



Conservation and Environment ideas

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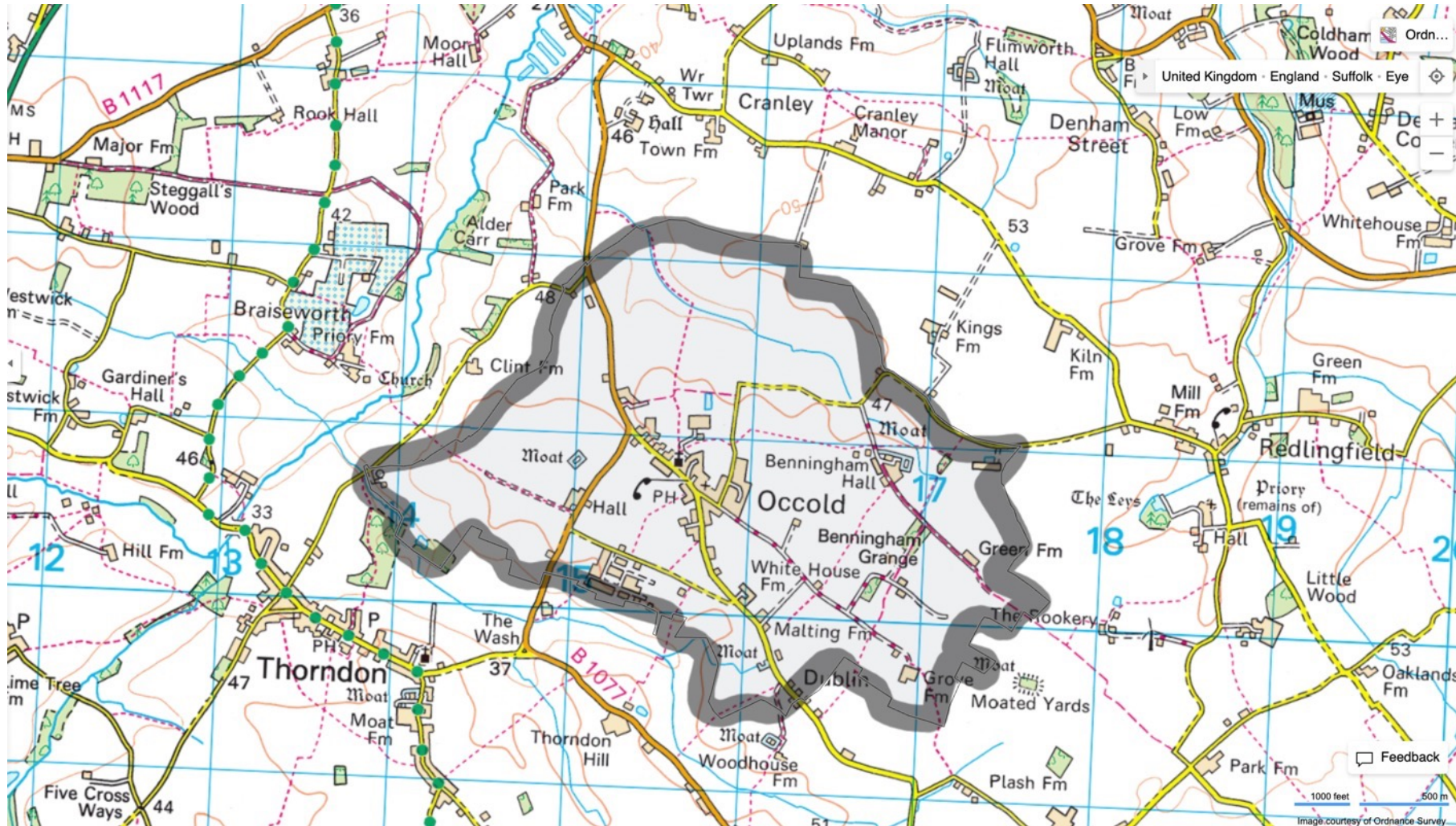
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 - Corridors
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 - Immediate
 - Long term

School at the heart, consider how everything can include the school.



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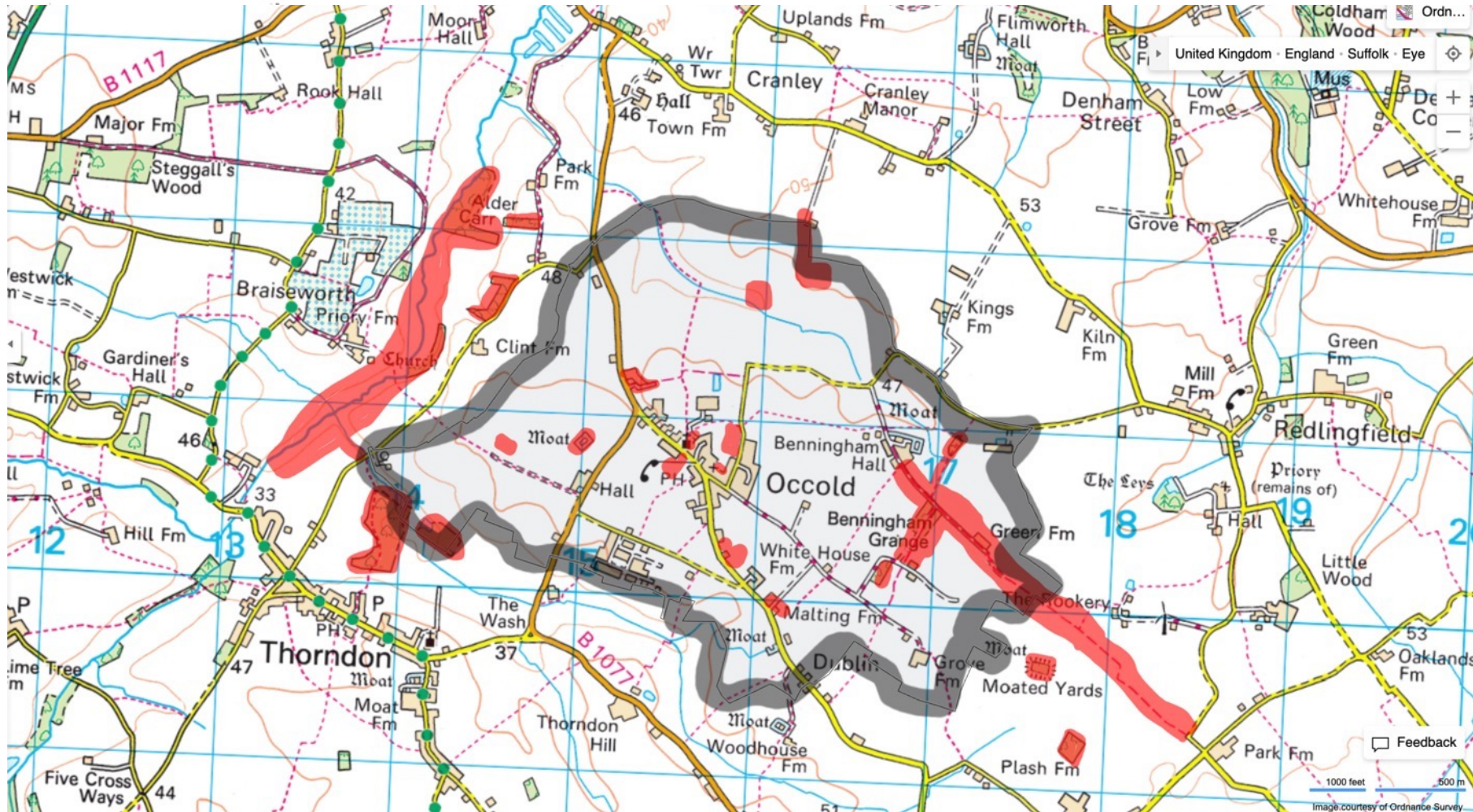
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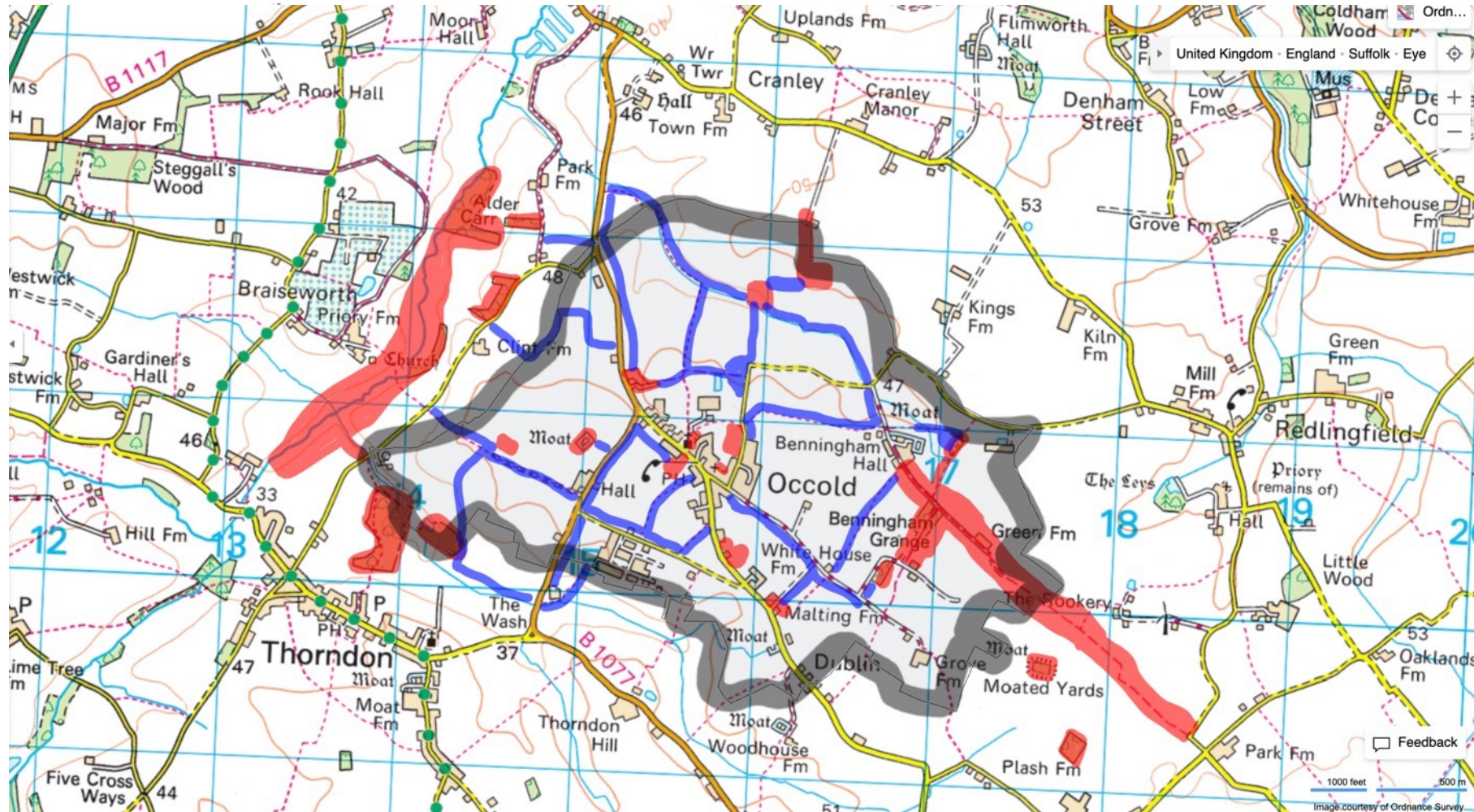
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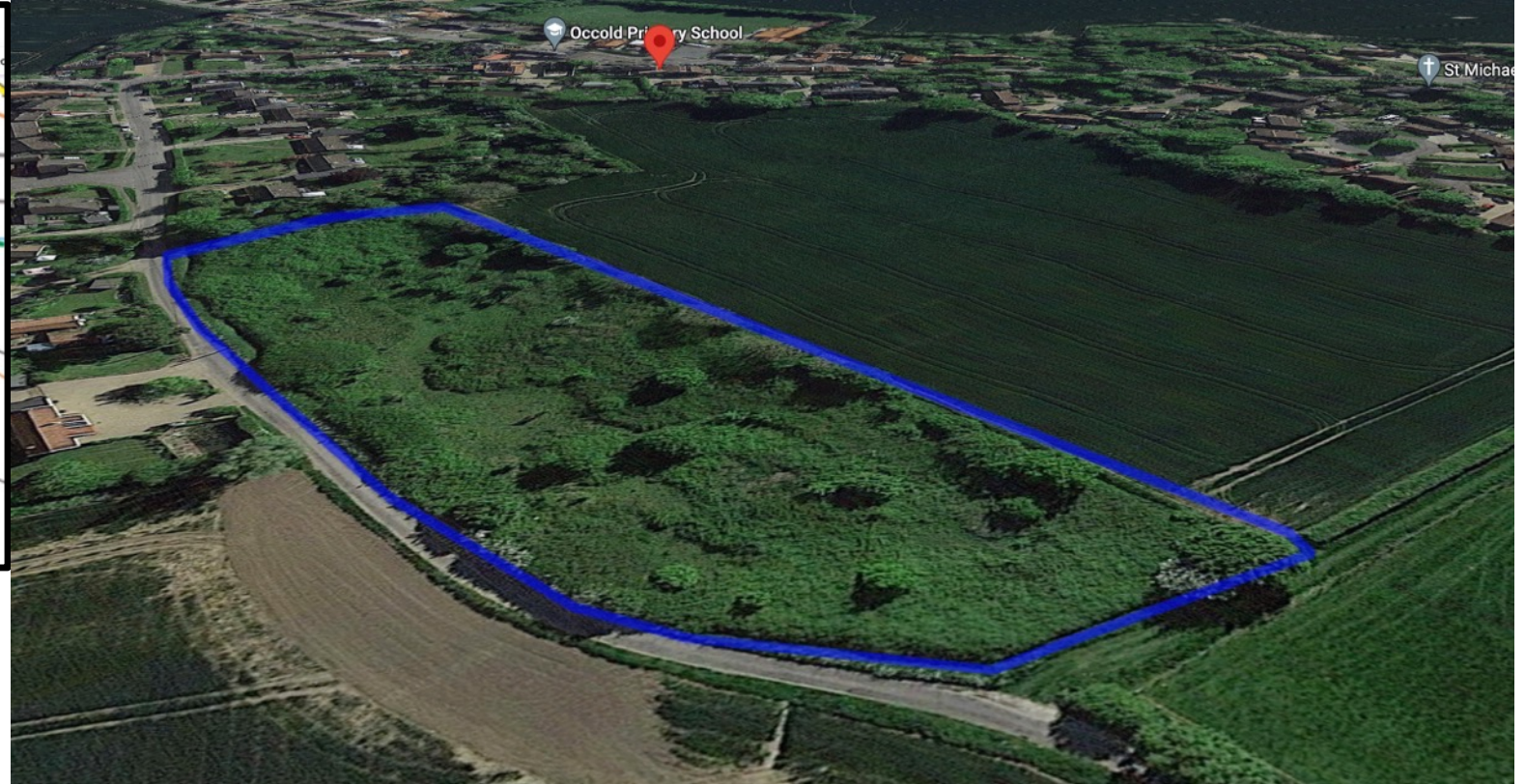
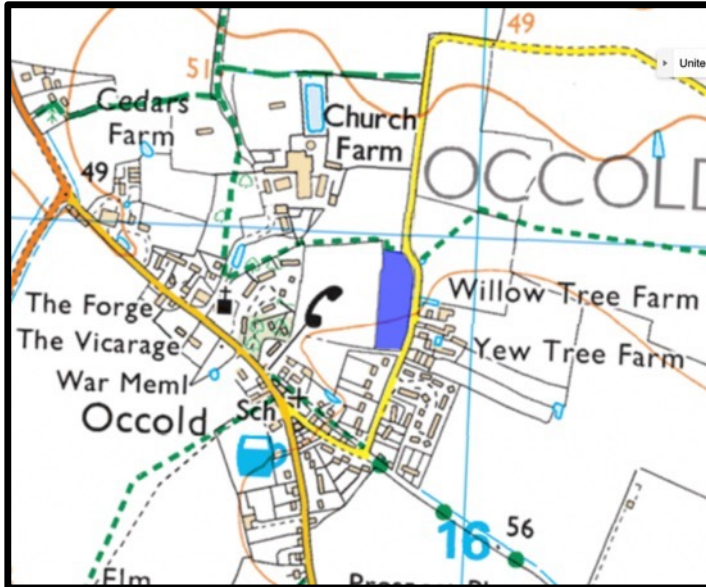
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- Opportunities
 - Redlingfield road site – apply to lease & rewild for walks & community leisure space.





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- Opportunities

- Re-plant hedges at roadsides, especially the church yard entrance and southern end of village.
- Enhance the existing walks around the village, in a similar style to Thornham Magna and along Benningham Green, with more densely planted double hedged tracks, seats and wildlife boxes. This will create more intimate and protected spaces for community and wildlife.





ORAC playing field – INTEGRATION and opening up

POTENTIAL:

Plant up the area to soften it and enhance it's appearance to encourage use and community lingering. Make it a special destination, hub, where we all want to be.

BBQ areas, shaded parking, thicken woodland borders, add tables and chairs with hedges to act as wind breaks, provide intimacy and obscure fencing.

There are significant opportunities to plant a small woodland on the south end of the playing field, this would bolster the scrub cover which currently exists.



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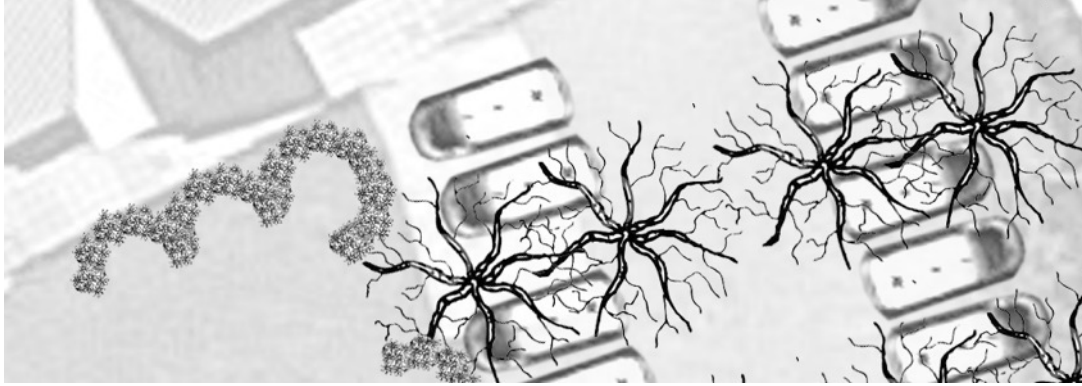
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BENEFITS:

Making the location even more special, as a destination to go to and increase community sociability.

Enhanced community facilities

Celebrate the heart of the village.



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ORAC playing field





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Beaconsfield Arms

Emphasise the area to integrate and function better with school, playground and hall

POTENTIAL:

Add one swing /play equipment and consider moving egg shed to car park area where conifer stumps remain, plant up.

Some quick play equipment for children here would be great for the pub and mums. The existing playground is hidden. Just a couple of simple items with coffee available at pick-up. times would increase custom for the pub and egg shed and create a bigger benefit to the school and village.

Lower hedges around pub to make it more obvious

Open up the walk way / gate between pub and playing field to encourage the access creating a focal point to the playing field.



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School playground

- Plant with espalier fruit trees.

Benefits: Brighten the heart of the village and show an immediate change and focus.





Annual Events

Autumn seed collection

- Foraging walks for indigenous seeds
- Plant them at a plant and coffee morning in the hall / allotment.
- Grow them on with the school in our own allotment nursery
- Schools and village to plant them out when the saplings are big and strong enough.

Summer Plant Swap

- Community social to bring and swap home grown plants, seeds.
- Drinks and refreshments, perhaps alongside a craft event



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Occold / Oakwood



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POTENTIAL:

Plant groups of oak trees around the village.

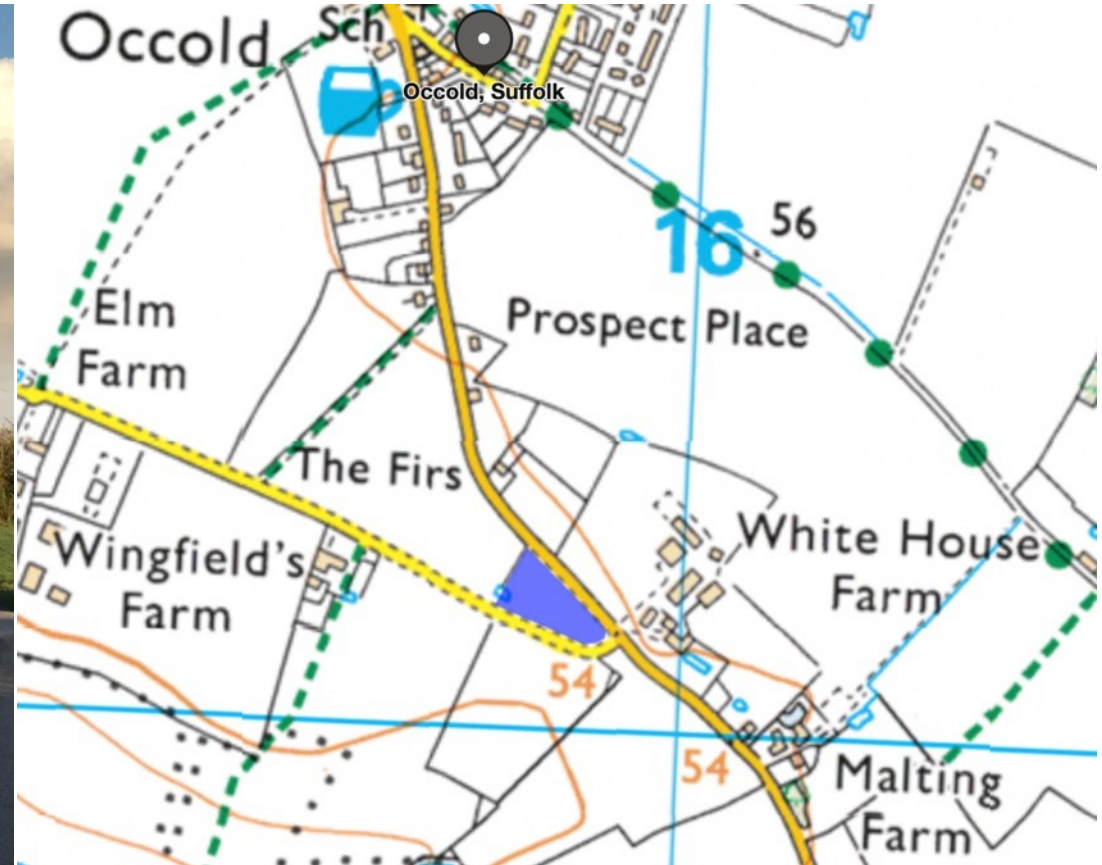
Emphasise the connection with the name as an immediate kickstarter to the wider project.

Plant in groups to mark the entrances of the village, around the playing field and along the roads.



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Oakwood





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The Occold / Oakwood Platinum Jubilee Project

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