



Tetbury

Town Council



OPEN SPACES POLICY

Approved by Full Council



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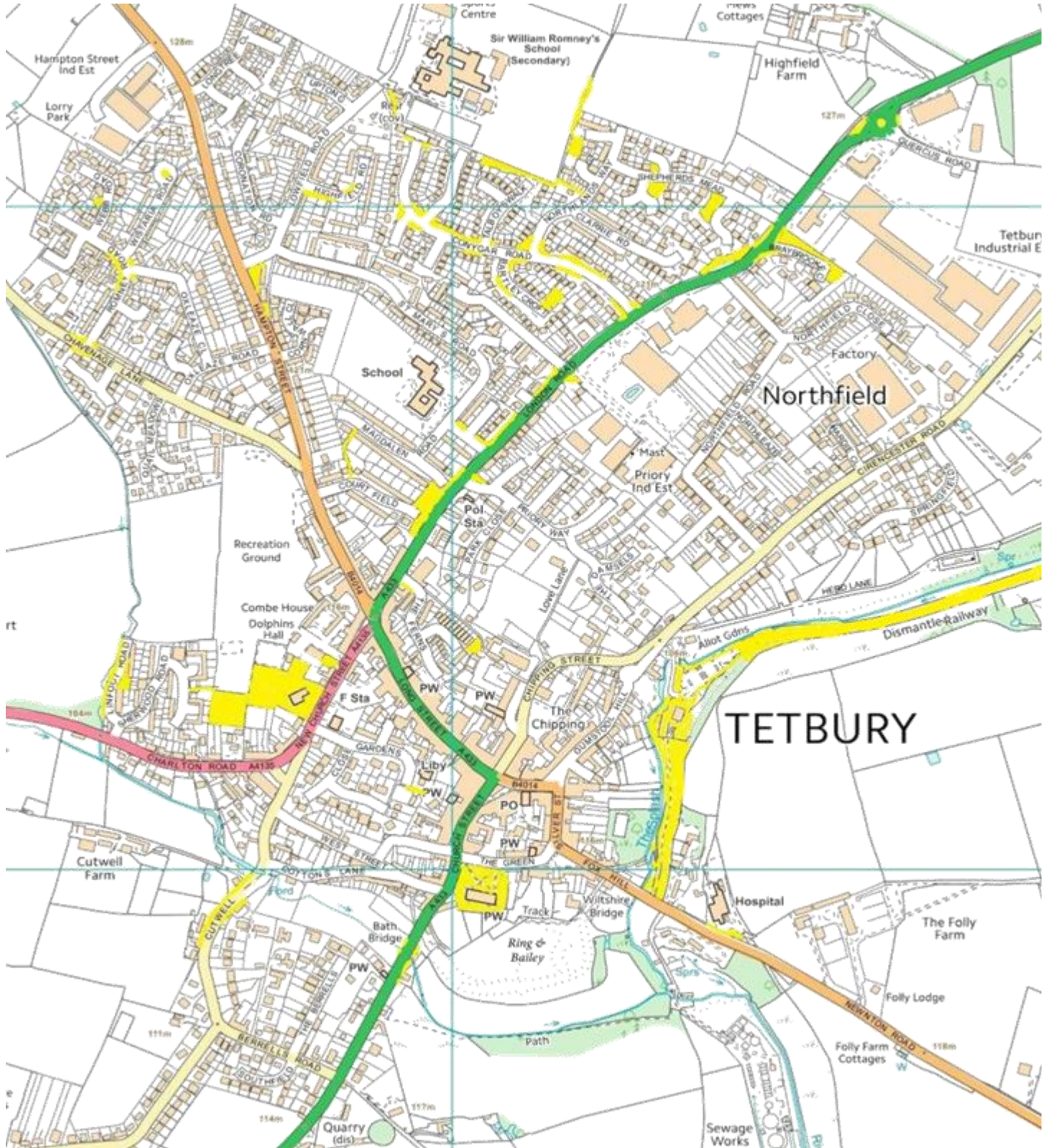
Introduction

Tetbury has evolved over many years of history and the management of its green spaces is complicated due to various different owners being involved and each having different aims and limitations. This document aims to explain the ownership, management of various parcels of land in Tetbury. This document will change every couple of years as aims and objectives alter and ownership and funding may also change. The main players in terms of ownership/management of the town's open spaces are:

- Tetbury Town Council
- The Feoffees
- Various Housing Associations
- Cotswold District Council
- Gloucestershire County Council
- Private ownership & volunteer groups

The areas coloured yellow on the map following shows the areas currently worked on by the grounds team of Tetbury Town Council. It is the intention of the Town Council to continue to cut, strim and mow as much as possible for the benefit of residents and visitors of Tetbury.

MAP of TETBURY



1. **Churchyards**

The grounds team of Tetbury Town Council (TTC) maintains the grassed areas of the churchyards of St Mary's which is located in Church Street and St Saviour's which is located in New Church Street. This involves cutting and strimming the areas around the edges of the graves and burial ground, looking after the trees and any shrubs, ensuring that the gravestones are safe. A burial ground inspection of the gravestones is carried out once a year and any loose or unsafe headstones are laid down. TTC ensures the safety of the paved walkways in St Saviours and the stone walls surrounding both churchyards. The flowerbeds at St Mary's Church are maintained by Tetbury in Bloom.



St Marys is closed to burials however the new part of St Saviours is in use and the Town Council is also the Burial Authority in this respect. The groundwork functions relating to burials are all undertaken by the relevant undertakers.

2. **Allotments**

There are currently 27 allotments along with a Community Orchard at Cornwall Close off Hampton Street which was obtained as part of a developer agreement. These allotments are managed by the New Picket Harp Allotments Association under a lease arrangement with Tetbury Town Council.



Allotments have been allocated on the new Highfield Farm development with approximately 18 allotments on this site. TTC are expecting these allotments to be handed over in 2021.

3. Play areas & parkland

All play areas are inspected on a monthly basis in the winter months (October – March) and on a weekly basis in the summer months (April – September) by the Town Councils Grounds Team. Once a year the playgrounds are inspected by RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents)

- a) Suffolk Close (off Shepherds Mead)
- b) Webb Road (off Romney Road)
- c) Dolphins Recreation Ground
- d) Rail Lands

- a) *Suffolk Close* was established as part of a major housing development on the site in the 1990's. Largely grassed with a few shrubs it incorporates a double swing, climbing frame and slide. There is space for another couple of items when funds allow.



- b) *Webb Road* site is adjacent to social housing and is owned by Cotswold District Council and is leased until 2023 by Tetbury Town Council for zero cost, however all maintenance is done by TTC. This play area consists of two springers and a climbing frame for toddlers which sits on a grassed and wet pour surface. The site is bordered by a tall wooden fence.



- c) *Dolphins Recreation ground*. A large-grassed site encompassing a few acres of rugby, football & cricket pitches, play areas and a MUGA adjacent to a community hall, the site is managed by the Dolphins Hall Recreation Committee which is a separate charity. The Committee awards the grass cutting to a separate contractor and instructs the repair of items to its own part time caretaker.





- d) *Rail Lands Play Station* This new wooden play area was installed in 2020 and is designed for the toddler and young children. All of the equipment is train themed and consists of wooden Signal box hut, train incorporating a tunnel along with carriages, slide, climbing wall, 2 swings and monkey bars



- e) *Rail Lands Parkland* encompassing the old Brunel Goods Shed was purchased by Tetbury Town Council in 1997. The ownership stretches from Wiltshire Bridge past the Goods Shed and Car Park, along the old railway line whereby the Town Council land finishes at the 5bar gate just past the wooden bridge. All land on the other side of the 5bar gate is owned by the Feoffees

www.thefeoffeesoftetbury.co.uk up until the gated

boundary and they are also the long-term leases of Preston Park. Tetbury Rail Lands Regeneration Trust were granted permission to extend the next part of the bridleway to the Long Newnton junction.



The car park area is leased at zero cost to Cotswold District Council who maintains the hard landscaping of the car park area including the lighting and barriers, the raised timber planters are maintained by Tetbury Town Council. Following a recent refurbishment thanks to a Tesco Bags for Help grant the picnic area has had a make-over with new picnic benches, tables and information displays. The large area of grass is maintained by a contractor, and TTC maintains the trees, paths, hedging and fencing in this area.

4. **Flower Beds** – Many of the flower beds in Tetbury are maintained by the volunteer team 'Tetbury in Bloom' (TiB) www.tetburyinbloom.org.uk but are owned and grass managed by various parties.
- *London Road* – opposite Priory Inn, owned by Feoffees, flowers by TiB, grass cut by Feoffees, hedges cut by Tetbury Town Council



- *Anniversary Gardens* – off the Ferns, flowers by TiB, grass maintained by TTC, owned by CDC and leased at zero cost from 2009 to TTC
- *The Knapp* – above Cutwell, owned and grass cut by Feoffees, flowerbed by TiB
- *Diana Memorial Bed* – Silver Street, owned and grass cut by Feoffees, flowerbed by TiB
- *Roundabout London Rd/Quercus Rd* - Grass maintained by TTC, flowerbed by TiB.
- *West Street car park & WC's* – operated by CDC, flowers by TiB



5. Verges & Roadside

All verges are the responsibility of Gloucestershire Highways (Glos County Council) where the verge is adjacent to the Highway. TTC Grounds team maintain these areas on a 6 week rota weather permitting.

Audi Roundabout (H)	Braybrooke Close Lawn (TTC)
Shepherds Mead (TTC)	Cutwell (H)
Suffolk Close Play Area/Lane (TTC)	Cookspool (TTC)
Conygar Estate (H)	Black Horse Lane (H)
London Road (H)	Path to the Hospital (H)
St Marys Churchyard (TTC)	Close Garden Lane (H)
Linfoot Road (TTC)	Love Lane (H)
Dolphins Hall	Out of Town Signs (H)
Anniversary Gardens (TTC)	Rail Lands (TTC)
Courtfield & Magdalen Lane (H)	Footpath Sherwood Rd to Graveyard (TTC)
Hampton Street and Lane (H)	St Saviours Churchyard Old (TTC)
Highfield Road (H)	St Saviours Churchyard New (TTC)
Coronation Road	Webb Road Play Area (TTC)
SWR (H)	Wisteria Road Roundabout (H)
Newleaze (H)	Romney Road (H)
Chavenage Lane (H)	

6. Other Open Spaces

Cookspool – a deep water overflow pond fenced by iron railings and stone wall on London Road opposite Northfield Road. Remedial work will be carried out in this area later on in the year and following this works we are hoping to attract more species of wildlife with bird boxes and specific planting.



Shepherds Mead 3 large open spaces - bordered by shrubs. Maintained for over 20 years by TTC. In 2014 this area became registered as TTC land. This year TTC will be sowing wild flower seeds to encourage various species of wildlife



Bartley Croft – large-grassed area at end of road, off Conygar Road, owned & maintained by TTC



Talboys Walk - long narrow grassed area adjacent school playing fields & footpath, owned & maintained by TTC. This year TTC will be sowing wild-flower seeds to encourage various species of wildlife

Linfoot Road – various green areas from the original developer.



Housing Associations manage their own varied open spaces adjacent to social housing properties. This includes housing in St Marys Road, The Retreat, Lowfield Road, Coronation Road, Grove Gardens, Highfield Road, Upton Gardens, Northfield Close, Combe House, Wisteria Road, Wheat Hill, Windsor Road, Romney Road,

The Feoffees have kindly indicated which land they own:

Herd Lane Allotments & below Royal Oak

The Knapp & banked verge below on Charlton Road

Verges at Cutwell ford & along footpath

The Chipping & opposite bank

Preston Park

London Road gardens

Millenium Green

Market Hall

Green at Fox Hill

Grass Cutting schedule

The following is a guide as to which areas are cut by the TTC Grounds team. This can and does frequently change due to needs, weather patterns and availability of staff and/or equipment.

Audi Roundabout	St Mary's Churchyard
Braybrooke Close	Rail Lands
Shepherds Mead	Hampton Street & Lane
Suffolk Close Play Area & verges	Courtfield Lane
Conygar Estate	Linfoot Road
London Road	Webb Road Play Area
Anniversary Gardens	St Saviours Churchyard
Cookspool	Footpath Sherwood Rd to Graveyard
Out of Town signs	Coronation Road
Love Lane	Path to the Hospital
Close Garden Lane at library	Black Horse Lane
Hampton Street bank	
SWR Lane	

Emphasis for 2021

Importance is placed on maintaining a sustainable green environment for both inhabitants of and visitors to Tetbury. Therefore, this document and its emphasis will be constantly under review.

- Cookspool – Tidy in and around this area making this more wildlife friendly.
- All play areas will be receiving a new coat of wood preserve and moss removal.
- St Mary's and St Saviours Churchyards removing ivy from walls and trees.
- Installing new benches in the town centre and St Saviours churchyard
- Rail Lands various tree works to be completed and all areas to be maintained following the restoration work by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust
- Wildflower planting in 4 sites

Winter Gritting Policy

Gloucestershire County Council Highways Department has overall responsibility for gritting all roads. Tetbury Town Council operates a winter gritting programme of footpaths to enable residents to move about the town centre in a safe manner.

During adverse winter weather Glos Highways' resources are focused on keeping the strategic carriageway network running, with priority being given to bus routes, schools, and routes with emergency services such as hospitals, doctors, fire and ambulance.

During the winter months the Town Council is committed to prioritise staff resources to compliment the activity provided by Glos Highways in gritting footways, refilling grit bins and where possible to clear snow from pavements in pedestrian areas. Please contact the office to inform us of the bin number that needs replenishing.

The Town Council will spread grit and salt on the pavements in the following priority areas:

Long Street, Church Street, Chipping Street and the Market Place

Silver Street, Fox Hill and the route to Tetbury Hospital.

The Ferns as this is the route to the Doctors Surgery.

London Road through to St Mary's Road, St Mary's Primary School.

Love Lane to Tesco stores

Hampton Street to Sir William Romney's School

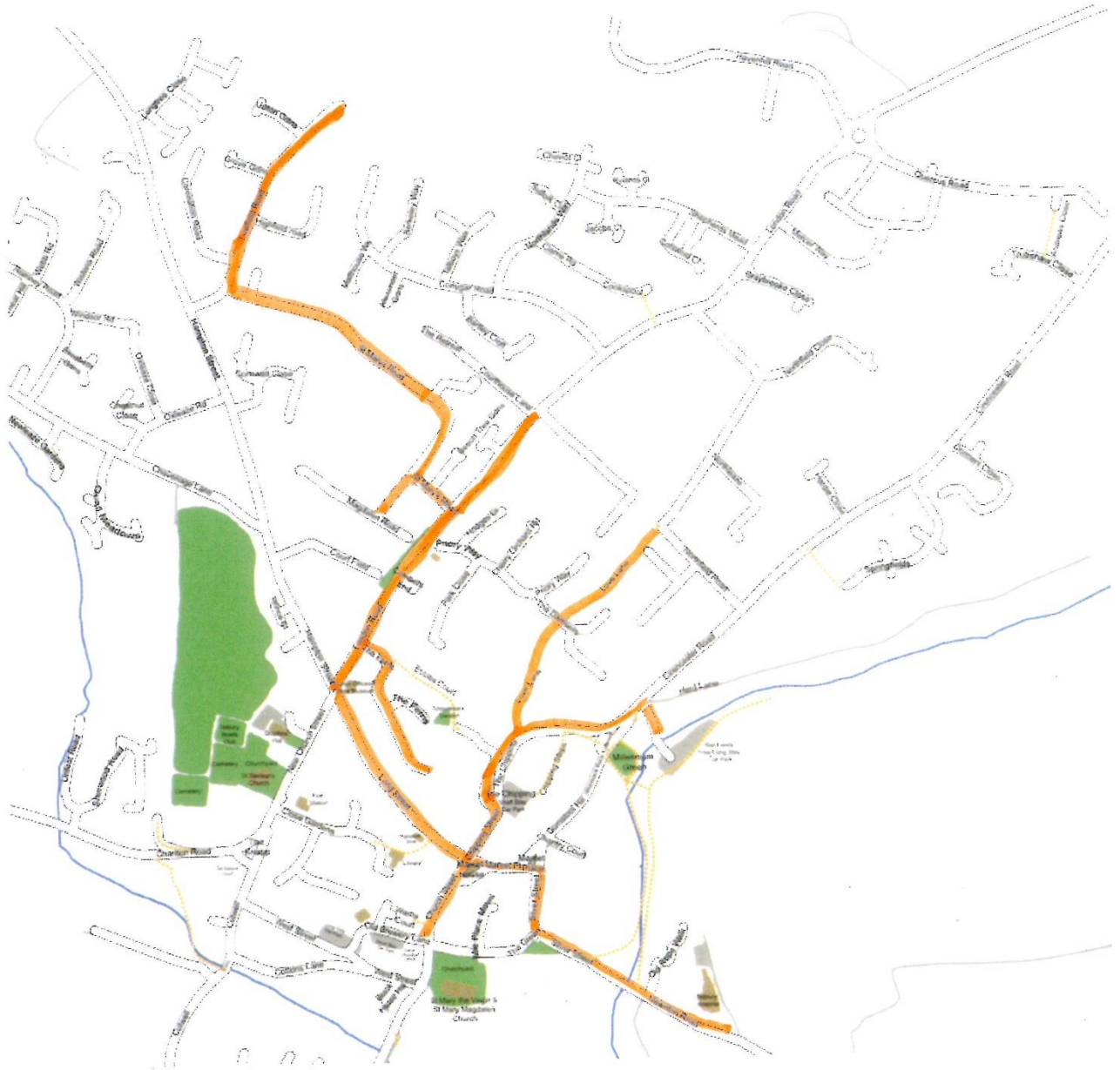
London Road to Tesco stores

The grit bins are provided for pavements and dangerous road junctions or very steep slopes; they are NOT to be used for personal driveways.

If there are other areas where urgent spreading is needed the Town Council will respond in a timely manner.



Tetbury



Litter and dog waste bins

These can be found in various locations in and around the town, all bins are emptied by Cotswold District Council, if you notice any bins that have not been emptied please contact Cotswold District Council on 01285 623000. Due to the current lockdown restrictions TTC are assisting Ubico by collecting overflowing waste bins.

Below are the collection days when these bins will be emptied.

TETBURY ZONE 1 – Monday

Quercus road	by the audi showroom	1x dog bin
Quercus road	by the tigger's day nursery	1x litter bin
Magdaden road	by the primary school	1x dog bin
London road	Eccles court by the priory inn	1x litter bin
Long street	on the corner with hamton street	1x litter bin
Long street	on the left by the chemist	1x litter bin
Long street	on the right by the bus stop	1x litter bin
Long street	outside the co-op	1x litter bin
Chipping street	by the chip shop	1x litter bin
Chipping street	in the car park	2x litter bins
Chipping street	by the bench opposite the car park	1x litter bin
Market place	opposite the post office	1x litter bin
Market place	outside the post office	1x litter bin
Gumstool hill	by the phone box	1x litter bin
Market place	opposite the phone box	1x litter bin
Church street	by the zebra crossing	1x litter bin
West street	opposite the information centre	1x litter bin
Old brewery lane	in the car park	1x litter bin
Old brewery lane	in the car park by the toilets	1x litter bin

TETBURY ZONE 3

Gumstool hill	at the bottom of the hill	2x litter bins
New church street	outside the entrance to the football club	1x litter bin
New church street	turn up to tetbury football club	1x litter bin
New church street	turn up to tetbury football club	1x dog bin
New church street	on the green	1x litter bin
Close garden	by the library	1x litter bin

TETBURY ZONE 1 - Tuesday

London road	Eccles court by the priory inn	1x litter bin
Long street	on the corner with hamton street	1x litter bin
Long street	on the left by the chemist	1x litter bin
Long street	on the right by the bus stop	1x litter bin
Long street	outside the co-op	1x litter bin
Chipping street	by the chip shop	1x litter bin
Chipping street	in the car park	2x litter bins
Chipping street	by the bench opposite the car park	1x litter bin
Market place	opposite the post office	1x litter bin
Market place	outside the post office	1x litter bin
Gumstool hill	by the phone box	1x litter bin
Market place	opposite the phone box	1x litter bin
Church street	by the zebra crossing	1x litter bin
West street	opposite the information centre	1x litter bin
West street	in the car park	1x litter bin
West street	in the car park by the toilets	1x litter bin
Bath road		1x dog bin

TETBURY ZONE 1 - Wednesday

London road	Eccles court by the priory inn	1x litter bin
Long street	on the corner with hamton street	1x litter bin
Long street	on the left by the chemist	1x litter bin
Long street	on the right by the bus stop	1x litter bin
Long street	outside the co-op	1x litter bin
Chipping street	by the chip shop	1x litter bin
Chipping street	in the car park	2x litter bins
Chipping street	by the bench opposite the car park	1x litter bin
Market place	opposite the post office	1x litter bin
Market place	outside the post office	1x litter bin
Gumstool hill	by the phone box	1x litter bin
Market place	opposite the phone box	1x litter bin
Church street	by the zebra crossing	1x litter bin
West street	opposite the information centre	1x litter bin
West street	in the car park	1x litter bin
West street	in the car park by the toilets	1x litter bin

TETBURY ZONE 1 - Thursday

London road	Eccles court by the priory inn	1x litter bin
Long street	on the corner with hamton street	1x litter bin
Long street	on the left by the chemist	1x litter bin
Long street	on the right by the bus stop	1x litter bin
Long street	outside the co-op	1x litter bin
Chipping street	by the chip shop	1x litter bin
Chipping street	in the car park	2x litter bins
Chipping street	by the bench opposite the car park	1x litter bin
Market place	opposite the post office	1x litter bin
Market place	outside the post office	1x litter bin
Gumstool hill	by the phone box	1x litter bin
Market place	opposite the phone box	1x litter bin
Church street	by the zebra crossing	1x litter bin
West street	opposite the information centre	1x litter bin
West street	in the car park	1x litter bin
West street	in the car park by the toilets	1x litter bin

TETBURY ZONE 1 - Friday

Quercus road	by the audi showroom	1x dog bin
Quercus road	by the old people home	1x litter bin
London road	Eccles court by the priory inn	1x litter bin
Long street	on the corner with hamton street	1x litter bin
Long street	on the left by the chemist	1x litter bin
Long street	on the right by the bus stop	1x litter bin
Long street	outside the co-op	1x litter bin
Chipping street	by the chip shop	1x litter bin
Chipping street	in the car park	2x litter bins
Chipping street	by the bench opposite the car park	1x litter bin
Market place	opposite the post office	1x litter bin
Market place	outside the post office	1x litter bin
Gumstool hill	by the phone box	1x litter bin
Market place	opposite the phone box	1x litter bin
Church street	by the zebra crossing	1x litter bin
West street	opposite the information centre	1x litter bin
West street	in the car park	1x litter bin
West street	in the car park by the toilets	1x litter bin

TETBURY BIN RUN

London road	by cookspool path	1x litter bin
London road	by the railings opposite tesco	1x dog bin
The damsells	by alleyway by house number 1	1x litter bin
London road	by traffic light on the right	1x litter bin
London road	by traffic light on the left	1x litter bin
London road	opposite the priory inn	1x litter bin
London road	opposite the priory	1x dog bin
The ferns	path by house no.14,15	1x litter bin
Cutwell	by the ford	1x dog bin
Bath road	next to the old coach house	1x dog bin
Church street	in the church yard	1x dog bin
The green	on the green	1x litter bin
Foxhill	opposite the old rope walk	1x dog bin
Newnton road B4014	LITTER PICK 2 lay by at long newton	
Chipping street	by slop on love lane by the railings	1x litter bin
Chipping street	by slop on love lane by the railings	1x dog bin
Herd lane	road back by allotment behind pub	1x litter bin
Herd lane	road back by allotment behind pub	1x dog bin
Herd lane	road back by allotment behind pub by the substation	1x dog bin
Herd lane	road back by allotment behind pub by the substation down steps over bridge	2x dog bin
Chipping street	station road car park	7x dog bins
Chipping street	station road car park	1x litter bin
Cirencester road	just before hardie close	1x litter bin
Cirencester road	just past hardie close	1x dog bin
Cirencester road	on the corner of trubshaw close	1x dog bin
Northfield road	by the allay on the corner	1x dog bin
Northfield road	by the allay to the back of tesco	1x litter bin
Northfield road	junction left by phone box	1x litter bin
New church street	outside the entrants to the football club	1x litter bin
New church street	turn up to tetbury football club	1x litter bin
New church street	turn up to tetbury football club	1x dog bin
New church street	on the green	1x dog bin
Close garden	by the library	1x litter bin
Sherwood road	path next to holder close	1x dog bin
Hampton street	by the brewers cottage	1x litter bin
Hampton street	by the recreation ground	1x dog bin
Chavenage lane	on the left by brick wall	1x litter bin
Chavenage lane	on the way out of tetbury	1x dog bin
Wheat hill	in the car park	1x litter bin
Webb road	allay by house no. 9,10	1x litter bin
Webb road	in the play park	1x litter bin
Romney road	by the phone box	1x litter bin
Romney road	on the corner with chavenage lane	1x litter bin
Oxleaz close	by the garages	1x litter bin
Hampton street	on the corner with chavenage	1x litter bin

Hampton street	just before the shop	1x litter bin
Hampton street	both side of the road by the bus stops	2x litter bins
Lowfield road	litter pick from behind the shop to the school	
Lowfield road	on the corner with coronation road	1x litter bin
Coronation road	by footpath behind fence	1x litter bin
Upton garden	on the corner with lowfield road	1x litter bin
Lowfield road	path by the school	1x litter bin
Lowfield road	path by the school	1x dog bin
Lowfield road	to the back of the shop	1x litter bin
Lowfield road	to the back of the shop	1x dog bin
Eccles court	litter pick path	
Conygar road	on to talboys walk on the path	1x dog bin
Talboys walk	litter pick path to the school	
Northlands way	on to cheviot close by park	1x litter bin

Location of Public Access Defibrillators in Tetbury





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