

# **The campaign to Buy Manning's Pit**

## **Who we are**

We are the Friends of Manning's Pit, a Community Group that was set up to save Manning's Pit from development. You can read more about our policies on our website, [www.manningspit.com/policies.html](http://www.manningspit.com/policies.html).

We have a Committee, and our officers are:

Christine Lovelock (Chair)

Chris Bulpett (Secretary)

Tim Saunders (Treasurer)

We have come together with the Green Man CIO, a Pilton based Charity (Charity No. 1170742) to help buy Manning's Pit. You can find out more about the Green Man CIO at the [Pilton Green Man CIO Page](#)

## **Our Aims**

We want to raise in excess of £250,000 in order to cover costs of purchase and enhancements so that we can purchase Manning's Pit for the benefit of the local people, including Pilton and Bradiford residents and the wider community of all those who love the Manning's Pit fields.

We plan to keep Manning's Pit as it is - a part of our rural heritage - combining public access with protection for the landscape and the wildlife.

## **Location of Manning's Pit**

The Manning's Pit fields are on the edge of Pilton and Bradiford villages, which are joined to Barnstaple.

They can be accessed through a kissing gate at the bottom of a short lane off Lynbro Road. Nearest postcode: EX31 1QG

There is also a gate into the fields from Windsor Road, Nearest post code EX31 4AQ, at present padlocked.

The third access is down Shearford Lane, a steep and sometimes slippery footpath that leads down from Westaway Plain, it is difficult to give a Post Code, but the footpath is beside the new development called Shearford Close, and the sign for the Cattery.

## Map

This map shows the land for sale outlined in red:



More maps can be seen here:

[www.manningspit.com/maps](http://www.manningspit.com/maps)

## Details of land for Sale

The land is just over 22 acres and comprises four fields, three on one side of the river and one on the other side. The fields are separated in part by hedges and walls but there no gates dividing them. The land by the river is part of a wider SSSI. You can read more about the ecological aspects of the site on the [ecological reports](#) we commissioned, and the [reports](#) (still being completed) from our Exhibition, Manning's Pit and the Bradiford Valley. There is more information about the [historical and cultural](#) links to the land, plus there are [comments](#) from the general community, on the website.

## How to Donate

You can donate through our website, which has a Donate button on the home Page. These Donations go to the [Pilton Green Man CIO through Charity Checkout](#). Please note: Charity Checkout does not handle donations over £5000.

Larger donations can be made by BACS through the Green Man CIO Bank Account:

Pilton Green Man CIO CAF Bank  
Sort Code: 40-52-40  
Account #: 00033100

Or by cheque:

Cheques should be made payable to Buy Manning's Pit, and sent to

The Treasurer, Friends of Manning's Pit  
7 Nursery End

Pilton  
Barnstaple  
Devon EX31 1RA

All cheques received will be paid into the Pilton Green Man C10 “Buy Manning's Pit” Account. The Green Man CIO is registered for Gift Aid and a link to a Gift Aid Form is [here](#) and on the main website – forms can be supplied to anyone sending in cheques or paying by BACS on request.

Please note that all donations received are accepted on the basis that if we are unsuccessful over the purchase of Manning’s Pit we shall refund donations of £50 or more. Any money not refunded shall be applied for charitable purposes in Pilton and its environs.

### **What is our Deadline?**

Because Manning's Pit was listed as an Asset of Community Value, it cannot be sold until January 17 2020. Our present understanding is that it will be auctioned at some time after that date. As soon as we have more information we will post it on the website.

For any questions, contact us at [enquiries@manningspit.com](mailto:enquiries@manningspit.com)