

Neighbourhood Development Plan

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Environment and Heritage

The Environment & Setting

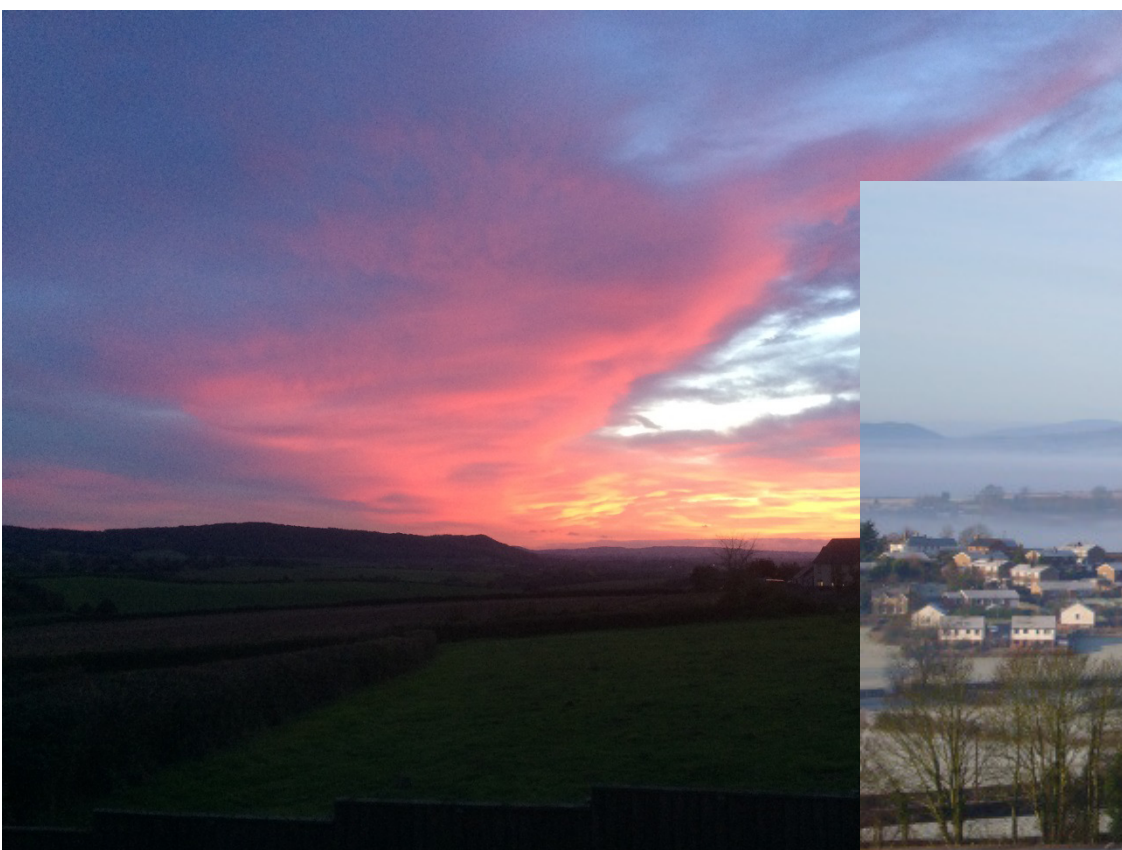
- Several small Settlements plus lots of rural hamlets - spread out over the Parish
- Gaps between properties and hamlets throughout Parish
- Two 'B' roads crossing the Parish, plus many narrow hedge-lined lanes. Serviced by M50 and A449
- Large areas of farmland under Stewardship/ organic/ biodynamic farming - arable, fruit & vegetable growing, and pasture/ livestock
- Traditional hop yards have been lost as well as most of the ancient perry pear and apple trees/orchards; but there are new vineyards and soft fruits
- 9 identified Special Wildlife Sites and a Historic Parkland Site
- Meadows, ancient woodlands, hedgerows and scattered trees; wetland, streams and ponds; but few remaining fields of wild daffodils and bluebells - all important for cultural and habitat value
- Several groups of farm buildings converted to light industrial use
- Significant views from all over the Parish, including:
 - From The Ridge Hilltop to The Crews - views to the Black Mountains and beyond
 - Views of the church from the surrounding area
 - Views of the distinctive May Hill from north of the Parish & village centre/ hall
 - From Crow Hill across to Chase Hill, Ross and beyond

Are there any issues of concern for the future?

What do you love about the character and setting of Upton Bishop?



What views are particularly important to you and why?



Do you think that gaps within and around the hamlets and settlements are important?

If so, which ones are particularly important to you and why?