activities which improve the social cohesion of rural life including activities that are essential to the maintenance and improvements in delivering services that, in most urban areas, are considered to be the function of local authorities and statutory agencies.”*
- 31.3 Figure 31.1 below indicates the village halls and community centres located in Malvern Hills District.



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Figure 31.1: Location of village halls/community centres in Malvern Hills District



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*Table 31.1: Key to map of village halls/community centres in Malvern Hills District*

ID	Name
1	Abberley Village Hall
2	Alfrick Village Hall
3	Astley & Dunley Village Hall
4	Bayton Village Hall
5	Bockleton Village Hall
6	Broadwas Village Hall
7	Bushley Village Hall
8	Callow End Village Hall
9	Castlemorton Parish Hall
10	Clifton on Teme Village Hall
11	Earls Croome Village Hall
12	Eastham Village Hall
13	Great Witley Village Hall
14	Guarlford Village Hall
15	Hallow Parish Hall
16	Hanley Swan Village Hall
17	Hanley Village Hall
18	Holt Village Hall
19	Kempsey Community Centre
20	Kempsey Village Hall
21	Knighton on Teme Parish Room
22	Lindridge Village Hall
23	Little Witley Village Hall

ID	Name
24	Malvern Foley Institute
25	Mamble Village Hall
26	Martley Village Memorial Hall
27	Menith Wood Village Hall
28	Pensax Village Hall
29	Powick Parish Hall
30	Ripple Village Hall
31	Rochford Village Hall
32	Rushwick Village Hall
33	Severn Stoke Village Hall
34	Shelsleys Village Hall
35	Shrawley Village Hall
36	Stanford and Orleton Village Hall
37	Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall
38	Suckley Village Hall
39	Upton on Severn Memorial Hall
40	Welland Village Hall
41	West Malvern Village Hall
42	Wichenford Village Hall
43	Upton Hill Centre
44	Brookfarm Community Centre (The Octagon)
45	Pickersleigh Community Centre
46	Malvern Youth Centre

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#### ***Analysis of provision***

- 31.4 Village/community halls are generally well distributed throughout the District. Most of the village halls and community centres are used for a range of sport and recreation provision, including
- Ballet.
  - Indoor short-mat friendly bowls.
  - 'Keep-fit' fitness classes.
  - Dance club.
  - Judo.
- 31.5 All activities at the village halls and community centres are recreational, run in response to demand in the local area. All residents are located near a village hall or community centre, except in the south of the District, where the spread is more sparse. There is a noticeable sparse spread of community facilities in the Malvern Town area, but this is due to the presence of sports hall facilities with a wide variety of activities on offer. Similarly, the Tenbury urban area does not have any community centres in its immediate area, but has access to the Tenbury High School sports hall.

#### ***Upton Hill Centre, Upton-upon-Severn***

- 31.6 Upton Hill Centre is probably the largest community centre in Malvern Hills District, with specific sports hall provision alongside other community meetings rooms. It is a good quality facility and provides changing rooms to serve the indoor hall and the outdoor pitches, which are used by Welland Juniors.
- 31.7 The indoor facility is used by several sports clubs, including Welland Juniors FC and occasional badminton play. Other informal usage includes keep-fit classes, judo and taekwondo. It is also used as a youth facility on Friday evenings.

#### ***North Site community facility***

- 31.8 Section 106 funding will be used to develop a new community facility at North Site, attached to the new Primary School. It will incorporate changing facilities to serve the new football pitches at the site, as well as be hired by the community.

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## **Village, church and community halls summary**

### ***Current provision***

- There are 45 village, church and community halls in Malvern Hills District.

### ***Future provision***

- Although there is no shortfall in provision, a new facility is being developed at North Site.

### ***Other issues***

- None identified.